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Presentation of Colors at Aldine ISD Board Meeting



Prior to the start of the Sept. 21 Board meeting, the Eisenhower High School JROTC presented the colors. Those students were Second Lt. Leslie Castelan, First Sgt. Mario Farias, Sgt. First Class Kelly Martinez and Major Yasmin Rodriguez. The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag were led by Ermel Elementary students Romeo Majano, James Majano, Rylee Hampton and Lexi Gonzalez.

Aldine ISD lowers tax rate for 2021-22

ALDINE – During the September 21 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved the 2021-22 school year tax rate.

Chief Business and Operations Officer Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens recommended the Board set the 2021-22 tax rate at \$1.2669 per \$100 valuation (\$.9644 for maintenance and operations and \$.3025

for the interest and sinking fund. The 2021-22 tax rate is \$.0075 lower than the 2020-21 tax rate.

The tax rate provides for the day-to-day operations of Aldine ISD, pays outstanding bonds in the succeeding years, and other lawful purposes. Trustees unanimously approved Dr. Alford-Stephens' recommendation.



Brady returns to NE on Sunday Night Football: Texans face tough road game at Buffalo

The prodigal son returns to New England in prime time on Sunday Night Football. The son is former Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who left New England two years ago and moved to Tampa, where he led the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl victory in his first year and has the Bucs rolling to start the 2021 season.

It will be interesting to see how welcoming Patriots fans will be when Tom Terrific returns wearing a new uniform. You'd think NE fans would welcome him and former tight end Rob Gronkowski with open arms, after all, Brady did win them six Lombardi Trophies while serving as Bill Belichick's quarterback.

But this is the Boston area and those fans can be brutal. I have a feeling Be-

lichick will set the tone. If he speaks kindly of Brady, and why wouldn't he, I imagine his attitude will filter down to the fan base. Don't be surprised if owner Robert Kraft honors Brady with a video tribute prior to the game.

While a lot of focus will be on the TB-NE game, there are a number of other interesting matchups in Week 4 as well.

The Texans face a tough road test when they travel to Buffalo and could be without starting quarterback Tyrod Taylor, who suffered a hamstring injury two weeks ago in the Texans' 31-21 loss at Cleveland. Rookie Davis Mills will be the man under center and he will face a hostile Buffalo crowd, as

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EAST ALDINE, NORTH HOUSTON

Oct. 5 is National Night Out

Annual event for Neighbors, Law officers

EAST ALDINE – The community is in anticipation of a big National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5th, since the event was unable to be held last year due to the Pandemic.

Festivities will start at 6:00pm and continue until 9:00pm and will take place at the new East Aldine Town Center, directly behind BakerRipley on Aldine Mail Route.

Organizers say that activities will include a chance to meet your neighbors, and public safety officials such as the Sheriff's deputies, fire department personnel, and EMS. There will also be booths from many civic and edu-



Sheriff Ed Gonzalez poses with participants at a previous North Houston National Night Out in Greenspoint.

cational organizations, such as the Green Forest Civic Club, Castlewood Civic Club, Lone Star College, Aldine ISD, and other organizations and businesses.

Kids can enjoy games and adults will have a live DJ and dancing, food, and other fun activities.

Another area NNO will be at the North Houston District, bringing together area residents, businesses, military members and law enforcement for its 2021 National Night Out on Oct. 5 at Tom Wussow Park. This annual event is designed to enhance relationships among neighbors

and law enforcement in a positive setting and to foster a sense of community within the Aldine-Greenspoint area. Although National Night Out is celebrated in August in some parts of the country, it is scheduled in October in Texas.

Several activities are planned over the course of the three-hour event, including a "friendly" tug of war competition featuring Houston Police Department versus Harris County Sheriff's Office and US Airforce recruits versus US Marine recruits. A random drawing for giveaways of laptops and TVs will be held at the end of the evening. Other fun and family-friendly plans include:

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Aldine ISD to pay \$500 incentive to any employee who gets COVID vaccination

ALDINE – During the September 21 Aldine ISD Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved a COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Program to offer a one-time \$500 incentive to qualifying full-time employees, permanent part-time employees, dedicated substitutes, and long-term substitutes serving as the teacher of record who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

AISD Trustees took this action with the safety and well-being of staff and students in mind. The voluntary program will begin Thursday, September 23,

with all incentives paid by December 10, 2021.

"COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective against the virus," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. La Tonya Goffney. "By increasing the number of vaccinated staff, we increase our ability to provide our students with a safe and healthy classroom where they can continue with in-class instruction."

Employees must complete the COVID-19 vaccine incentive form and submit proof of vaccination by November 19. Qualifying full-time employees,

permanent part-time employees, and dedicated substitutes are eligible to receive a \$500 incentive.

AISD will utilize district Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds and emergency COVID-19 relief money to fund the incentive. The initiative will also give the district an idea of how many employees are fully vaccinated. This may help to inform the contact tracing and quarantine processes, which are different depending upon vaccination status.

"We feel a responsibility

to encourage every possible preventative measure to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community," said Superintendent Goffney.

Aldine ISD continues to encourage the following of the three Ws — wearing a mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance — to prevent the spread of the virus effectively. In addition, the district requires staff, students, and visitors to wear a mask while on district buses and when visiting campuses and administrative buildings.

HPD officer killed serving a arrest warrant in Aldine area

HOUSTON – One officer is dead and another is injured after a shooting in northeast Harris County.

The incident happened around 7:30 a.m. at the Timber Ridge Apartments on Aeropark Drive near Crosswinds Drive, authorities said.

Houston Police Chief Troy Finner said William "Bill" Jeffrey and Sgt. Michael Vance with the HPD Major Offenders Unit were serving a high-level felony arrest warrant at the location.

When they arrived, Finner said a woman believed to be in some sort of relationship with the sus-



HPD WILLIAM JEFFREY



SUSPECT DEON LEDET

pect answered the door. At that point, Finner said the suspect immediately came out and opened fire on the officers.

Both Vance and Jeffrey

were transported to Memorial Herman, one via Life Light and the other by ambulance. According to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Jeffrey was killed

in the shooting. Vance is in surgery and expected to recover, Turner said. "Police officers never know what they're going to face when they leave their homes," Turner said. "During the course of their duty, (their work) is inherently dangerous... Pray for the Jeffrey family, and then pray for the full recovery for Sgt. Vance."

The suspect who opened fire at the officers was also killed in the shooting. According to the suspect's family members, the suspect was 31-year-old Deon

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Jensen Jubilee set for Oct. 16 in Shady Lane Park

Houston Northeast CDC presents its 7th annual Jensen Jubilee Fall Festival. Date: October 16, 2021 Time: 10:00 am.- 2:00 pm Location: 10220 Shady Lane (Shady Lane Park) Houston, Tx 77093 Free to the public along with food, fun and resources! Info: Pastor David L. Smith, Houston Northeast CDC, 9126 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77093 (713) 697-0933, Option #2

National Night Out,

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- Petting Zoo
- Children's sack races
- Dunk tank
- HPD Mounted patrol, K9 officers
- Harris County Sheriff's Office Helicopter, High Water Rescue boat, motorcycle unit
- US Marines combat simulation trailer
- Face paintings
- Food stations

Participants will include area residents, local law enforcement, businesses and community partners including Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Department, Houston Fire Department, US Army, US Airforce, US Marines, Amazon HOU2, Aldine-Green-

spoint YMCA, Atlantic Methanol, LandCare, Lone Star College, Metro, Greenhouse International Church, Spartan Security, Texas General Land Office, and Villa Serena Communities.

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
WHERE: Tom Wussow Park, 500 Greens Rd. (Near I-45 North & North Sam Houston Parkway/Beltway)
WHY: Public safety is one of the North Houston District's priorities, which is why it hosts one of the largest National Night Out events in town.
COST: The event is free and open to the public.

BAA CITIZENS CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Next Citizenship Workshops:
 -Oct. 16, Champion Forest Baptist Church, 15555 Stuebner Airline Rd.
 -Oct. 30, Northwoods Presbyterian Church, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy.
 -Nov. 6, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 501 Tidwell Rd.
 -Nov. 13, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 19222 Tx-249
 -Dec. 4, Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 18511 Klein Church Rd.
 Call 281-799-9076 or Text 832-906-4214 for more information.

HPD Officer killed in Aldine,

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Ledet. Finner said the woman and a small child were in the apartment at the time of the shooting. "I ducked for my life": Witnesses describe the fatal shooting. Witnesses described hearing gunfire minutes before 7:30 a.m. Monday. Many were parents taking their children to school. Lynn Turner, who lives in a unit near the unit at which Ledet lived, said she was getting ready to leave for work this morning when she saw a woman, carrying a child, run. "She was running with the baby this way and as soon as she started running with the baby that's when they started shooting," Turner said. Turner was outside with her dog. She said after she saw the woman, all she could do was duck. "It was nothing but smoke," Turner said. "You could hear shots and there was nothing but smoke and we had to stay down cause everything smoked," Turner continued. When the smoke cleared, two men were down: Senior Police Officer William "Bill" Jeffery

and Deon Ledet, the suspect. Turner said the shooting occurred as parents brought their children to school. "It was overwhelming and it was too much. It was a lot of kids out here," Turner said. Monica Scott said she was leaving to drive her child to school when she saw the officers arrive to serve a warrant for Ledet's arrest. Scott didn't witness the gunfire exchange which occurred after she saw officers approach the apartment. She expressed sorrow for Senior Police Officer Jeffery, Sgt. Vance, and Ledet. "It's just a sad situation. We just never know what people are going through and I just pray for all the families cause we never know, man, you just never know," Scott said. Lynn Turner had similar thoughts. Grief swept her face as she recounted dodging bullets. "It's just sad. We just have to pray for the officers, and pray for their families and pray for the deceased's family," Turner said.

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH:
 Our virtual Hispanic Heritage Month is in full swing. Join in the celebration by checking us out on Facebook and Instagram (@highmeadowslibrary) for storytimes, crafts, and more! Each program will have a take and make kit that you can pick up at the library for free. While you're at the library, pick up a passport and explore our Hispanic Heritage Around the World display.

BACKPACK BUDDY PROGRAM:
 We are looking for school age children and teens who are interested in receiving food during the school year. We are partnering with the Houston Food Bank to provide Backpack Buddies: a weekly food distri-

bution. Registration is required.

2000S STEM CHALLENGE: SAFE STOPPING CAR:
 To celebrate the smart safety features added to cars in the 2000s, use your creativity and problem-solving skills to create a safe stopping car with this 2000s STEM challenge. Available while supplies last.

ONLINE SERVICES FOR VETERANS:
 Are you a Military Service Member or Veteran in need of reliable resources to obtain benefits or just need to talk to a person to answer your questions? Harris County Public Library now has a Veterans Services & Resources website dedicated to serve our Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, and their Families! We also offer Virtual 1-on-1 services with a Librarian, or you can call a Branch nearest you!

Website: <https://www.hcpl.net/page/veterans-services-resources>

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY:
 We need YOU to become a friend of the library. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to help us form a group to be the voice of the community! If you have what it takes, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY 4500 ALDINE MAIL RT 1 HOUSTON, TX 77039

Library Hours:
 Mondays-Thursdays: 10am to 6pm
 Fridays: 1pm to 6pm
 Saturdays: 10am to 5pm
 Sundays: Closed

Pedestrian killed on North Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 4800 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) that occurred about 11:40 p.m. on Sunday (Sept. 19). The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rose and Officer K. Stout reported: The victim was observed running on the main lanes of the freeway at the above address when he was struck by a white Chevrolet Express van, heading northbound on the freeway. The driver of the van stopped and remained at the scene. The driver of a Metro bus also stopped and attempted to aid the victim. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The male driver, 37, of the van, did not show signs of intoxication and was questioned and released. The investigation is continuing.

Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on **October 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Homero Campos, Ramiro Vasquez, Jose Reyna & Ray Griggs
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Beatrice Munguia

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2020 Last Year	2021 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.8886/\$100	\$0.8328/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.0558/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.30%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 114,618	\$ 126,564
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	20%	20%
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 91,694	\$ 101,251
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 814.79	\$ 843.22
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$28.43 3.49%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on **October 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** at 9414 Lamkin Road, Houston, TX 77049 and the public is invited to attend or participate via Zoom video/audio conference. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

To participate using Zoom, visit the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513126542?pwd=TXRnRGVhckMvVZpN045M3ZFY1R3dz09>
Meeting ID: 845 1312 6542
Passcode: 018283

To participate by phone, call: +1 (346) 248-7799
Meeting ID: 845 1312 6542
Passcode: 018283

FOR the proposal: Wade Landry, Charlotte Pierce, Cecilia Casas, Larry Allen & Leslie Brown
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2020 Last Year	2021 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.34/\$100	\$1.475/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.135/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		10.07%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 80,208	\$ 88,733
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	20%	20%
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 64,166	\$ 70,986
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 859.82	\$ 1,047.04
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$187.22 21.77%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of essential water, sewer, drainage services and related operational, maintenance and administrative services.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, September 20, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

I want to thank families and staff for their patience as we made the decision to close schools and offices during Tropical Storm Nicholas. The heavy rains drenched parts of the Houston area, causing flooding in parts of the city. This decision ensured the safety of students and staff. We were fortunate that the district and facilities didn't take on any water or damage. I hope everyone fared well.

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into the 2021-2022 school year! I have enjoyed getting to see so many faces in our school buildings, bringing incredible energy through our doors each day. Teachers, parents, staff, and students have all come together to make this new beginning not only possible but one of our strongest yet. And we're just getting started!

We're excited to continue the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, highlighting the achievements of Hispanics across the country and right here in our community. During Hispanic Heritage Month, we would like to introduce you to a few of our Aldine leaders who make a difference and impact students' lives.

This week we highlight Dr. Viola M. Garcia, the longest-tenured member of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees who has served our district for nearly 30 years. During that time, the Board received numerous accolades and distinctions that celebrate public school professionals for their leadership and dedication as advocates for children.

Dr. Garcia also serves local community entities to develop partnerships with the district. In 2019, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 402 honored her as a Lifetime Achievement in Education Honoree. In 2020, Dr. Garcia was named to Houston Mayor Turner's Literacy Advisory Board. In April 2021, Dr. Garcia went on to serve as President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA), where she was the first Hispanic woman and the first Texan to hold the position. She previously served NSBA as the Secretary-Treasurer, President-Elect, and their Board of Directors representing the Southern Region.

Dr. Garcia is an active leader in many organizations, including Kappa Delta Pi-Omega, the Mexican American School Board Members Association, and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. A retired faculty member of the University of Houston-Downtown, she chaired and served on numerous committees and provided her expertise on a wide variety of topics ranging from academic policy to leadership. Without a doubt, Dr. Garcia's experience, expertise, and leadership make her an invaluable asset for Aldine ISD and a phenomenal champion for all children.

Be sure to share on social media how you are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Don't forget that Hispanic/Latino Heritage Pride Attire Day is Friday, September 24. Include the hashtags #AISDHHM21, #AldineForward, or #AldineAdelante.

Celebrations such as Hispanic Heritage Month, along with the excitement of a new school year, bring brightness to my days and keep me going when the days get longer. As we move forward and face new opportunities and challenges, be sure to take some time to take care of yourself.

Several departments — Child Nutrition Services, Health Services, and Athletics — are working together to promote selected Wellness Days throughout the school year to promote and teach students about a healthy lifestyle and its importance for living a long, healthy life. The first upcoming Wellness Day is Friday, September 24, in honor of Fruits and Vegetables Month. Students will be encouraged to add more healthy fruits and vegetables into daily meals, with vegetables the largest portion of their plate. It is also Fresh Farm Friday districtwide. The Child Nutrition Services Department will be highlighting fresh and locally grown squash. Samples will be available to all students at lunchtime. Whether you are a teacher, a principal, a parent, or a caregiver, I encourage you to make your wellness a priority — particularly given all we have going on in the world around us. Stay tuned for more information on District Wellness Days.

It is when we take care of ourselves



that we can care for our students. Let's keep the light burning bright for them — this week and throughout the year.

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent
Upcoming Events

Friday, September 23 — United States Naval Academy Admissions Forum

The United States Naval Academy, a top-ranked public school, will host an Admissions Forum for grades 8-10 and a seminar for current high school juniors considering the USNA as their college of choice. Financial aid is available for fees and travel for the Summer STEM and Summer Seminar programs. Register here.

Wednesday, September 22, 6 p.m. — Family and Community University Information Session

Aldine's Family and Community Engagement Department has launched Family and Community University, designed to empower families to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. All programming is free, offered virtually and in-person (where indicated), and open to all family and community members. Some sessions are offered in both English and Spanish. To learn more, click here. Click here to register for a session.

Observations September

National School Attendance Month — Research shows that daily school attendance positively impacts students' social, emotional, and academic development. In-person learning is the best way for students to learn as well as have a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares them for success in college, career, and life.

Suicide Prevention Month — Suicide is preventable when we ask questions that help identify at-risk individuals and get them the help they need. Click here to read more about how we can prevent unnecessary tragedies.

Reminders

The Aldine Education Foundation Scholars Program gives students the opportunity to start earning college money in their freshman year of high school by achieving high academic standards for all four years of high school. Students who successfully meet the program's criteria will have \$3,000 of scholarship funds ready at graduation — no applications necessary! Click here for more information.

State law requires students to be fully vaccinated to enroll and remain enrolled in school. Students are to be excluded from attendance until fully compliant. Please ensure your school-age children have all of their state-required vaccines to avoid a disruption in attendance. Learn more on the district website.

As COVID-19 continues to be a part of our daily lives, I encourage you to continue to follow the three Ws: Wash your hands, Wear a mask, and Watch your distance. Aldine ISD's top priorities continue to be the safety and academic success of all students. We will post all information related to our operations along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Please stay connected by visiting the District News page to stay up to date on all the wonderful things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



ALDINE ISD CANDIDATES FORUM

You are invited to come meet and learn about the candidates running for the Aldine ISD School Board.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

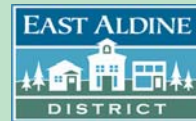
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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SEQUOIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 11, 2021 @ 6:30 PM at 14435 Sequoia Bend, Houston, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: RICHARD SLATER, JASON SIMPSON AND GILBERT ARAUZA

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: JAMES EASTHAM, SR. AND KAREN J. BAKER

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.44/\$100	\$0.40/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.04/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-9.0909%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 126,995	\$ 139,311
General Homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$- 25,399	\$ -27,862
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 101,596	\$ 111,449
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 447.02	\$ 445.80
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ -1.22
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-0.2729%

If the district is a district described by Section 49.23602:

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje del Superintendente, 20 de septiembre de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Quiero agradecer a las familias y al personal por su paciencia cuando tomamos la decisión de cerrar escuelas y oficinas durante la tormenta tropical Nicholas. Cayeron fuertes lluvias en el área de Houston, y causaron inundaciones en partes de la ciudad. Esta decisión garantizó la seguridad de los estudiantes y del personal. Espero que todos hayan estado bien.

¡Es difícil creer que ya haya pasado un mes del año escolar 2021-2022! Disfruté viendo tantas caras en los edificios de nuestra escuela, que trajeron una energía increíble a través de nuestras puertas todos los días. Maestros, padres, personal y estudiantes se han unido para hacer que este nuevo comienzo no solo sea posible, sino uno de los más fuertes hasta ahora. ¡Y este recién es el comienzo!

Estamos emocionados de continuar las celebraciones del Mes de la Herencia Hispana, que destaca los logros de los hispanos en todo el país y aquí mismo en nuestra comunidad. Durante el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, nos gustaría presentarles a al-



unos de nuestros líderes de Aldine que marcan la diferencia e impactan la vida de los estudiantes.

Esta semana destacamos a la Dra. Viola M. García, la miembro más antigua de la Junta Directiva de Aldine ISD que ha trabajado en nuestro distrito durante casi 30 años. Durante ese tiempo, la Junta recibió numerosos elogios y distinciones que homenajean a los profesionales de las escuelas públicas por su liderazgo y dedicación como defensores de los niños.

La Dra. García también sirve a entidades de la comunidad local para desarrollar asociaciones con el distrito. En 2019, el Consejo 402 de la Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC) la honró como Homenajada por su Trayectoria en Educación. En 2020, la Dra.

García fue nombrada miembro de la Junta Asesora de Alfabetización del alcalde de Houston Turner. En abril de 2021, la Dra. García pasó a ocupar el cargo de presidenta de la Asociación Nacional de Juntas Escolares (NSBA), donde fue la primera mujer hispana y la primera texana en ocupar el cargo. Anteriormente se desempeñó en NSBA como Secretaria-Tesorera, Presidenta electa y su Junta Directiva en representación de la Región Sur.

La Dra. García es una líder activa en muchas organizaciones, incluidas Kappa Delta Pi-Omega, la Asociación de Miembros de la Junta Escolar Mexicoamericana y la Asociación Nacional de Funcionarios Latinos Electos y Designados. Como miembro docente retirado de la Universidad de Houston-Downtown, presidió y sirvió en numerosos comités y brindó su experiencia en una amplia variedad de temas que van desde la política académica hasta el liderazgo.

Sin lugar a dudas, la experiencia, la pericia y el liderazgo de la Dra. García la convierten en un activo invaluable para Aldine ISD y una defensora

fenomenal para todos los niños.

Asegúrense de compartir en las redes sociales cómo está celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. No olvide que el Día de Vestimenta del Orgullo de la Herencia Hispana/Latina es el viernes 24 de septiembre. Incluya los hashtags #AISDHM21, #AldineForward o #AldineAdelante.

Las celebraciones como el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, junto con la emoción de un nuevo año escolar, aportan brillo a mis días y me mantienen activa cuando los días se hacen más largos. A medida que avanzamos y enfrentamos nuevas oportunidades y desafíos, asegúrense de tomarse un tiempo para cuidarse.

Varios departamentos (Alimentación Escolar, Servicios de Salud y Atletismo) están trabajando juntos para promover Días de Bienestar seleccionados a lo largo del año escolar para promover y enseñar a los estudiantes sobre un estilo de vida saludable y su importancia para vivir una vida larga y saludable. El primer Día del Bienestar es el viernes 24 de septiembre, en honor al Mes

de las Frutas y Verduras: Más es Importante. Se alentará a los estudiantes a agregar más frutas y verduras saludables en las comidas diarias, con las verduras como la porción más grande de su plato. También es Fresh Farm Friday en todo el distrito. El Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición Infantil presentará la calabaza fresca y cultivada localmente. Las muestras estarán disponibles para todos los estudiantes a la hora del almuerzo. Le recomiendo que haga de su bienestar una prioridad, especialmente teniendo en cuenta todo lo que sucede en el mundo que nos rodea. Ya sea que sea maestro, director, padre o cuidador, todos merecemos y necesitamos tiempo para el cuidado personal. Esté atento para obtener más información sobre los Días de Bienestar del Distrito.

Cuando nos cuidamos a nosotros mismos podemos cuidar a nuestros estudiantes. Sigamos cuidándonos esta semana y durante todo el año.

Con orgullo de Aldine, Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendente

Próximos eventos

Viernes 23 de septiembre: Foro de admisiones de la Academia Naval de los Estados Unidos

La Academia Naval de los Estados Unidos, una escuela pública de primer nivel, albergará un Foro de Admisiones para los 8.º a 10.º grado y un seminario para estudiantes de 11.º grado de secundaria que consideren a la USNA como su universidad de elección. Hay ayuda financiera disponible para cubrir aranceles y viajes para los programas STEM de verano y seminario de verano. Inscribirse aquí.

Miércoles 22 de septiembre, 6 p. m. – Sesión de información de universidad para la familia y la comunidad

El Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (FACE por su acrónimo en inglés) ha lanzado la Universidad para la Familia y la Comunidad, diseñada para capacitar a las familias para que apoyen a los estudiantes académica y socioemocionalmente. Toda la programación es gratuita, se ofrece de forma virtual y presencial (donde se indique), y está abierta a todos los miembros de la familia y la comunidad. Algunas sesiones se ofrecen tanto en inglés como en español. Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí. Haga clic aquí para inscribirse para una sesión.

SPORTS PAGE

Brady returns to NE on Sunday Night Football: Texans face tough road game at Buffalo

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well as a pretty good Bills defense.

The Cowboys, who picked up a big road win two weeks ago against the Chargers, host Carolina, which won its first two games of the year behind a solid defense.

Arizona visits the Los Angeles Rams in an early-season NFC West showdown, while Seattle and San Francisco also meet in another NFC West contest.

The Steelers visit Green Bay as two of the league's older QB, Ben Roethlisberger and GB's Aaron Rodgers go up against one another.

In college action, Texas travels to Fort Worth to face TCU in a key Big 12 contest, while the high-scoring Mississippi Rebels visit Alabama in SEC play. In another key SEC contest, No. 16 Arkansas visits No. 2-ranked Georgia.

Before we take a look at those games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week brought the season record to 22-14 (61%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Nimitz at DeKaney: Richard Slater's Cougars visit DeKaney on Thursday evening looking to get off to a good start in District 14-6A play. The Cougars will be looking for a solid night from running back Briyah Hill as they face a DeKaney team that struggled in non-district play. My pick, Nimitz 23, DeKaney 20

Davis vs. Eisenhower: Scott Joseph's Falcons and Eric Jackson's Eagles meet in Thorne Stadium on Friday night. Davis will need to contain Ike QB Zaccheaus Henry (375 passing yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver/running back Ryan Niblett (196 rushing yards, 4 TDs), which could be a tall order. My pick, Eisenhower 31, Davis 27

MacArthur vs. Aldine: These two long time rivals meet Saturday evening at Thorne Stadium. The Generals, under



the direction of head coach Wayne Crawford, won one of their two non-district games, while the Mustangs, under the direction of head coach Hank Semler, dropped all three, but did find some offense in their 40-34 loss to Sam Houston in running back Matthew White (151 yards, 1 TD) and quarterback Constantin Martin (2 rushing TDs and one passing touchdown). The Generals will be led by running back Kharon Brown. My pick, MacArthur 26, Aldine 18

NCAA

Arkansas at Georgia: The Razorbacks have been one of the surprise teams this year winning their first three games, including a 40-21 pasting of Texas. Sam Pittman's team takes a huge step up this week when they visit Athens, GA to take on the No. 2-ranked Bulldogs. The Hogs strong rushing game will get tested by a Georgia defense that allowed 23 points in their first three games. The Hogs will need a big game from quarterback KJ Jefferson (632 passing yards, 4 TDs/180 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and running back Treylon Smith (216 yards, 3 TDs) if they hope to spring the upset. The Bulldogs are balanced on offense led by quarterback J.T. Daniels (438 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Zamir White (159 yards, 1 TD) and Kendall Milton (119 yards). Look for Arkansas to give the 'Dawgs a game, but the Georgia defense will be the difference maker late in this one. My pick, Georgia 32, Arkansas 17

Texas at TCU: The Longhorns visit TCU on Saturday hoping new head coach Steve Sarkisian has better luck against Gary Patterson's Horned Frogs than his predecessors

have. In their last nine meetings, TCU has won seven of the nine meetings. That can't make UT fans happy. Two weeks ago, Texas routed Rice 58-0 as running back Bijan Robinson (299 yards, 5 TDs) rushed for 123 yards and three TDs. Quarterback Casey Thompson (263 passing yards, 3 TDs) got his first start and was efficient with 164 yards and two scores. TCU is led by quarterback Max Duggan (441 passing yards, 4 TDs) and running back Zach Evens (217 yards, 2 TDs). If Texas gets caught looking ahead to next week's opponent, Oklahoma, it could turn into a long day in Fort Worth for Sarkisian's team. Something tells me after the Arkansas debacle, the 'Horns will be much more focused from here on out. My pick, Texas 33, TCU 28

Mississippi at Alabama: Lane Kiffin's high-scoring Rebels head to Tuscaloosa to take on Nick Saban's No. 1-ranked Crimson Tide on Saturday. In their first three games, the Rebels have averaged an eye-opening 53 points per game. Quarterback Matt Corral (997 yards, 9 TDs) has a load of talent to turn to in running back Jerrion Early (188 yards, 1 TD) and wide receivers Dontario Drummond (20 receptions, 339 yards, 4 TDs) and Jonathan Mingo (15 receptions, 290 yards, 3 TDs). This will be Ole Miss' first real test of the season, and while the Tide won its first three games, the defense has struggled. QB Bryce Young (804 yards, 10 TDs, 0 interceptions) helped 'Bama jump out to a 21-3 lead and then held on for a 31-29 win at Florida two weeks ago. The defense looked gassed, but if there is any coach who can get things fixed, and fixed quickly, it's Saban. Look for a much better ef-

fort from the defense this week as Saban makes it 24-0 against former assistant coaches (Kiffin served as Alabama's offensive coordinator for a couple of years), to set up a monumental matchup against Texas A&M the following week. My pick, Alabama 36, Mississippi 23

NFL

Carolina at Dallas: The Panthers make their second straight trip to the Lone Star State when they take on the Cowboys on Sunday at AT&T Stadium. Two weeks ago, Carolina played at Houston and this week they face a Dallas team that picked up a big road win two weeks ago against the Chargers in Los Angeles. The defense made plays all day, but it was the running game that won it for the Cowboys. Dallas unleashed its two-headed running attack of Tony Pollard (123 yards, 1 TD) and Ezekiel Elliott (104 yards, 1 TD), which opened things up for quarterback Dak Prescott (640 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers CeeDee Lamb (15 receptions, 185 yards, 1 TD) and Amari Cooper (16 receptions, 163 yards, 2 TDs). The Dallas defense will need to contain Panther running back Christian McCaffrey (170 yards, 1 TD), who looks fully recovered after missing a majority of last year with a number of injuries. New QB Sam Darnold (584 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver D.J. Moore (14 receptions, 159 yards, 1 TD) can also cause problems. My pick, Dallas 31, Carolina 28

Houston at Buffalo: The Texans hit the road for Buffalo and will turn the offense over to rookie quarterback Davis Mills (102 yards, 1 TD against Cleveland) to face a Buffalo team that embarrassed Miami 35-0 two weeks ago on the road. The Texans have played hard in their first two games, but injuries are starting to mount up. Bills QB Josh Allen (449 yards, 3 TDs) should have a big day throwing to wide receiver Stefon Diggs

(13 receptions, 129 yards, 1 TD) and other Buffalo wide receivers, and the Bills might have found a running game led by Devin Singletary (154 yards, 1 TD). This could turn into a long day in Western New York for the Texans. My pick, Buffalo 33, Houston 17

Arizona at Los Angeles Rams: The Cardinals and Rams meet in an early season NFC West showdown in what should be a fun game to watch. Two of the hottest QBs in the league will do battle as Arizona's Kyler Murray (689 yards, 7 TDs/2 rushing TDs) and Matthew Stafford (599 yards, 5 TDs) look to light up the SoFi Stadium scoreboard. Both teams have a plethora of weapons on offense. Arizona is led by its receivers, DeAndre Hopkins (10 receptions, 137 yards, 3 TDs) and rookie sensation Rondale Moore (11 receptions, 182 yards, 1 TD), while Rams WR Cooper Kupp (16 receptions, 271 yards, 3 TDs) has gotten off to an explosive start. The key to this game will be who plays the better defense, and the Rams have one of the top defensive units in the game. Look for Aaron Donald and Co. to harass Murray all afternoon and be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 26, Arizona 20

Seattle at San Francisco: Another good one in the NFC West as the Seahawks visit the 49ers on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Seattle blew a big lead at home and lost in overtime to the Titans, while the 49ers won a hard-fought defensive battle at Philadelphia. Seattle QB Russell Wilson (597 yards, 6 TDs) is off to another strong start, as are wide receivers Tyler Lockett (12 receptions, 275 yards, 3 TDs) and DK Metcalf (10 receptions, 113 yards, 1 TD). The 49ers have yet to explode on offense, but quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (503 yards, 2 TDs) has done a good job of managing his team's first two games, especially considering that SF has lost four running backs to injury in the first two games. Like

the Rams, the 49ers are stout on defense and that unit will lead the way to a win over Seattle on Sunday. My pick, San Francisco 23, Seattle 20

Pittsburgh at Green Bay: Old timers Ben Roethlisberger (483 yards, 2 TDs) and Aaron Rodgers (255 yards, 4 TDs in last Monday's 35-17 win over Detroit) go at it on Sunday at Lambeau Field. The Steelers opened the season with a nice road win at Buffalo, while the Saints trounced the Packers. The two teams flipped the script in Week 2 as the Steelers lost at home to the Raiders, while the Packers got back on track with a Monday Night Football route of the Lions. GB running back Aaron Jones had a big night with four touchdowns. Look for the Packers to get on a roll as Rodgers begins to play as he did last year when he won his third MVP award. My pick, Green Bay 30, Pittsburgh 26

Tampa Bay at New England: Brady returns to New England on Sunday Night Football with a loaded offense and one of the league's top defenses, while the Patriots will rely on rookie QB Mac Jones (467 yards, 1 TD), running back Damien Harris (162 yards, 1 TD) and a very solid defense (NE had four interceptions in their 25-6 win over the Jets two weeks ago). We will see just how good the NE defense is when it faces Brady (655 yards, 9 TDs), wide receivers Chris Godwin (13 receptions, 167 yards, 1 TD), Mike Evans (8 receptions, 99 yards, 2 TD) and Gronk (12 receptions, 129 yards, 4 TDs). If any coach can slow down a good offense, it's Belichick and it helps that Belichick knows what makes Brady tick. I mean, the two only worked together for 20 years in New England. I think the Patriots give Brady fits on Sunday night, but the TB defense will do the same to the rookie Jones. Brady gets the last laugh, as he's the difference maker in this one. My pick, Tampa Bay 32, New England 23

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —
1. Is the book of Capernaum in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 28:39, what kind of head covering did the priest wear? Turban, Snood, Scarf, Kalupto
3. The Pentateuch refers to how many of the first books of the Old Testament? 2, 3, 4, 5
4. From 1 Samuel 25:1 and 28:3, where was the burial place of Samuel? Gilgal, Joppa, Corinth, Ramah

5. Whose harp playing caused Saul's "evil spirit" to leave him? Solomon, Alexander, David, Haman
6. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of ___? Gold, Pottage, Oil, Manna

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Turban; 3) 5; 4) Ramah; 5) David; 6) Pottage
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Students and staff at Vardeman EC/PK/K expressed their creativity by creating and wearing dots to celebrate Dot Day.



HCC names Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement program after Helfman



Present at the announcement were HCC Chancelor Cesar Maldonado, Donor Alan Helfman, and HCC NE President Monique Umphrey.

HOUSTON (August 26, 2021) – Houston Community College (HCC) recognized business leader and generous philanthropist, Alan Helfman by naming the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement program in his honor.

Helfman, who owns auto dealerships, has been a longstanding advocate and supporter of first responders in the Houston, surrounding areas and the HCC Public Safety Center of Excellence. Recently, he provided a gift of over \$100,000 to support HCC's public safety programs. The renamed program is now the Alan Helfman Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Program.

Helfman spoke at the event about his passionate support for first responders. He has

conducted more than 100 fundraising efforts, raising millions for various law enforcement agencies, especially the Houston Police Officers' Union. His commitment and support of law enforcement over the years extends to HCC where he played an integral part in the establishment of the Public Safety Institute at HCC Northeast College in 2003.

"His earlier contributions and this latest gift have helped shape the learning environment of the institute and have truly enriched our students' lives," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E. "This latest contribution will do the same, helping individuals pursuing public safety degrees, certificates and careers."

Maldonado was joined

by past and current public safety officials in celebrating Helfman's generosity. The audience included Houston Police Department Chief Troy Finner, Houston Fire Department Local Union 341 President Marty Lancton, former HPD police chief Clarence Bradford, and Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia. Each highlighted the impacts of Helfman's philanthropy over the years.

"It is with great joy and immense exultation that we celebrate and recognize Alan's significant investment in HCC Northeast College and, in particular, our public safety programs and generations of students," President Monique Umphrey said at the event.

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