



Sam Harless

State Representative District 126

Our Final Newsletter



Texas House of Representatives



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News and Information



Our Final Newsletter Issue

My term of office will be ending in just a few short months and the Texas House of Representatives no longer maintains our newsletter archive, so we will not be renewing the software used to develop and distribute this newsletter after this month. For the last eight years, we have tried to faithfully provide meaningful and helpful information to our constituents that you would find relevant to your lives and activities in our District and at the Capitol. We've brought coordinated information from each of the five Emergency Service Districts on their activities, fire calls, and responses each month, and sought out relevant information from the three independent school districts, Klein, Spring, and Cy-Fair that serve most of the constituents in our area. We hope this information has helped keep you up to date with things going on in our area and been useful in your daily lives.

Serving you as your State Representative has been one of the great highlights of my life. I cannot overstate how appreciative I am for the opportunities afforded me through that representation to pass meaningful legislation that directly impacts us and our community. Legislation that affects our taxes, businesses, our homes, and the safety and security of our community has been among my highest priorities, along with flood mitigation. I was fortunate enough to secure appropriation funding for the first time in our area. I brought home a total of \$34 million in direct flood mitigation funding to help complete projects right along Cypress Creek.

I grew up and had my business in this community. My kids, granddaughter, and mother all live in the area; what happens here will continue to be important to me. I will remain involved, albeit from the sidelines. It will be time for someone else to answer the call.

One of the things that has been most gratifying as your State Representative, aside from passing legislation, is the ability to step in and act as liaison for our constituents in their dealings with state, local, and federal government. My staff has worked with numerous county, state, and federal offices to get answers to questions and solutions to pressing real-world problems that many in our community face in dealing with the various aspects of government, and often we were able to help bring about resolution or at least improve contact for those seeking assistance.

Speaking of staff, I have been fortunate to have dedicated and experienced staff to make all of this possible. No legislator does all of this work alone, and I am truly thankful I had them beside me through those long nights and tough fights to accomplish any of this. During the last eight years, there have been thousands of bills and amendments to be considered and voted on, and I believe Texas and our community are better for the work we have done.

For our final issue, I thought we'd recap some of the more important pieces of legislation I passed during my term and talk about what we accomplished.

A Recap Of Our More Meaningful Legislation

86th Session

HB 3271/SB 1210 - Removal and disposal of alcoholic beverages unfit for consumption after a natural disaster. This provides small retail businesses with an avenue to work with manufacturers and distributors to legally remove uninsured contaminated alcoholic beverages from stores without absorbing the full cost of removing and replacing contaminated products. (Natural Disaster & Small Business Support)

HB 3753 - Allowing county fire marshals to provide fire-related emergency training to first responders in preparation for disasters. (Fire Marshal Support)

HB 3782 - Allow HCFCD to remove property and other obstructions illegally placed within their easements that hinder maintenance and project efforts. (Flood Support)

87th Session

HB 766 - Requiring bond conditions for criminals involved in violent offenses to be entered into the Texas Crime Information Center for statewide accessibility by law enforcement. Better protecting victims and ensuring that law enforcement statewide is aware of the offender's bond conditions. (Victim Support)

HB 1681 - Prohibiting the construction of assisted living facilities within a 100-year floodplain in Harris County. (Flood Support)

HB 3363 - Combating social media and cellular efforts to ignore/deny warrants for criminal cellular data. Ensuring that companies comply with warrants and provide law enforcement with information used to protect citizens in life-threatening situations. (LEO & Crime)

88th Session

HB 765/SB 386 - Providing police and fire officers who are murdered in the line of duty a common-sense presumption that the offender knew the victim was an officer when wearing their distinctive uniform or badge. This ensures that criminals who specifically target our first responders are not able to claim ignorance. Titled the *Richard Houston II Act*. (LEO & Crime/Victim Support)

HB 767 - Relating to the entry into the Texas Crime Information Center of certain information regarding conditions of bond for stalking offenses. This protects the victims of violent offenses from an offender released on bond by making the victim aware of the release and by informing law enforcement throughout the state of the offender's bond conditions. (LEO & Crime/Victim Support)

HB 884/SB 602 - Training federal border patrol agents on Texas' criminal laws and granting agents who complete the training the powers of arrest and search and seizure for Texas felony offenses that occur on the premises of a designated port of entry or border patrol checkpoint. (LEO & Crime)

HB 1182 - Requiring judicial statistics for court activity to be reported to the Office of Court Administration and be publicly available in an effort to increase transparency with court activity and hold ineffective judges accountable. (Judicial Accountability)

HB 1564/SB 402 - Giving trial preference to murder and capital murder cases. (LEO & Crime/Judicial)

HB 1925 - Continuing the Harris County Hospital District LPPF, which allows local hospitals to receive matching federal Medicaid dollars to support their care of the community. (Medical Support)

HB 2648/SB 1057 - Legacy legislation permitting the City of Houston to use its Hotel Occupancy Tax to modernize and expand the George R. Brown Convention Center and surrounding infrastructure. Greatly increases Houston's competitiveness when it comes to hosting large-scale events and is expected to yield an estimated \$90 billion in revenue over the next 30 years. (Business Support)

HB 5334 - Created the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District, giving residents a greater voice and impact on flood mitigation when working with HCFCDD. (Flood Support)

****\$12 million flood mitigation funding** (Flood Support)**

89th Session

HB 1327 - Continuing the Harris County Hospital District LPPF, which allows local hospitals to receive matching federal Medicaid dollars to support their care of the community. (Medical Support)

HB 2688 - Updating HFD & HPD pension and retirement to help with recruiting and retention. (LEO/First Responder Support)

HB 3687 - Updating training and qualification requirements for certain county fire marshals to ensure they are properly qualified. (Fire Marshal Support)

HB 3869/SB 482 - Increasing criminal penalties for assault against utility workers during times of disaster. (Emergency & Victim Support)

HB 4205 - Creating pay parity for Harris County law enforcement by providing the same base pay for each employee rank or specialty. (LEO Support)

****\$22 million flood mitigation funding** (Flood Support)**

89(2nd Special Session)

HB 23 - Codifying tax exemption for the non-profit arm of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

If at any time you'd like to look up a bill, track legislation, or see what your legislator is filing, go to **www.capitol.texas.gov**.

While this newsletter will be our last, please continue to follow us on our Facebook page through the end of the year at **<https://www.facebook.com/samharless126>**

Tax Reforms During Our Term

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chairman of the Senate Local Government Committee recently released a study of the county by county effect of property tax reform since 2019, which happens to coincide with my term of office. See his full news release **[here](#)**. This comprehensive study came after a four month long data collection effort from counties across the state into the impact of the Texas Legislature's continuing effort to reduce the property tax burdens that many Texans face.

Study Key Findings

- Zero Tax Payers: 1.449 million over-65 and disabled homeowners plus 949,000 general homesteads (25%) now pay \$0 in ISD property taxes.
- General Homestead Cuts: The average statewide homestead property tax bill dropped 13.5%, from \$1,037 down to \$896.
- Senior & Disabled Cuts: Seniors and disabled homeowners still paying taxes saw a 33% average reduction, dropping from \$565 to \$380.
- Overall Impact: Total school district levies across the state remained steady at roughly \$41.65 billion while shifting major savings directly to residential homesteads.

According to an article published by The Texan news; which you can find **[here](#)**.

"School districts make up the biggest portion of the average property tax bill.

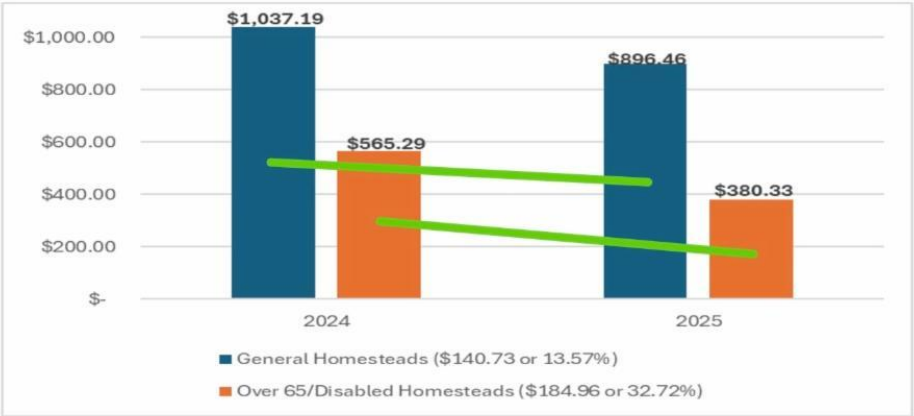
Statewide, the average annual ISD property tax bill has fallen from \$1,037 in 2024 to \$896 in 2025 for the general homestead, a dip of about 13.6 percent.

Tax savings are particularly concentrated among disabled and senior homeowners. Texas homeowners who are disabled or over 65 saw even greater reductions, with their average tax bill falling by about 33 percent from \$565 a year to \$380.

Furthermore, the percentage of homeowners in these categories has grown in all of the state’s biggest counties, rising by 164 percent in Harris County."

In the complete slide deck, which can be found [here](#), from 2024 to 2025, General Homestead ISD property tax bills have declined \$140.73, on average, or 13.57%. Over-65/Disabled Homestead ISD property tax bills have declined \$184.96, on average, or 32.72%.

Statewide Average ISD Property Tax Bills



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Some of the other key findings from the study was the increase in the number of Over 65 and Disabled Homesteads Paying \$0 in ISD Property Tax. The increase in Harris County over just the last couple of years was dramatic, as indicated in the slide below. This impact was spread generally the same across other metropolitan counties as well.

Percentage of Over 65/Disabled Homesteads Paying \$0 ISD Property Tax by County Type

	2024	2025	% Change	County Type
Harris County	14.53%	38.40%	164.28%	Major Metro
Dallas County	38.43%	48.02%	24.95%	Major Metro
Tarrant County	40.00%	60.00%	50.00%	Major Metro
Bexar County	53.81%	72.78%	35.25%	Major Metro
Travis County	22.74%	37.85%	66.45%	Major Metro
Collin County	17.52%	33.11%	88.98%	Suburban
Denton County	17.34%	35.70%	105.88%	Suburban
Hildago County	72.92%	82.01%	12.47%	South Texas
El Paso County	71.00%	87.00%	22.54%	Major Metro
Lubbock County	60.25%	82.64%	37.16%	West Texas
Smith County	59.86%	65.31%	9.10%	East Texas
Midland County	45.95%	64.76%	40.94%	West Texas
Parker County	45.72%	63.14%	38.10%	Suburban
Ector County	27.96%	84.53%	202.32%	West Texas

Conclusions

- The Legislature, under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Patrick and Speaker Burrows, has made significant strides since 2019 in reducing ISD property tax bills for Homesteads and Over 65/Disabled homeowners with voter approval of constitutional amendments and Gov. Abbott signing SB 4 and SB 23 in Denton on June 16th, plus continued M&O tax rate compression.
- Almost **61%** of Over 65/Disabled Homesteads are paying \$0 ISD property tax bills. General Homestead ISD property tax bills are down **13.57%** statewide and Over 65/Disabled ISD property tax bills are down **32.72%** statewide.
- Comptroller shows total statewide ISD levies **decreased** from \$41.66B in 2024 to \$41.65B in 2025, a slight reduction.
- All information, unless otherwise indicated, collected by the Office of State Senator Paul Bettencourt. Special thanks to the Senate Local Government Committee staff, Ross Leake and David Clark for their dedicated work on this first-time ever statewide homestead exemption data collection project.

Tax reform has been a slogan for many across the state over the last few years, but this recent study indicates that the work has paid off in reduced tax bills for many across the state. I know that effort will continue with the Governor's new focus on reducing property taxes continually until they can be eliminated, which will keep pressure on the legislature during the next session to deliver lasting results.

I encourage each of you to read the full report by Senator Bettencourt and be familiar with the progress the Texas legislature has made on an issue that affects almost every Texan one way or another.

You can find the full report from Senator Bettencourt [here](#).

Appraisal Board Recruiting New Members

The Harris County Appraisal Review Board (ARB) is looking for new members who are interested in serving the community by ensuring fairness in property taxation.

The ARB is a citizen board that hears property owner protests that cannot be resolved informally with the Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD).

Members must be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays from mid-May through October at the HCAD offices and capable of conducting virtual hearings on their personal computers. Members are compensated per diem of \$180 daily when conducting hearings, attending ARB meetings or when in training.

The qualifications and application are available on the main page of the HCAD web site at www.hcad.org under the “ARB Application 2027” tab for those interested in earning income by performing community service.

ERCOT Monthly Report & PUCT Help Hub

The latest edition of *ERCOT Monthly*, a monthly report sharing a recap of key information from the previous month, notes on the upcoming month, and a snapshot of additional key items, has been published.

A direct link to the most recent edition of the newsletter can be found [here](#).

Our goal is to continue providing clear, consistent, transparent communications to our stakeholders, highlighting market and operations statistics, key ERCOT initiatives, and breaking down trending issues for a broader audience.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) has launched a new Consumer Help Hub to make it easier for Texas utility consumers to find answers to their most common utility-related questions and concerns.

The new hub is organized by the three utility services the PUCT regulates – electricity, water/wastewater, and telecommunications – and addresses common questions on billing, rates, service complaints, and more.

Link to the new Utility Hub [here](#)

“We want to make it as quick and easy as possible for Texans to get the help and information they need on their utility issues,” said PUCT Executive Director Connie Corona. “Our new Help Hub includes the most common questions our agency gets from consumers – with our answers. As utility issues change and new ones arise, we’ll update the page to make sure Texans are always getting the most timely, accurate information.”

Each Consumer Help Hub utility section features streamlined guidance to help consumers navigate rate increases, understand the charges on their bill, access bill payment assistance, and more. Texans with serious medical conditions that require electricity to support their health or consumers facing other unique situations like utility mergers, dropped calls, or disconnections can also find tailored resources.

If additional help is needed, the hub also makes it easy to contact the PUCT’s Consumer Protection Division or Office of Public Engagement for personalized help.

The PUCT’s Consumer Protection Division is available via phone or email to assist consumers who have an issue with their utility service Monday - Friday at [1-888-782-8477](tel:1-888-782-8477) or consumer@puc.texas.gov. The PUCT’s Office of Public Engagement is available to answer questions about the PUCT and its role at [512-936-7374](tel:512-936-7374) and public@puc.texas.gov.

Cypress Creek
Drainage Improvement
District



CCDID Monthly Report

Kluge Stormwater Detention Basin Update

Harris County Flood Control District provided a progress report on the Kluge Stormwater Detention Basin.

1.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON PHASE 3 OF THE KLUGE STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN BEGIN SOON

Construction activities include contractor mobilization, initial site preparation, and other related work. Construction crews will be accessing the site at Longwood Trace Drive. The sidewalk along Longwood Trace Drive and the tunnel under the street will remain open.

2.0 ABOUT THIS PROJECT

The Kluge Stormwater Detention Basin Phase 3 project is expanding the overall stormwater detention basin's footprint with a third compartment that will provide an additional 210 acre-feet of stormwater storage capacity – that is roughly the equivalent of 210 football fields covered in one foot of water.



3.0 FUNDING

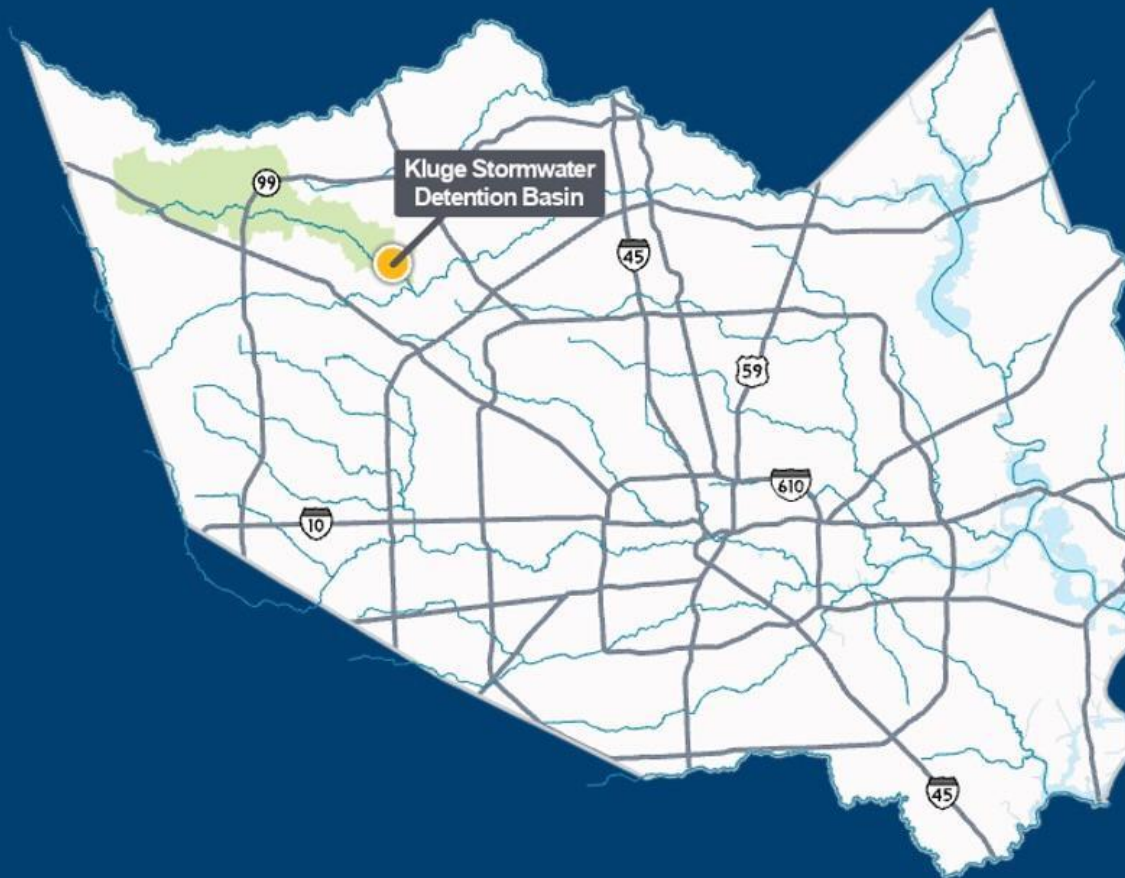
- 2018 Bond Program will contribute approximately \$1.5 million.
- Project receiving funding up to \$24.9 million through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, provided by the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Texas General Land Office.

- Construction contract awarded for \$7.4 million.

4.0 PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located just northeast of Little Cypress Creek, between Kluge Road and Longwood Trace Drive.



5.0 ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Construction Start
Q2 2026

Construction Completion Q2 2027

See Website for more information: <https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

To communicate with the Drainage Improvement District, please E-Mail to: cypresscreekdid@gmail.com.

2024 Annual Report



The QR Code will take you to the CCDID Website.

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



The Museum is closed September 6th to October 2nd for Exhibit Installation

[Visit Pearl Fincher Museum Website](#)

[Visit Pearl Fincher Museum Facebook](#)

Cypress Creek F.A.C.E. Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment



2026-2027 Star-Lit! Season

We are celebrating our 30th year with an incredible line-up. The Texas Tenors will open the season on Saturday, October 10, 2026. We know you won't want to miss the other fabulous talents appearing throughout the season including:

Forever Motown, Soul of Christmas – 7:30pm, Saturday, November 28, 2026

Lovin' Spoonful – 7:30pm, Thursday, December 31, 2026

Take 6 – 7:30pm, Saturday, January 23, 2027

Asleep at the Wheel – 7:30pm, Saturday, February 20, 2027

10,000 Maniacs – 7:30pm, Saturday, May 8, 2027

Season tickets are available now! For more information, click the button below!

To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at [281-440-4850](tel:281-440-4850)!

[Season Tickets](#)

[Visit F.A.C.E. Website](#)

[FACE Facebook Page](#)

[Texas Master Chorale](#)



Texas Master Chorale
Celebrating 40 Years of Music Making!

All performances to be presented at John Wesley Church, [5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069](#)
7:30 PM—Complimentary Valet Parking Provided

[Texas Master Chorale Tickets](#)

2026-2027 TEXAS MASTER CHORALE CONCERT SEASON

MARK THESE DATES:

FALL CONCERT—October 18, 2026
CRESCENDO Kick-Off—November 19, 2026
CHRISTMAS CONCERT—December 19, 2026
TMC CRESCENDO 2027—February 19, 2027
SPRING CONCERT—April 17, 2027

All performances to be presented at
John Wesley Church

[5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069](#)

7:30 PM--COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

Tickets: <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/tickets.html>

General Admission—\$25.00 each

Season Subscription—\$75.00

Students with ID—Free Admission

Be sure and check out their community musical events calendar [here](#). They have concerts and musical events calendared for every group in our area.

[Visit Texas Master Chorale Website](#)

[Master Chorale Facebook](#)

ESD 9 Monthly News



Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer

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AUGUST END OF MONTH CALL TOTALS

EMS – 2552
FIRE – 1452 (includes HAZMAT, Rescue, Automatic Alarms, etc.)
TOTAL = 4004

September is National Preparedness Month and it is a good reminder that natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time. It's important to have a planned response when you're at work, on vacation or on the road.

- Make sure at least one family member knows first aid and CPR
- Download the FEMA app for resources, weather alerts and safety tips
- Have a family communication plan in place; all members of the family should review and practice the plan
- Have all family members' and other important phone numbers written down or memorized
- Have an emergency kit in your car and at least three days of food and water at home
- Be sure to store all important documents – birth certificates, insurance policies, etc. – in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box
- Know how to shut off utilities

Lieutenant Eddie Cruz
Public Information Officer/Public Relations
Cy-Fair Fire Department
[10710 Telge Rd.](#)

[Houston, TX 77095](#)

Free CPR class offered the third Saturday of every month, please visit our website, www.cyfairfd.org, to sign up.

ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

ESD 11 Monthly News



ESD 11 Update
By - Miranda Sevcik
Public Information Officer

Miranda Sevcik has been assigned the responsibilities for monthly updates for ESD 11.
Her Contact Information is :
Phone 346-226-8808
Email: miranda.sevcik@harriscountyesd11.gov



Our response time performance remains exceptional and may be found with other critical information on our website at <https://esd11.com/transparency/>. The data is updated monthly after each regularly scheduled Board meeting, on the 3rd Thursday of the month.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL E-BIKE SAFETY ALERT: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

e-bike injuries in Harris County have skyrocketed 11,000% over the last five years and ESD 11 Medical Director Dr. Jay Kovar is sounding the alarm. Recently Fox News and Telemundo helped ESD 11 spread the word by doing news segments about Dr. Kovar’s warning.

In our most recent “Hey Dr. K” on our You Tube channel, Dr. Kovar discusses the serious injuries he’s seeing and why riders and parents need to understand the risks before hitting the road.

We’re also talking with Harris County public health experts about the shocking injury statistics and Arride Bikes e-bike store owner about the different kinds of e-bikes and best safety practices for riders. Woodlands Fire Chief Palmer Buck shares what his community has done to help keep citizens and riders safer.

From helmets and responsible riding to understanding the dangers of speed and traffic, knowing how to choose the right e-bike and learning to ride safely can help keep you and your kids out of the ER. As kids head back to school, make e-bike safety part of the routine. Watch, share, and help spread the word about e-bike safety!

<https://youtu.be/e9htwp808Rc?si=ev00s46sD2pzp2>

ESD 11 has the best 911 communications team and here’s another reason why!

Congrats to three ESD 11 team members receiving Greater Harris County 911 Emergency Network honors in recognition of their outstanding contributions to emergency communications and the communities they serve. ESD 11’s Allison de la Vega was recently named trainer of the year.

In addition, Nicole Ward received the Silent Hero recognition honoring individuals whose contributions and dedication that happen behind the scenes makes such a meaningful difference to their colleagues.

Harris County ESD 11 is offering a free car seat check! Saturday, September 26 from 7:30- 12:30 at the HCC West Loop campus located at [5601 W Loop S, Houston, TX 77081](#)
Reserve your spot here: [Community Outreach - Harris County ESD 11](#)

[Freeseatcheck.as.me/hcesd11](https://freeseatcheck.as.me/hcesd11)

If you would like to schedule a CPR/First Aid class, standby or community event, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/outreach/> to schedule or contact Karisa Wendt, Community Outreach Coordinator at karisa.wendt@harriscountyesd11.gov

www.harriscountyesd11.gov

If you would like to schedule a CPR/First Aid class, standby or community event, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/outreach/> to schedule or contact Miranda Sevcik at [281-524-7667](tel:281-524-7667) or email her at miranda.sevcik@harriscountyesd11.gov



On the left is Dr. Kovar talking about bike safety. On the right are Stephanie Michalski, Allison de la Vega, Juan Rodriguez and Nick Smith

[ESD 11 Website](#)

ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



Cypress Creek Fire Department

Emma Hughes
Public Information Officer

[ESD 13 Website](#)

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #13 MONTHLY REPORT

ABOUT US: Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 33 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

July 2026:
Fire/Other: 134
EMS: 140
Total: 274
Average Response Time: 6m 22s

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Our Child Passenger Safety Technician is located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and is ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free Child Passenger Safety inspections. CCFD offers free Home Safety Inspections to all residents in our territory. This includes a walk-through and assessment of your home. Our Firefighters will identify any potential fire hazards and give you a copy of their report so that you can correct these hazards before they become a serious problem. For more information, please contact EmmaHughes at [\(281\) 894-0151](tel:2818940151)

Email pr@hcesd13.org

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



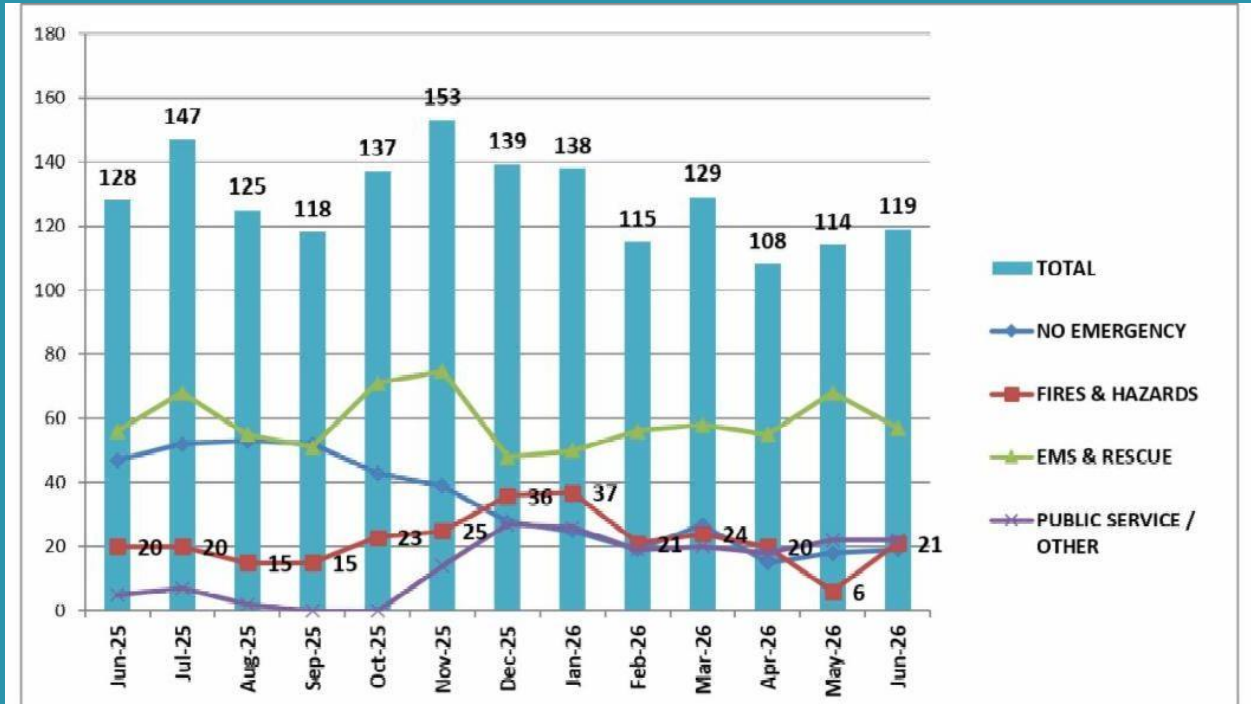
HARRIS ★ COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT





Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer
 Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org



EMERGENCY RESPONSE JULY 2026

Fire: 34 Hazardous Conditions: 45 Good Intent◇: 91
EMS/ Rescue: 240 Service Call**: 55 False Alarm: 39
Other†: 61

TOTAL: 504

** Public Service, Lock-out, assist police
◇ No incident found, Disp/Canceled en-route
† Overpressure, Explosion, Severe Weather, Natural Disaster, Special Incident, Mutual Aid

Average Department Response Time: 5 minutes 44 seconds

Top 3 Response Districts for July:

- 1. Station 3289 incidents18%
- 2. Station 3385 incidents17%
- 3. Station 3681 incidents16%

Answering the Call Then, Carrying the Mission Forward Today

As Klein Fire Department celebrates 75 years of service and **Representative Sam Harless** concludes his distinguished career of public service, we reflect on the people behind the mission and the community that makes it possible.

Twenty-five years this month, Americans watched as firefighters, police officers, paramedics, construction workers, and ordinary citizens answered the call under unimaginable circumstances on September 11, 2001.

The images of that day remain etched in our nation’s memory. They remind us that public service is more than a profession. It is a calling...a commitment to place others before self, even when the outcome is uncertain.

That spirit did not begin on September 11. It was amplified. And it continues on, everlasting. For 75 years, Klein Fire Department has carried that mission forward right here at home. As Representative Harless prepares to retire after years of service to the people of Texas, it is fitting to recognize the shared commitment that connects public servants across generations: answering the call when the community needs you most.

The Klein Fire Department was built by volunteers, sustained by community support, and strengthened by leaders who understood the importance of protecting their neighbors. Today, that legacy continues through the firefighters, officers, support staff, elected officials and commissioners, and residents who work together to keep our community safe.

And while the equipment, gear and apparatus have changed and the department has grown into 24/7/365 staffing, the mission remains remarkably simple –

Show up.

Help people.
Make a difference.

Every day, Klein firefighters answer hundreds of calls. Most never make headlines. Yet each one represents a neighbor experiencing one of the scariest moments of their life. Sometimes that moment lasts only seconds.

Sometimes it changes a family's future forever.

Earlier this year, a 42-year-old man walked into an urgent care facility seeking treatment for chest pain. Moments later, his heart stopped.

Tower 34 firefighters and ESD 11 paramedics arrived and immediately began advanced life-saving care. Through rapid intervention, coordinated teamwork, and relentless effort, they restored circulation and gave the patient a fighting chance.

Several days later, he walked out of the hospital neurologically intact and returned home to his family. That outcome was not luck.

It was the direct result of training, readiness, teamwork, and a system designed to respond when every second matters.

On another call, firefighters from around our area and law enforcement responded to an apartment fire with reports of victims trapped inside.

The crew of Klein Fire Engine 37 entered conditions marked by extreme heat, dense smoke, and zero visibility. Two of our firefighters located an unconscious victim inside the apartment and worked alongside their company officer and a firefighter from Ponderosa Fire's Engine 62 to remove him from the building. Once outside, lifesaving efforts immediately began.

Despite exhausting conditions and ongoing rescue operations, firefighters continued searching for additional victims while suppression operations remained underway around them.

These are the moments the public rarely sees.

The long hours of training.

The split-second decisions.

The teamwork required when lives hang in the balance.

They are also reminders that heroism does not always happen on a national stage. Often, it happens quietly, in neighborhoods and apartment complexes, in urgent care centers, in homes and senior living facilities, and alongside roadways throughout our community.

Answering the call is also not limited to emergency scenes.

It can be found in firefighters teaching CPR to residents. It can be found in station tours that inspire future first responders. It can be found in crews spending extra time with students of all ages, offering compassion to a worried family member, or helping a senior citizen navigate a difficult day.

Those acts of service may not generate headlines, but they strengthen the fabric of the community just the same.

Over the decades, Klein Fire Department has evolved from an all-volunteer organization into one of the region’s leading, ISO 2 class, combination, all-hazard emergency service providers. That growth has been made possible by a community that understands the value of preparedness, training, and public safety. Representative Harless has long recognized that reality. Throughout his public service career, he has been a strong advocate for first responders and the local emergency service districts that protect Texas communities every day.

His support helped strengthen the partnership between elected leaders, emergency responders, and the residents they serve.

As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11 and celebrate 75 years of Klein Fire Department history, we are reminded that the strength of any community is measured not only by how it responds to tragedy, but by the everyday commitment of people willing to serve others.

The firefighters who responded on September 11 and the days after answered the call.

The generations of Klein firefighters who have served since 1951 answered the call.

The firefighters responding today continue to answer the call.

And thanks to the encouragement of our community, that mission remains strong for the generations that will follow.

Because while times change, one thing does not: When someone needs help, someone must be willing to answer. For 75 years, that has been Klein Fire Department’s promise to the community. And it remains our promise today.



Thank you for being part of this journey. Let’s keep safety growing faster—together.

Klein FD Out and About in the District



The Klein Fire Department is rated ISO Class 2 and provides Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Medical Emergency Assistance to a resident population of 173,549 residents covering the Spring/Klein area and encompassing approximately 49 square miles.

*If you have questions or wish to learn more about the Klein Fire Department, please visit our online homes:
www.HCESD16.org | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)*

ESD 16 Website

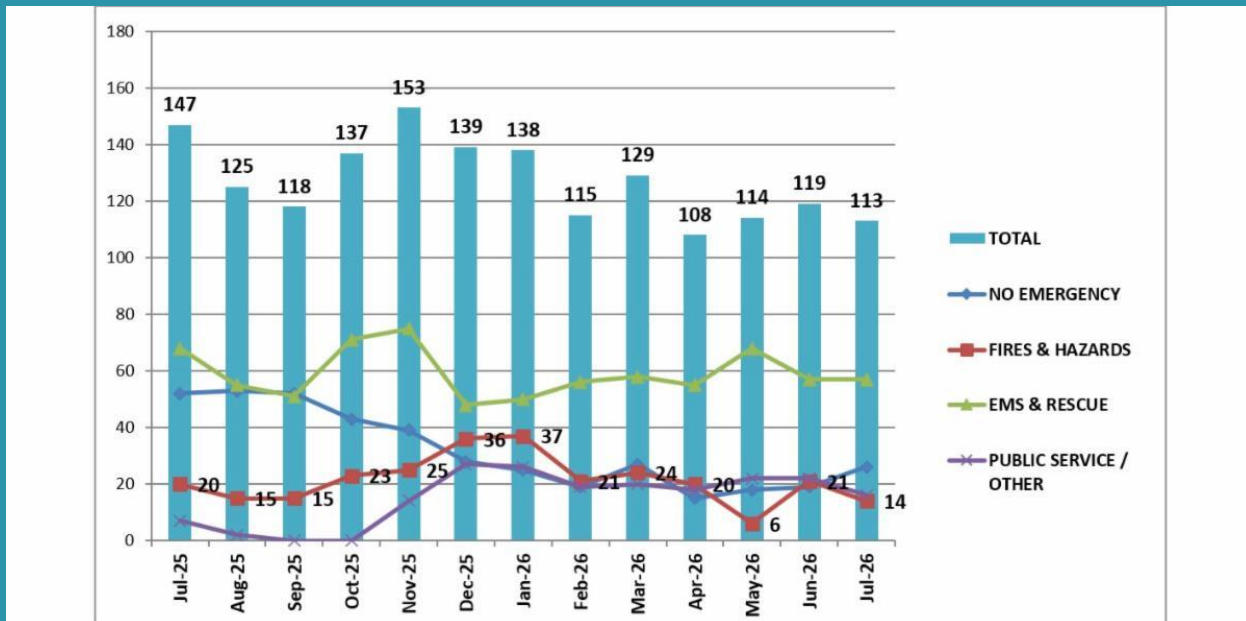
ESD 29 - Champions Fire Department Monthly Update



ESD 29 / Champions Fire Department

Our service area includes Greenwood Forest, Huntwick, Champions and other communities in the immediate area. Generally, the boundaries run from Cypress Creek on the North to Bourgeois on the South and Stuebner Airline over to Cutten Rd.

Service Area Map



Average Response time for July 2026: 5 minutes 32 seconds



IT'S HOT
OUTSIDE!

STAY COOL.
STAY HYDRATED.
STAY INFORMED.





BEAT THE HEAT:

Extreme Heat

Heat-related deaths are preventable

WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.



Children

WHO:

More males than females are affected



Older adults



Outside workers



People with disabilities

WHERE:



Houses with little to no AC



Construction worksites



Cars

HOW to AVOID:



Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages



Stay cool in an air conditioned area



Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes



During extreme heat the temperature in your car could be deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°



Time Elapsed: 20 minutes



Time Elapsed: 40 minutes



Time Elapsed: 60 minutes

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/extreme-heat/prevention/index.html>

www.championsfire.org

Champions ESD

Schools In Our District



[Klein ISD Website](#)

For more information on their school and schedule, go to their website [here](#).



[Tomball ISD Website](#)

For more information on their school and schedule, go to their website [here](#).



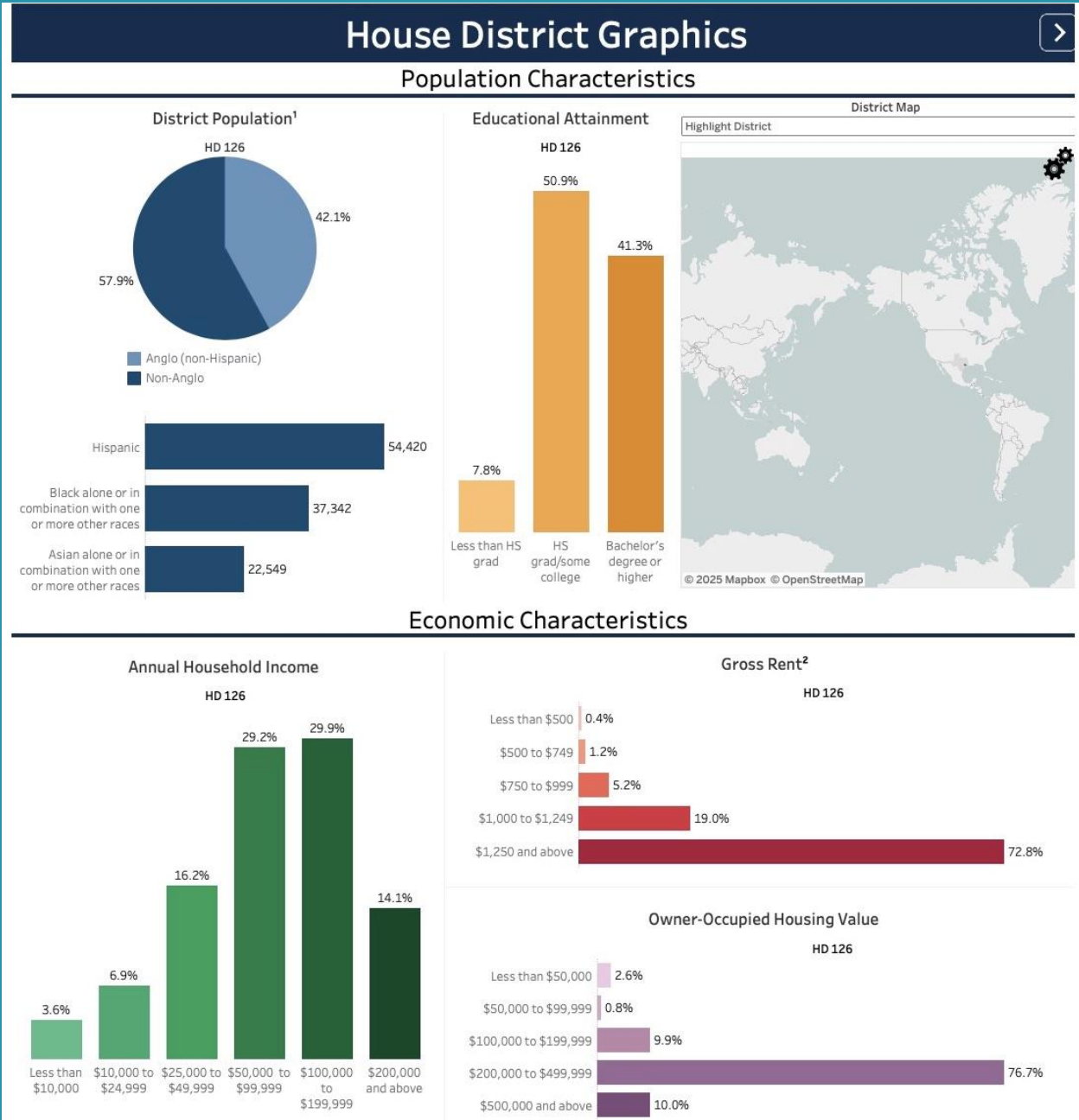
[CyFair ISD Website](#)

For more information on their school and schedule, go to their website [here](#).

TWC Unemployment Resources

TWC Website to Apply for Benefits: [TWC Unemployment Benefits](#)

TWC has a new Chat service on their website in the bottom right of the screen, called "Chat With Us". This new function will be able to answer most general questions from individual. <https://www.twc.texas.gov>



ReadyHarris Website: <https://www.readyharris.org/#resources>

Harris County Fire Marshal hotline to report businesses who are in violation of the County and State health and safety policies - [832-839-6941](tel:832-839-6941)

Precinct 3 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 3 Community Assistance](#)

Precinct 4 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 4 Community Assistance](#)

People can sign up to receive emergency alerts from Harris County at: [Ready Harris Alert Signup](#).

Also, 2-1-1 is a resource hotline set up by Harris County. If someone is in need of resources fast they can call that number and they will be connected to resources in their community. They can also text CV19 to 888-777. This hotline is available 24/7.

City of Houston

Houston Public Health Dept - <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

Ready Harris Accessible Alerts

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security& Emergency Management has launched the new Ready Harris Accessible Alerts (RHAA). This new system is providing access to alerts, warnings, and preparedness information to persons who are Deaf, Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have low-vision through a new one-stop-website. To sign up, we encourage members of the community to visit <https://hct.ahasalerts.com>.

Community members can also text AHAS to [\(281\) 609-9093](tel:(281)609-9093) to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

Homeless Resources

Sheriff's Department - Homeless Outreach

- [Online Contact Form](#)
- [Email](#)

Houston Police - Homeless Outreach

- [\(832\) 394-4200](tel:(832)394-4200) - Operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm
- [Online Referral](#)

- [Email](#)

TxDOT Trash & Litter

- [Complaints and reports](#)

Federal Resources / Websites

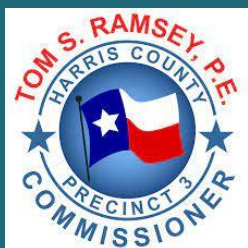
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

Small Business Administration: [SBA](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed (during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.)

FEMA Corona Response: [FEMA CoronaVirus](#)



Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey Capitol Project Update

[Visit Precinct 3 Website](#)

[Pct 3 Request for Service](#)

Harris County Precinct 3 Road and Bridge

Harris County Precinct 3 maintains the highest level of standards in maintaining over 6,600 lane miles of roadway and associated bridges throughout the area. Maintenance includes road reconstruction, storm debris removal, sign installation, right of way mowing, and more.

Please see the list below for projects that are currently under construction that are in or affect our area, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, **[click here.](#)** To follow their current capitol projects list, click the button below.

Pct 3 Capitol Improvement Projects



Harris County Precinct 4

Commissioner Lesley Briones

Precinct 4's Infrastructure Division

The Infrastructure Division administers and manages Precinct 4's Capital Improvement Projects Program. The CIP program includes road expansion projects, traffic signals and intersection improvements, and traffic management systems designed to improve mobility and air quality.

The Infrastructure Division also oversees the Child Safety Fund which is used to provide warranted school zone flashing warning signals in compliance with Precinct 4's criteria, the installation of a warranted traffic signal system facilitating the movement of traffic around a school facility to promote student safety. To find out if your area meets the criteria of the flashing warning signal, please click [Flashing Warning Signals](#).

Community Assistance Department

Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we have one stop, one phone number, one e-mail address for you to find a solution to any need you might have in Harris County. Tell us what's needed and we do the work! Whether it is a street or a stop sign to be replaced, a road or sinkhole repaired, or questions or comments about Precinct 4 services, CAD can assist.

The staff researches and responds to thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails each year concerning road and bridge maintenance and various issues throughout Harris County and Precinct 4.

In addition to processing requests for maintenance, CAD seeks to have a presence and be available to our community by attending a variety of community events and liaising with various agencies within Harris County and Precinct 4.

[Precinct 4 Commissioner Website](#)

[Pct 4 Capitol Improvement Projects](#)

[Community Assistance Request Page](#)

Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Representing the business and community interests in the Cypress Creek/North Harris County area since 1974, the Houston Northwest Chamber is actively engaged as a liaison with state, local, and federal leadership to promote the area on a variety of issues.



Houston Northwest
Chamber of Commerce



Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation and Mobility Committee
2nd Tuesday of each month
Meeting Location:
29201 Quinn Rd.
Tomball, Texas 77375
Upstairs Conference Room

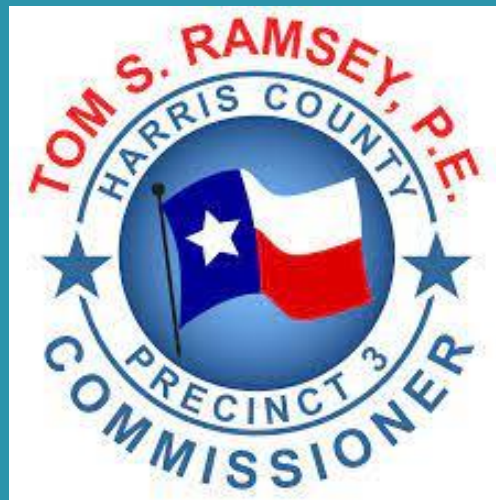
Tomball Government Affairs Committee

Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce
Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

The committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month to discuss governmental issues that confront their Cy-Fair area. They meet at the Chamber offices located at 8711 Highway 6 North, Ste. 120 Houston, TX 77095.



Cy-Fair Chamber of
Commerce



Harris County Pct 3 Public Safety Forum

Meets at:
Glorious Way Church
11611 Champions Forest Dr
Houston, TX 77066

Local representatives from criminal justice and government agencies make presentations and discuss issues important to the community.

The button below provides a link to sign up for our alerts and lists.

[Public Safety Forum Signup](#)

[Visit our House of Representatives Website](#)

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