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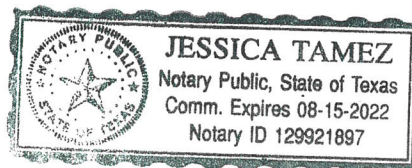
**Fort Bend County Traffic Notices: Learning Tree Lane Extension Street Dedication;
Creekside Ranch, Section 8 and Grand Vista Springs Boulevard. 8.**

Seshadri Kumar
Publisher

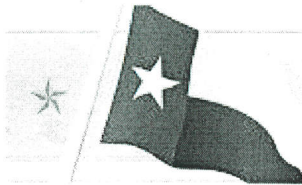
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QTY	PERIOD	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10	8/14/2019	10 traffic notices, 4 inches each @ \$4.59: TRAFFIC Bellaire Boulevard Street Dedication Section 1; Bonbrook Plantation North, Section 13; Fairpark Village, Section 9; Hamlink Road; Heritage Bluff Drive and Trinity Woods Crossing; Mirandola Lane Street Dedication; River Glade Lane within Pecan Ridge; Sunrise Meadow Drive; Tamarron, Section 26; and Walnut Creek Section 25	\$183.60
3	8/21/2019	Three traffic notices, 4 inches each @ \$4.59: Learning Tree Lane Extension Street Dedication; Creekside Ranch, Section 8 and Grand Vista Springs Boulevard. 8;	\$55.08
5	9/4/2019	Five traffic notices, 4 inches each @ \$4.59: Intersection of Mount Logan at San Marco Drive; Masons Field Road; Bonbrook Plantation South, Section 5; Sendero Tract Canyon Fields Drive Street Dedication; anMcCrary Meadows, Section 4d	\$91.80
4	9/11/2019	4 traffic notices, 4 inches each @ \$4.59: TRAFFIC Jeske Road; Sienna Planation, Section 15A; Fort Bend ISD High School No. 11; and Aliana, Section 69	\$73.44

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	Current Invoice: \$403.92
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Payment is due upon receipt. Thank you for your business.

Lamar CISD gets an A; Fort Bend ISD gets B rating

Fort Bend ISD got an overall B grade in the Texas Education Agency's accountability system, although all of Fort Bend ISD's campuses met the 2019 accountability standard set by the TEA.

The 2019 District and campus accountability results were released to school districts, with 48 of FBISD's campuses receiving Distinctions.

Under the state's new accountability system, which assigns a letter grade to all public school campuses in each of the state's domains, 74 of the District's 77 rated campuses received an A, B, or C.

Only three campuses received a D, and there were no F ratings. FBISD students and campuses achieved significant growth.

Fort Bend ISD was given a B rating because the district grade is capped at a B if any school receives an overall grade of D or F, even if the overall district score is an A.

according to a press release issued by the school district.

For this reason, although FBISD achieved an overall score of 90, the reported score is capped at 89.

"This year's state accountability results demonstrate that our hard work is paying off. Over the last seven years, we have worked as a collective team - from the board room to the classroom - to develop and implement new systems and new curriculum that ensure all students have equitable access to a quality education. I am especially proud of our teachers. They are doing a phenomenal job in classrooms each day and truly making it happen," said FBISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Dupre.

Student Growth and Progress

While 2019 is the first year of official A-F ratings, each campus received overall and domain scores in 2018 that could be interpreted as letter

grades. In 2019, ten FBISD campuses progressed from a D or F grade to a B or C.

Lantern Lane Elementary saw the most dramatic student gains, as the campus received an F score in 2018 and earned a B in 2019.

- Glover Elementary and Hunters Glen Elementary progressed from an F score to a C.
- Mission Bend Elementary improved from a D score to a B.
- Both Marshall High School and Willowridge High School improved from a D score to a C.

- The District met all twenty-five Domain 3: Closing the Gaps targets for Student Success Status and School Quality in ELA/Reading and Mathematics.
- The District achieved twenty-six of twenty-eight Domain 3: Closing the Gaps targets in Growth Status.
- All twenty-eight targets in

Academic Achievement for ELA/Reading and Mathematics were achieved.

•All student groups met the participation rate of 95% or above. All student groups were at 99% or 100% participation.

Distinction Designations:

In 2019, FBISD campuses earned a total of 157 distinctions in seven categories, compared to 134 in 2018.

The seven categories in which a campus may earn a distinction are:

- English Language Arts/Reading; Math; Science; Social Studies; Academic Growth; Closing Performance Gaps; and Post-Secondary Readiness.

At the campus level, 48 campuses earned one or more Distinction Designations, and 4 campuses earned all Distinction Designations for which they were eligible. A list of all campus distinctions is available in the 2019 Distinction Designations Summary.

"While we are pleased with the gains in the state accountability results, it is also important that we all recognize how Fort Bend ISD uses the STAAR test and accountability results to analyze and disrupt trends.

"We know no single test or A-F rating can adequately portray the work that goes on inside of our school buildings each day," said Dupre.

"In Fort Bend ISD, we are committed to developing the

whole child, in accordance with the skills and attributes of our Profile of a Graduate and the expectations of our community. We are proud of our ongoing work to develop a community-based accountability system so that we can measure our success in a way that is more meaningful and productive. We are preparing students to lead real lives in the real-world, which means our work must go well beyond high-stakes testing."

Fort Bend ISD has joined with more than 50 school districts in the state to build a better accountability framework, which is being piloted at 6 campuses in the District.

It is believed that this system will benefit students, going beyond tests that measure past performance on narrowly defined criteria to focus on current and future success while providing opportunities for students to explore their talents, interests and passions.

Learn more about the development of this community-based accountability system at www.fortbendis.com/cbas.

Lamar CISD Earns "A"

Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) is one of 301 school districts and charter schools in the state to receive an overall "A" rating for 2018-2019 by the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) A-F Accountability System.

School districts are given an overall rating based on perfor-

mance in three areas - Student Achievement, School Progress and Closing the Gaps. Districts earn an "A" (90-100) for exemplary performance when they serve most students well and encourage high academic achievement and/or appropriate academic growth for students.

Additionally, Lamar CISD campuses earned a total of 86 distinctions in 2019, compared to 78 in 2018. The seven categories in which campuses can earn a distinction are English Language Arts/Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Academic Growth, Closing Performance Gaps and Post-Secondary Readiness.

At the campus level, 28 campuses earned one or more Distinction Designations and three campuses earned all Distinction Designations for which they were eligible.

"We're extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of our staff, and the determination of our students," said Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle.

"This accountability rating reflects the vision of our board and the combined efforts of our staff, families and community to create an environment where students feel encouraged and supported, and as a result, excel academically."

For more information on the A-F Accountability Ratings, visit www.TXschools.gov.

Lamar CISD offers a 5% pay raise to its employees

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees approved the proposed tax rate and 2019-2020 includes a 5 percent pay increase for all returning Lamar CISD employees.

During the Aug. 15 regular meeting, the board approved Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate for 2019-2020 is \$0.97 and the Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate is

\$0.35, bringing the total Lamar CISD tax rate to \$1.32 per \$100 of taxable value.

The 2019-2020 compensation plan includes an increase of \$3,000 for all returning teachers with five years or less of experience and an increase of \$3,500 for all teachers with six or more years of experience. Non-instructional staff will receive a 5 percent

midpoint increase based on pay grade.

"In Lamar CISD, we value our employees and we're proud to invest in our talented staff," said Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle. "We're also grateful for the continued support of our School Board which prioritizes retaining quality teachers and staff."

City of Rosenberg to begin 'Smoke Testing' sanitary sewer lines

Rosenberg

Crews from the city of Rosenberg Utilities Department will soon begin conducting smoke testing on the sanitary sewer lines as part of the implementation of an Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Program.

The program objective is to remove storm water sources from the sanitary sewer system, keep wastewater treatment costs and sanitary sewer rates low and protect the environment.

The testing is scheduled to begin on the north side of Rosenberg by the end of the month and move by quadrants throughout the rest of the City. Testing will be performed Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Residents should perform the following tasks to ensure smoke does not enter your home:

- Make sure all drain traps and plumbing fixtures have water in them. Fill seldom used drains (such as floor drains, garage sinks, etc.) with water by running the faucet for 30 to 60 seconds or filling the drain with approximately 2 gallons of water.
- Prepare drains as soon as you receive the smoke testing reminder notice; this only needs to be done once before testing begins. Reminder notices will be given to residents at least 24-48 hours prior to testing in specific areas.

"You do not need to be home

Shining a Light on Mental Health Conference

Sheriff Troy E. Nehls and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office are hosting the Shining a Light on Mental Health Conference. Addressing America's Crisis. This free, all-day mental health conference is open to Fort Bend County residents. Children 13 years of age and older are encouraged to attend with their parents.

"We need to have a serious discussion in this country about America's mental health," says Sheriff Nehls. "Every day in our country and country we are seeing the devastating effects of mental illness. It affects not only the individual but their family, friends, community, and law enforcement."

We have a powerful line-up of top mental health experts from across the region and country. The speakers will address topics from intervention to treatment, including Suicide, Drugs & School Trends, Bullying, Dementia & Alzheimers, Understanding One's Mind, and much more. Keynote speaker, Kevin Hines, will share his story of hope, healing, and recovery after he attempted to take his life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge.

The conference will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Safari Texas Ranch in Richmond, Texas. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To attend, please register online at <https://www.fbcsoshines.com/>, and sign up for the sessions you are interested in.

during the smoke testing field work.

"Smoke should not enter your home; however, if it does this could be an indication of a defect in your plumbing system. This defect could allow sewer gases to enter inside your home, which is a potential health hazard. Corrections of such defects on private property are the responsibility of the property owner, and a licensed plumber should be consulted to ensure the proper corrections are made.

If smoke does enter your home or building, please notify the field technicians who are conducting the test.

Smoke Testing helps locate defective openings and inappropriate connections in the sewer system that allow rainwater runoff to enter, decreasing the system's capacity and ability to handle normal flows.

Smoke testing requires crews to access manholes and force air combined with non-toxic smoke into the sewer mains to disclose the location of leaks and non-permitted connections. A defect is detected if smoke is seen coming up out of the ground or other unexpected locations.

The smoke is non-toxic, creates no fire hazard, leaves no residue, dissipates quickly and is harmless, although those with respiratory issues may wish to take extra precautions such as leav-

ing the home for a few hours until testing is complete. The Rosenberg Police and Fire Departments have been made aware of the testing. For more information, call Utilities Customer Service at 832-595-3400 or visit <http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/wastewater>

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Creekside Ranch, Section 8, Precinct 3.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 401 Jackson Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Texas. You are invited to attend and state your approval or objection on this matter.

Submitted by:
Laura Richard
Fort Bend County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Grand Vista Springs Boulevard at Beechnut Street, Precincts 2 and 3.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 401 Jackson Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Texas. You are invited to attend and state your approval or objection on this matter.

Submitted by:
Laura Richard
Fort Bend County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Learning Tree Lane Extension Street Dedication, and Briarwood Crossing Drive and Learning Tree Lane Extension Street Dedication, Precinct 1.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 401 Jackson Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Texas. You are invited to attend and state your approval or objection on this matter.

Submitted by:
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Fort Bend County Clerk

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 17 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: D Gornet & N. Ming
AGAINST the proposal: (none)
PRESENT and not voting: (none)
ABSENT: V. Mehrotra

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.570 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.560 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.010 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates		-1.7544%
Average appraised value	\$523,874	\$521,712
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$523,874	\$521,712
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,986.08	\$2,921.59
Annual change in tax on average residence if Proposed tax rate is adopted		-\$64.49
And percentage increase/decrease		-2.1597%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase 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 rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to
Esther BuenteFlores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223.