

# PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of **Fort Bend Independent** and that said newspaper meets the requirements of Section 2051.044 of the Texas Government Code, to wit:

1. It devotes not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its total column lineage to general interest items;
2. It is published at least once each week;
3. It is entered as second-class postal matter in the county where it is published; and
4. It has been published regularly and continuously since 2008.

Publisher further deposes and says that the attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date (s) to wit:

**Aug. 5, 2020**

**Traffic notices Grand Mission estates, Sec 26; Sienna Plantation Sec.18;  
Canyon Village Sec. 3; Creekside Ranch Sec. 11; Jordan Ranch Sec. 15; Rancho Bella Pkwy;  
Benton Road; and Veranda Sec. 30.**



**Seshadri Kumar**

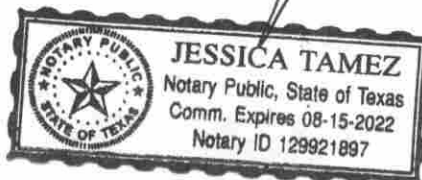
Publisher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME by Seshadri Kumar who

- (a) Is personally known to me, or
- (b) Provided the following evidence to establish his/ her identity,

On this the 21st day of August, 2020 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas



## AUTOMOBILE: BMW X6 60i



By BARBARAFULENWIDER

The small but fast BMW X6 has 335 hp and goes from 0-60 in 5.2 seconds. It is equipped with a 3.0-liter twinpower turbo engine available as an inline 6-cylinder or V8. Torque is 330 lb.-ft. @ 1500-2500.

The 6 cylinder 24-valve combines a twin scroll turbocharger with variable valve control and high precision direct injection. The 8-speed automatic transmission has steering wheel mounted paddle shifters and launch control.

The M Sport Exhaust system is available on the X6 xDrive 40i and X6 Drive 40i and both provide a relaxed sporty drive. Top speed on the Beamer is 150 mph.

The 8-speed sport automatic transmission with

sport and manual shift modes and fuel consumption is 20 in city driving and 36 on the highway. The tires are all season run flat and on the BMW X6 are 9.0 inches on the wheels and 45 inches front and back.

The BMW X6 sports a wide stance and horizontal contours. The iconic kidney grille adds distinction for a bold impression. There are an array of wheel designs including 22" designs.

The X6 offers premium comfort and limitless customization that includes glass controls, leather dashboard, exclusive interior trims, standard leather upholstered seats and more.

The small sporty SUV has adaptive LED headlights with laser light that provides a design that illuminates the

road. Using the BMW Key or BMW Connected app, the remote engine start can perfect the temperature of the Beamer in advance.

Available traffic jam assistant or driving assistance professional package provides steering assistance with minimal driver interaction in low speed traffic situations that deliver extra comfort on metropolitan drives.

There are power-folding heated side mirrors and chrome exhaust tips. The BMW X6 has Vernasca leather upholstery and a fully finished cargo area with velour carpeting and remote trunk release.

BMW connectivity includes wireless features, remote service and intuitive technology. TeleServices, Connected Drive services

and enhanced smartphone connectivity etc. would include just about everything a driver would want.

More items to keep a driver happy include rear-window defroster, outside temperature display, speed limit information, and tire pressure monitor. Comfort and convenience features include engine start stop button, 40/20/40 split folding rear

seats, power windows with key-off operation, panorama moonroof with fully automatic 2-piece glass panel, etc.

Also, automatic climate control, power adjustable steering column, front-seat center console, power tailgate, access keyless entry with multifunction remote control, automatic tilt down of right outside mirror, automatic dimming interior rear view

mirror, 3-stage heated fronted seats, ambient lighting, power outlets in front center console storage compartment and rear center console and trunk, fog lights and rear view camera.

As BMW calls their vehicles, the Ultimate Driving Machine came to \$66,600. Various packages put on it went to \$72,020. It's a fine vehicle that is fun to ride in and drive.

## HTA awards 19 outstanding students with \$20,000 in scholarship funds

The Houston Tennis Association (HTA) has distributed college scholarships totaling \$20,000 to 19 greater Houston area high school graduates. The students received sums from \$1,000 to \$2,000. In addition to HTA contributions, funds have been provided by the HTA/NJTL (National Junior Tennis and Learning), the National Senior Women's Clay Court Championships, the Steve Wofford Memorial Scholarship Fund, Houston Ladies Tennis Association (HLTA), HLTA Mary Gaines Memorial Fund, West Houston Ladies Tennis Association, the LeMaster Husband-Wile tournament, the Sean Rudolph Memorial Scholarship, World

Oilmun's Tennis Tournament and the Fayer Sarofim & Co. U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship.

Students who received the grants and their high schools and college destinations are Turner Anderson (Montgomery, Texas A&M), Keshav Balaji (UT Arlington), Camille Blecher (home school, Texas A&M), Sebastian Delgado (Dobie, Lamar U), Noah Elzner (Bull High, Rice), Alexander Hong (Stratford, UT Austin), Katherine Johnston (St. John's, Washington U in St. Louis), Chloe Ku (Clements, Case Western Reserve), Jadun Lau (Stratford, Northwestern), Armida Montemayor (Klein Forest, Lone Star College-

University Park), Paola Montoya (Galena Park, UH), Giselle Morales (Dobie, UH Clear Lake), Kristy Morales (Dobie, UH Clear Lake), Emily Muckleroy (Ridge Point, Texas A&M), Joshua Rassin (Lamar, Washington and Lee), Gabriela Sandoval (Northbrook, UH), Tyler Tran (Glenb Dawson, UT Austin), Grayson Van Pelt (Clear Falls, Texas A&M), and Jennifer Vu (George Bush, UH).

All 19 students played either varsity tennis for their high school teams, participated in NJTL and/or in local USTA tournaments.

The HTA has awarded more than \$343,000 in scholarship funds to deserving high school seniors since 1992.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Grand Mission Estates, Section 26, Precinct 4.

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, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Grand Plantation Section 11, Precinct 1.

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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, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Canyon Village at Westberry Lakes, Section 3, Precinct 1.

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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, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Creekside Ranch Section 11, Precinct 3.

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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, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Jorden Lynch Section 13 and Jordan Ranch Street, Dedication No. 1 and Reserve, 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:  
Laura Richard  
Fort Bend County Clerk

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Rancho Bella Parkway at Miralinda Lane in Lakes of Bella Terra Subdivision, 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, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Benton Road at City Creek Boulevard in Walnut Creek, 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:  
Laura Richard  
Fort Bend County Clerk

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Heranda Section 38, Precinct 1.

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Submitted by:  
Laura Richard  
Fort Bend County Clerk

## Application for the Free/Reduced Meals program for the 2020-21 school year now open

The application for the Free/Reduced Price Meals program is now open, and families can apply through the SchoolCafe app.

The Free/Reduced Price Meals program offers healthy breakfast and lunch meals to eligible students at no or reduced costs to families.

Families who qualified for the program in the 2019-20 school year will need to reapply in order to retain their student's benefits.

The District will use the following criteria to determine a student's eligibility:

- Household income that

is at or below the income eligibility levels, or

- Households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR), or
- Children with the status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant farm worker or displaced by a declared disaster, or enrolled in Head Start.

When applying, parents will need to have the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency and source of current income for each household member
- Last four digits of the parent's or guardian's social security number
- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Families may apply at any time during the school year, should their household circumstances change, including the loss of a job, a decrease in household income or the increase in household

size. FBISD is working to identify students who may qualify under categorical or program eligibility, and these households will be notified of their children's eligibility status. They will not need to complete a Free/Reduced Price Meals application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels that it should have can call the FBISD Child Nutrition Department at (281) 634-1855 or at mealapps@fortbendisd.com.

Artificial intelligence program launched at Houston Community College

Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., called the new AI program "a game-changer for our college."

"It is the latest of HCC's ongoing efforts to embrace new technologies and keep a pulse on the ever-changing needs of the industry," he said. "Offering an innovative program like AI will allow our students to take advantage of all the accelerated job openings in Houston, in Texas and beyond."

HCC Southwest President Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Ed.D., said the new program continues the college's initiative to develop curricula relevant to the 21st century technological landscape.

"AI has been transforming many aspects of the workplace today and will have a growing impact on our economy and lives," she said. "I'm excited we have made this leap forward for our students who will help take the technology to the next level in the future."

The new curriculum

will provide students with fundamentals of the best practices in artificial intelligence. AAS graduates can move on to a four-year university to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science, cybersecurity or electrical engineering, said G. Brown, Ph.D., program coordinator of Networking and Telecommunications at HCC Southwest.

"Because of a dire shortage of AI specialists, many companies are offering big salaries," Brown said. "AI specialists are in high demand by companies like Microsoft, Apple and Amazon, as well as NASA and SpaceX."

Last year, the job site indeed.com placed machine learning engineer on the top of its annual list of the 25 best jobs, citing a 344 percent increase in job postings from 2015 to 2018 with an annual base salary of \$146,000. Machine learning is an application of AI.

"AI specialists combine different technologies to enable machines to sense, comprehend, act and learn with human-like levels of intelligence - whether it's a smart building turning off lights to conserve energy, a robot learning to navigate a path on its own, or a drone using computer vision technology to avoid objects," Omishi said.

Josh Hankston with MACE Virtual Labs, a partner of HCC, said the new AI program is a "win for MACE." The Houston-based company collaborated with HCC Southwest to open a virtual reality lab in 2019.

"The future of technology and the scope of all the industries that HCC services can only stand to benefit from more understanding and integration of things like machine learning and artificial intelligence," he said. Registration for the AI program is underway at HCC. To enroll, call 713-718-7631 or visit [hccs.edu/apply](http://hccs.edu/apply)

**MISSOURI CITY**  
City of Missouri City

THIS IS A MANDATED PUBLICATION OF THE LEGAL NOTICE:

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 20-040 for Legal Services for Civil Service Matters.  
Commodity Code: 961-49  
RFQ due date August 27, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Submit your qualifications via email in a pdf document, to the following with the following in the subject line: "REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 20-040 LEGAL SERVICES FOR CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS"

Shannon Pleasant, CTPM Procurement & Risk Manager City of Missouri City  
shannon.pleasant@missouricitytx.gov

Prior to the acceptance deadline, Responses marked improperly and therefore misdirected may be disqualified. Until final award of the contract, the City reserves the right to reject any or all responses, to waive irregularities or technicalities, to re-advertise, or proceed to do work otherwise when in the best interests of the City.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

HCC is the 1st community college in Texas to grant AAS degree in AI.

Online This Fall

Register Now  
HCCS.EDU/APPLY  
713.718.7631

HCC  
Houston Community College

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The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Jordan Ranch Section 15 and Jordan Ranch Street Dedication No. 3 and Reserves, 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**

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Submitted by,  
**Laura Richard**  
**Fort Bend County Clerk**

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The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Sienna Plantation Section 18, 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.

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**Fort Bend County Clerk**

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Submitted by,  
**Laura Richard**  
**Fort Bend County Clerk**

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The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Veranda Section 30, Precinct 1.

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Submitted by,  
**Laura Richard**  
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