9 stories to follow in 2018

1. County officials prepare for Harvey’s effects on reappraisals

2. Harris County changes development codes in floodplains

3. Katy flood control improvements progressing

4. Highway projects seek to improve connections to I-10 and FM 1093

5. University of Houston — Katy campus set to open for 2019-20 school year

6. 2018 elections include area races from city council to Congress

7. Amazon fulfillment center set to open this February

8. Katy ISD moves forward with Harvey repairs

9. Progress made on Katy Boardwalk District

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Looking back and thinking ahead

Happy New Year, Katy-area readers! How are all those resolutions going? Like most, I have vowed to eat better and exercise more. I am off to a great start.

This issue is our Annual Community Guide, a new endeavor meant to provide a retrospective of the news in 2017 and how those events will shape this year. We have designed this paper to be kept as a reference beyond January, whether to find a fantastic new restaurant or boutique or to find relevant census data and Katy ISD information.

We have also compiled a list of major news stories we predict will continue to affect the Katy area over the next year, such as residential buyouts in flood-prone areas, and the development of the Katy Boardwalk.

The Annual Community Guide is a new concept for Community Impact Newspaper, so we would love your feedback. What do you find most useful, what else would you like to see? As you may have already noticed, we are constantly evolving to ensure that our readers are the most informed citizens in the community.

We hope you enjoy our Community Impact Newspaper edition this month, and as always, any questions or comments can be sent to my email on the right.

ASK THE EDITOR

What information is in the Annual Community Guide?

Happy New Year, Katy-ites! We hope your holidays were festive and bright. This issue reflects on the changes and challenges of 2017 and forecasts what will happen this year. Instead of our regular Impacts section, this month includes a roundup of new restaurants and stores that opened last year, and what is coming soon in 2018. We have compiled major transportation projects and notable facts for both Katy ISD and the city of Katy.

Readers can find guides of new real estate, plus major local hospitals and their scope. An annual events calendar is also included.

This month, we focus on the effect Tropical Storm Harvey is expected to have on the area’s property tax revenue, as well as quick hits on other major topics in the Katy area. We hope this issue serves as an invaluable resource throughout the year. Thank you for your readership and any questions or comments can be sent to my email on the left.

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The city of Katy is growing according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates that put the population at 17,116 in 2016. Its racial makeup is predominantly white with a median age of 35 to 36 years old. Most city residents have high school diplomas.

### Median Annual Household Income
- $71,739

### Median Home Value
- $156,400

### Median Annual Household Income

- **$24,999 or Less**: 10.1%
- **$25,000-$49,999**: 21.6%
- **$50,000-$74,999**: 19.5%
- **$75,000-$99,999**: 19.4%
- **$100,000-$149,999**: 14.9%
- **$150,000-$199,999**: 8.5%
- **$200,000 or More**: 5.9%

### High School Diploma
- 84.7% of residents have a high school diploma.

### Bachelor's Degree or Higher
- 29.9% of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher.

### Observations
- **Population Growth**: The population has been growing steadily from 2010 to 2016, with a significant increase from 2011 to 2012.
- **Aged Population**: The median age has remained relatively constant, suggesting a stable demographic composition.
- **Income Distribution**: A high percentage of residents earn between $25,000 and $49,999.
- **Educational Attainment**: A notable percentage of residents have bachelor's degrees or higher, indicating a well-educated population.

### Sources
- U.S. Census Bureau, City of Katy/Community Impact Newspaper
- Most recent data available for the City of Katy: 2016.
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DINING

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1 Black Bear Diner
24600 I-10, Katy
www.blackbear diner.com

2 Burger Theory
25406 Katy Mills Parkway, Katy
281-712-2363
www.facebook.com/burgertheorykaty

3 Cane Island Bar & Grill
4747 FM 1463, Katy
832-437-3048
www.caneislandbg.com

4 The Cheese Bar
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Ste. D130, Katy
281-394-7500
www.thecheesebar.net

5 The Local Bar
22756 Westheimer Parkway, Ste. 190, Katy
832-913-3941
www.thelocalbarkaty.com

6 Snooze an A.M. Eatery
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy
281-394-7780
www.snoozeeatery.com

7 Toasted Yolk Café
the Shoppes at Grand Crossing in Katy, near the southwest corner of I-10 and the Grand Parkway
www.thetoastedyolk.com

ASIAN

1 Astor Café & Bakery
1520 S. Mason Road, Ste. A, Katy
832-913-6465
www.facebook.com/astorcafeandbakery

2 Hurts Donuts
9555 Spring Green Blvd., Katy
www.facebook.com/hurts-donut-katy-texas-131288654138681

3 Kingdom Bakery
3030 Falcon Landing Blvd., Katy
713-306-5698
www.kingdom-bakery.com

4 La Baguette Bakery & Bistro
21821-10, Ste. A106, Katy
281-717-4651
www.facebook.com/labaguettebab

5 Shipley’s Donuts
1433 FM 1463, Katy
www.shipleysdonuts.com

6 Tom+Chee
21788-10, Ste. 500, Katy
281-394-9501
www.tomandchee.com

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3 Kingdom Bakery
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713-306-5698
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16 Spicy Isle Caribbean Kitchen
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832-336-4396
www.facebook.com/spicyisle
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

CHINESE

16 Pepper Twins
1315 W. Grand Parkway S., Ste. 116, Katy
281-201-6664
www.txpeppertwins.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

26 Tiger Noodle House
FM 1463 and Spring Green Boulevard, Katy
832-913-3938
www.tigercafe3x.com
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DESERT

16 Delices de Maurice
22764 Westheimer Parkway, Katy
832-437-5723
www.delicesdemaurice.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

26 Freezy Frenzy
21953 I-10, Ste. 50, Katy
832-437-1831
www.freezyfrenzy.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

36 Frios Gourmet Pops
2717 Commercial Center Blvd., Ste. E-185, Katy
281-394-9950
www.friospops.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

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31 Frios Gourmet Pops
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www.koldprezz.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

33 Leafology
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832-913-8707
www.leafologytea.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

33 Gelateria 4D
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832-970-1328
www.facebook.com/gelateria4dhoustond
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33 La Poire
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www.lapiorekaty.com
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33 Smallcakes Cupcakery and Creamery
24437 I-10, Ste. 400, Katy
281-394-7455
www.katysmallcakes.com
$5 D D O OPENED 2017

33 Sweet Paris Crêperie & Café
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Ste. S120, Katy
www.sweetparis.com
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33 Tiff’s Treats
217881-10, Ste. B-800, Katy
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33 Raising Cane’s
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281-492-0337
www.raisingcanes.com
$5 D D D O OPENED 2017

33 Jersey Mike’s Subs
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281-394-3460
www.jerseymikes.com
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33 Raising Cane’s
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281-693-3530
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47 **Jinya Ramen Bar**
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832-321-3087
www.jinya-ramenbar.com

50 **Fadi’s Mediterranean Grill**
21792 I-10, Katy
832-831-1177
www.fadiscuisine.com

56 **1000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria**
24600 I-10, Ste. 800, Katy
281-394-9739
www.1000degreespizza.com

**MEDITERRANEAN**

51 **MOD Pizza**
5102 FM 1463, Ste. 800, Katy
346-707-8154
www.modpizza.com/locations/fulshear

53 **Basas’s Mexican Grill**
21411 Clay Road, Katy
281-717-4658
www.facebook.com/baasamexicangrill

55 **Abuelo’s Mexican Restaurant**
24600 I-10, Ste. 100, Katy
281-394-9739
www.abuelos.com/locations/katy-tx

59 **MidiCi The Neapolitan Pizza Co.**
1463 Pin Oak Rd., Katy
281-396-4627
www.midici.com

**MEXICAN**

52 **DOCQ Grill and Bar**
25551 Kingsland Blvd., Ste. B-104, Katy
832-437-1135
www.docogrill.com

54 **Pizza Cucinova**
94 W. Grand Parkway S., Ste. 200, Katy
281-665-8669
www.pizzacucinova.com

61 **Casa Vera Mexican Restaurant**
1420 Katy Fort Bend Road, Ste. 130, Katy
832-683-0991
www.casaveramexicanrestaurant.com

64 **Mo’s Irish Pub**
17754 I-10, Ste. 1, Houston
281-206-7369
www.lucksypub.com

**PIZZA**

65 **Outback Steakhouse**
24600 I-10, Katy
281-492-2225
www.outback.com

66 **Azul Seafood Tapas**
21945 I-10, Ste. C, Katy
832-437-6179
www.facebook.com/azulefoodtapas

**PUBS**

67 **Fajita Pete’s**
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68 **Peli Peli**
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1. Sew Special Quilts  
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   www.sewspecialsa.com  
   OPENED 2017

**BEAUTY & COSMETICS**

2. The Salon by InStyle at JCPenney  
   23532 Grand Circle Blvd., Katy  
   281-574-3311  
   www.stores.jcpenney.com/tx/katy  
   OPENED 2017

3. TONYMOLY Cosmetics  
   23119 Colonial Parkway, Ste. B-7  
   https://tonymoly.us/  
   COMING SOON 2018

**CLOTHING**

4. Chloe’s Closet  
   805 Avenue B, Katy  
   281-665-1662  
   www.chloesclosetresale.com  
   OPENED 2017

5. Fort Bend Women’s Center Penny-wise Resale Store  
   323 S. Mason Road, Katy  
   713-344-5777  
   www.fbwc.org/pennywise/  
   OPENED 2017

6. Gracie’s Boutique at Pointe of Grace Dance Studio  
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   832-623-4365  
   www.pointeofgracedancestudio.com  
   OPENED 2017

7. Kipling  
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<td>Wild Birds Unlimited</td>
<td>23930 Westheimer Parkway, Ste. 115, Katy</td>
<td>832-437-4937</td>
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<td><strong>PETS &amp; ANIMALS</strong></td>
<td>Leslie’s Pool Supplies</td>
<td>5102 FM 1463, Ste. 1000, Fulshear</td>
<td>281-574-9245</td>
<td><a href="http://www.leliespool.com">www.leliespool.com</a></td>
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<td>Pinch A Penny Pool Patio &amp; Spa</td>
<td>9722 Gaston Road, Ste. 180, Katy</td>
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KATY ISD

ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS • 2016-17

- Met Standard
- Student achievement
- Student progress
- Closing the gaps
- Post-secondary readiness

STATISTICS • 2016-17

- 28.77% of student body economically disadvantaged
- 16.83% of student body who are English Language Learners (ELL)
- 58.95% state average
- 18.86% state average

DISTRICT STAAR PASSING SCORES BY GRADE • 2016-17

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End-of-course, all students:
- English I: 82%, English II: 82%, algebra I: 95%, biology: 96%, U.S. history: 98%

KATY ISD TOTAL STUDENTS

75,428

ACCORDING TO 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR STATE ENROLLMENT REPORTS

STUDENT ETHNICITY • 2016-17

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LANGUAGES SERVED

91

GRADUATION RATES

94% of students graduated within 4 years

SALARIES

- $57,328 Average annual salary of teachers
- $52,525 state average

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER CAMPUS TYPE

- Elementary School: 47.6%
- Middle School: 22.5%
- High School: 29.8%
**TRANSPORTATION**

**LOCAL PROJECTS**

**Westpark Tollway/FM 1093 expansion**
Westpark Tollway was extended west from the Grand Parkway to FM 1463 in Fulshear, and FM 1093 will be expanded to James Lane, for about $3 million. Construction of the two-lane frontage roads in either direction continues with remaining work primarily being grading, seeding and sodding, as well as constructing sidewalks, pedestrian ramps and final signals. The frontage roads will extend to Fulshear while the toll lanes will not be lengthened farther.

**Timeline:** February 2016-February 2018

**Spring Green Boulevard roundabout**
Construction began Jan. 8 on a four-legged roundabout that will connect two existing segments of Spring Green Boulevard, Katy Flewellen Road and Cinco Trace Drive. Crossover Road will be realigned to intersect Spring Green Boulevard north of the roundabout. The nearby gas pipeline was relocated. The project was delayed while the county acquired rights of way. Fort Bend County and Newland Homes are funding the project.

**Timeline:** January-May 2018

**Cane Island Parkway extension**
Two lanes of concrete road will be constructed on Cane Island Parkway between Willow Fork and FM 1463 as well as a new concrete bridge and channel improvements. The nearly $9 million project managed by Fort Bend County was nearly 40 percent complete by the end of 2017. Bridge beams were set, and crews were working on the FM 1463 intersection in early January.

**Timeline:** summer 2017-May 2018

**Franz Road relocation and expansion**
Franz Road from Avenue D to Reston Falls Lane was relocated and widened to a four-lane boulevard. Franz Road Phase 1 and construction of a bridge over the Cane Island Branch finished in the fall. Phase 2 is underway and includes the stretch between Scott Ranch and Bartlett roads. The original portion of Franz Road between Avenue D and Reston Falls Lane will be renamed Franz Court. The city of Katy is managing the project.

**Timeline:** October 2016-late spring 2018

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**PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2017**

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<td>Katy-Gaston Road was converted from a two-lane asphalt road to four lanes of concrete and realigned to connect with FM 1093.</td>
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<td>A 1-mile section of Morton Road between Katy Hockley Cut Off and Katy Hockley roads was widened from two to four lanes.</td>
<td>August</td>
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<td>West Road opened between Katy Hockley Cut Off and Peek roads, with four travel lanes transitioning to two lanes on the southern border of the future John Paul’s Landing Park.</td>
<td>August</td>
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<td>An intersection at Cane Island Boulevard and Hwy. 90 as well as a traffic signal for drivers to access the Cane Island master-planned community.</td>
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<td>Downtown Katy saw street and sidewalk renovations as well as new street parking to make way for a future public entertainment plaza.</td>
<td>December</td>
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2018
From festivals to fun runs, the Katy area hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

DOWNTOWN KATY

ALL YEAR

Katy Market Days
Downtown Katy hosts Katy Market Days the third Saturday of each month beginning in March for a farmer’s market style event. Artists, antique dealers, crafters, food trucks and area organizations set up booths near Katy City Hall while visitors stroll and shop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17.

FEBRUARY

3
Katy Half Marathon
Katy Mills hosts a 5K, a half-marathon, a Kids 1K and an option to run the races virtually. The half-marathon has an elite wave for more experienced runners as well as a standard start group. Any virtual runs must be complete within three days of the event. 6:43 a.m. (elite wave), 6:45 a.m. (half-marathon standard start), 7:45 a.m. (5K), 9:30 a.m. (Kids 1K), $105 (individual half-marathon), $130 (two-person team half-marathon), $50 (5K), $30 (Kids 1K), $70 (virtual half-marathon), $40 (virtual 5K), $25 (virtual Kids 1K). 5000 Katy Mills Circle, Katy. https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyHalfMarathon

10
Third Annual Graeme’s Run
No Label Brewing hosts the 5K and fun run. Registration packets can be picked up at No Label Brewery from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 8-9; same-day registration is available at 8:30 a.m. The run is named in honor of a 2-year-old who died of heart disease, and proceeds go to the Children’s Heart Foundation. 9 a.m. $40 (adult), $20 (child). 5351 First St., Katy. 281-693-7545. www.graemessuperheroes.org/register

10-11
Mardi Gras Geaux Big or Geaux Home party

MARCH

21
Pin Oak Charity Horse Show
The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show is held in March and April with events allowing equestrians to show off their horsemanship skills in hunter, jumper and saddle-bred events. The show also features a market with vendors, therapy ponies to visit and family activities. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome at the show. The show benefits the Texas Children’s Hospital. 5201 S. Mason Road, Katy. 713-621-6290. www.pinoak.org

APRIL

7
Katy Color Run 5K and Kids Color Dash
Several Katy area nonprofits come together for this joint fundraiser, including Compassion Katy, Hope Impacts and Katy Christian Ministries. Registration packets can be picked up from noon-6 p.m. April 3-6. Participants receive a T-shirt and goodie bag. 8 a.m. (5K), 9 a.m. (Kids Color Dash). $25 (early bird registration until Feb. 2), $30 (regular registration), $10 (Kids Color Dash). Kingsland Baptist Church, 20555 Kingsland Blvd., Katy. https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyColorRun5K

7-8
10th Annual Home for the Holidays Spring Gift Market
The event is held at the Katy ISD Merrell Center and features a variety of vendors. Sellers offer jewelry, women’s fashion, home décor and home made baked goods. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Saturday), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sunday). Free. 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy. 281-788-4297. www.homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com

8
Brazilian Food & Music Festival
The event is held at The Wildcatter Saloon and features Brazilian food, beverages, music and children’s activities. Local businesses are on hand to sell crafts. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. $5 (until April 5), $10 (after April 5). 26913 I-10, Katy. 281-392-2337. www.eventbrite.com/e/brazilian-food-music-festival-tickets-41226835575?aff=es2

JULY

4
Katy Freedom Celebration
The Katy Freedom Celebration is Katy’s annual 4th of July celebration and takes place at the city of Katy complex near the Katy Fire Department and VFW Park. The tradition features an evening program of fireworks and music near Typhoon Texas and Katy Mills mall after dark. Time and location to be determined.

SEPTEMBER

3
Katy Back to School 5K
The Katy Area Running Club hosts the Labor Day event, starting at the Villagio Town Center. Runners are chip timed and race proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations associated with education and athletics. 7 a.m. $30. Villagio Town Center, 22762 Westheimer Parkway, Katy. www.katyarearunningclub.com

OCTOBER

16-18
11th annual Home for the Holidays Gift Market
The show features 180 vendors to help keep holiday shopping local. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Friday and Saturday), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sunday). Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy. 281-788-4297. www.homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com

NOVEMBER

8
Katy 9th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas
The Downtown Katy event featuring a visit from Santa Claus and real snow. Canned foods are accepted for local food pantries. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 5717 Second St., Katy. 281-391-1993. www.katymarketday.com

DECEMBER

8
Katy Wild West Brew Fest 2018
The Rotary Club of Katy hosts the event featuring live music, food and craft beer tastings. Proceeds benefit area nonprofit organizations. VIP packages are available. 3-9 p.m. $25-$3,850 plus fees. Katy Mills, 5000 Katy Mills Circle, Katy. www.wildwestbrewfest.com
The Katy area is home to numerous recreational, educational and outdoor facilities for all ages and animals. In addition, the area is about 27 miles from downtown Houston and about 76 miles from Galveston Island on the Gulf of Mexico.

LIBRARIES

The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Library
The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Library is a part of the Fort Bend County Library system and is located at 8100 FM 359 S., Fulshear. The facility offers a variety of events throughout the year, including book clubs, story time for different age groups, craft days and yoga classes.
281-633-4675.
www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/branches/fs.html

The Cinco Ranch Branch Library
The Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd., Katy, is part of the Fort Bend County Library system. The library offers a variety of events each month, including chess days and seminars to help aspiring authors, English as a second language study groups and a bridge club.
281-391-2550.
http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/branches/cr.html

The Katy Branch Library
The Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road, Katy, is a part of the Harris County Public Library system. Library cards are free to residents and sign-up requires a utility bill or photo ID. Several free events are held each month including homework assistance, computer use instruction, genealogy research workshops and clubs, such as the Knotty and Nice Club for crafters.
281-391-3509.
www.hcpl.net/location/maud-smith-marks-branch-library

The Maud Smith Marks Branch Library
The Maud Smith Marks Branch Library, located at 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy, is part of the Harris County Public Library system. Programs at the library include instruction in office software, book clubs, and field trips throughout the year.
281-492-8592.
www.hcpl.net/location/maud-smith-marks-branch-library

MUSEUMS

The Katy Heritage Park Historical Homes
The Katy Heritage Park Historical Homes are open for free tours the first full weekend of each month at 5990 George Bush Drive, Katy.
281-391-2550.
www.katyheritagesociety.com

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Houston Museum of Natural Science
The Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, hosts a variety of permanent and traveling exhibitions throughout the year, as well as free admission on Thursday afternoons.
713-639-4629.
www.hmns.org

Children’s Museum of Houston
The Children’s Museum of Houston, 1500 Binz St., Houston, has interactive science exhibits meant for children age 2 and younger.
713-522-1138.
www.cmnhouston.org

Museum of African American Culture
The Museum of African American Culture, 4807 Caroline St., Houston, is open to all visitors and hosts exhibits on African-American history in Texas.
713-526-1015.
www.hmaac.org

MAKE A SPLASH

Typhoon Texas
Typhoon Texas at 555 Katy Fort Bend Road, Katy, offers a variety of water attractions to help fight the Texas summer. Attractions include on-site food vendors, birthday party facilities, summer camps, an artificial bay and water slides. Day passes are $39.99 Monday through Friday, $44.99 on weekends and children age 2 and younger are free. Family passes are available for $119.99. 832-426-7071.
www.typhoonTX.com/01000

Children’s Water Park
Galveston Island State Park, located at 14901 FM 3005, Galveston, offers a variety of family activities and beach access. Beachside campsites and cabins are available for rent and fishing, while hiking and biking facilities are also available. Daily admission is $5 for visitors age 13 and older.
409-737-1222.
https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island

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**PARKS & DOG PARKS**

**The city of Katy Dog Park**
The city of Katy Dog Park, 5418 Franz Road, Katy, permits friendly dogs while parking is available near the library. 281-391-4840. www.cityofkaty.com

**Mary Jo Peckham Park**
Mary Jo Peckham Park, 5597 Gardenia Lane, Katy, has a three-quarter mile hike and bike trail, and a lake for pole and line fishing. Boats are prohibited. 281-496-2177. www.pct3.com/Parks/all-parks/peckham-park

**Katy City Park**

**Rick Rice Park**
Rick Rice Park is located behind CrossPoint Community Church, 700 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. It offers a pond, a mile-long walking path and signs identifying tree and bird species. www.interstatemud.com/rick-rice-park

**SKATING**

**Mason Road Skate Center**
Mason Road Skate Center, located at 535 Applewhite Drive, Katy, offers open skating sessions throughout the week. Private parties may be booked. Roller skates and in-line skates are available to rent for $2-$5, and admission costs $4-$5. 281-392-9555. www.masonroadskatecenter.com

**Kingdom and Wheels**
Kingdom and Wheels, located at 25757 Westheimer Parkway, Ste. 190, Katy, has a 6,000-square-foot facility with open skating sessions, a play area for toddlers, summer camps and a snack bar. The facility is open daily year-round. 832-437-7039. www.kingdomandwheels.com

**Topgolf**
Topgolf is a driving range with climate-controlled hitting bays, full-service bars and restaurants as well as lessons. Reservations are encouraged but not required. $25 (per hour to play). 1030 Memorial Brook Blvd., Houston. 281-406-3176. https://topgolf.com/us/houston-west/

**GOLF**

**The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch**
The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch offers an 18-hole course and driving range. Tee times can be reserved online for $30-$45 depending on the time. 23030 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy. 281-395-4653. www.golfclubatcincoranch.com

**The Meadowbrook Golf Club**
The Meadowbrook Golf Club has an 18-hole golf course, a driving range and golf instruction. Tee times can be reserved online and a round of golf typically costs $50-$55. 23230 Meadowbrook Farms Club Drive, Katy. 281-693-4653. www.meadowbrookfarmsgolfclub.com

**Kingdom and Wheels skating rink at Rick Rice Park**
Rick Rice Park behind CrossPoint Community Church, 700 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. It offers a pond, a mile-long walking path and signs identifying tree and bird species. www.interstatemud.com/rick-rice-park

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NEW COMMUNITIES

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With more people moving to the area every day, residential development is increasing. This guide to new communities is designed to help buyers find new homes in the Katy area that are under construction.

1. August Lakes
   - Home values: $1,000,000+
   - Average square footage: varies
   - 33 lots
   - Builders: Cribbs Custom Builders, Luxury Custom Homes, SSH Homes
   - Broke ground: 2016
   - Homes available: 7
   - School district: Katy ISD
   - www.augustlakes.com

2. Cane Island
   - Home value: $260,000-$1.5 million
   - Average square footage: varies (custom homes)
   - 2,100 lots
   - Builders: CalAtlantic, Coventry Homes, Perry Homes, David Weekley Homes, Highland Homes, Just Paul, Mike Harrison Custom Homes, Shea Homes, Toll Brothers, Trendmaker Homes, Westport Homes, William David Homes
   - Broke ground: 2014
   - Homes available: 1,800
   - School district: KISD
   - www.caneisland.com

3. Cross Creek Ranch
   - Home values: $220,000-$700,000
   - Average square footage: 3,400
   - 5,000 lots
   - Builders: Avanti Custom Homes, Chesmar Homes, Darling Homes, Highland Homes, Lennar, Newmark Homes, Partners in Building, Perry Homes, Sitterle Homes, Taylor Morrison, Trendmaker Homes, Village Builders
   - Broke ground: 2007
   - Homes available: 3,000
   - School districts: KISD, Lamar CISD
   - www.crosscreektexas.com

4. Elyson
   - Average home value: mid-$200,000-$800,000
   - Average square footage: 1,463-4,000+
   - More than 6,000 lots
   - Builders: CalAtlantic Homes, Chesmar Homes, Darling Homes, David Weekley Homes, Highland Homes, Meritage Homes, Perry Homes, Pulte Homes, Trendmaker Homes, Westin Homes
   - Broke ground: 2016
   - Homes available: 5,000+
   - School district: KISD
   - www.elyson.com

5. Enclave at Katy
   - Home values: $315,990+
   - Average square footage: 3,472
   - 52 lots
   - Builder: M/I Homes
   - Broke ground: 2016
   - Homes available: 14
   - School district: KISD
   - www.mihomes.com

6. Falls at Green Meadows
   - Home values: $330,000-470,000
   - Average square footage: 3,578
   - 460 lots
   - Builders: Gehan Homes, Lennar
   - Broke ground: 2013
   - Homes available: 200+
   - School district: KISD
   - www.fallsatgreenmeadows.com

7. Firethorne
   - Home values: $190,000-$800,000
   - Average square footage: 1,650
   - 3,400 lots
   - Builders: Ashen Woods, Highland Homes, Ravena Homes, Saratoga Homes
   - Broke ground: 2006
   - Homes available: 400
   - School districts: KISD, LCISD
   - www.firethorne.info

8. Jordan Ranch
   - Home values: $230,000-$500,000+
   - Average square footage: 2,857
   - 2,800 lots
   - Builders: David Weekley Homes, Highland Homes, Newmark Homes, J. Patrick Homes, Perry Homes, Plantation Homes, Westin Homes
   - Broke ground: 2016
   - Homes available: 2,400+
   - School district: KISD
   - www.jordanranchtexas.com

9. Silver Ranch
   - Home values: $266,490-$500,000+
   - Average square footage: 3,173
   - Builders: David Weekley Homes, K. Hovnanian Homes, Meritage Homes
   - Broke ground: 2007
   - School district: KISD
   - www.silverranch.net

**HOMES SOLD: 2017**

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Many of these commercial or residential projects were announced or in progress last year. Here is what is happening now.

**COMPILED BY AMELIA BRUST**

1. The city of Katy is approximately 80 percent complete with its portion of the future Katy Boardwalk District, located on Kingsland Boulevard south of Katy Mills. The venture is a public-private partnership between the city and several developers including KDW and Sueba USA, but Katy is only responsible for a lake, a 2-mile walking trail and a “reverse L” thoroughfare through the development, according to Kayce Reina, Katy’s director of tourism, marketing and public relations.

Reina said the city will finish its work by March, but the rest of the boardwalk district is still in the planning stages. The Katy Boardwalk will have shops, dining, two loft-living apartment complexes, and a hotel and conference center on approximately 40 acres. KDW President and CEO Keith Dalton said he would likely have updates about the hotel in February.

2. As of Jan. 4, all corner spaces at the future Katy Asian Town were rented and major construction was complete. The shopping center, located at 23119 Colonial Parkway, will feature Asian restaurants and retail, including an H Mart grocery store and TONYMOLY cosmetics. The site broke ground in January 2017, according to broker RE/MAX United. No opening date for the 16-acre project was given while signs hanging at the site as of Dec. 19 included Tea Top, Mala Sichuan Bistro, 92 Haus Korean BBQ and others.

3. A new 37,000-square-foot, 900-seat Alamo Drafthouse movie theater is under construction at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch. The project broke ground in May, and Dustin McMillian, marketing and brand manager for Alamo’s parent company Triple Tap Ventures LLC, told Community Impact Newspaper in early January that no official opening date was planned yet, although the project will finish this year.

4. Construction is on schedule for Marcel Plaza, a 10.7-acre shopping center on Westheimer Parkway between Roessner Road and Saddlespur Lane. Work began in March, and the project is about 90 percent complete. Jimbo Homeyer, land and lease acquisition representative for developer the Marcel Group, said the site will finish in April or May, encompassing more than 80,000 square feet of retail. Tenants include 9Round Kickboxing, a dance studio and more, Homeyer said.

5. University of Houston intends to break ground on its new Katy campus this spring after land acquisition slowed the construction timeline, according to Mike Rosen, executive director of media relations for the UH system. The 46-acre project will open in the fall 2019 semester in the northeast corner of I-10 and the Grand Parkway. The campus will cost about $32 million and host about 2,000 students from the UH flagship and UH Victoria campuses.

6. More tenants were announced for Katy Ranch Crossing’s fourth and final phase in December. The retail center is located at the corner of Katy Fort Bend Road and I-10, and it is part of a mixed-use site encompassing office space and a 381-unit luxury apartment complex. Property Manager Ed Friedman of Freeway Properties said most of the final construction for the 1 million-square-foot retail center would be complete by mid-February. Taco Cabana, Navy Federal Credit Union and GlowZone, an indoor physical challenge course, will open this year, according to Evergreen Commercial Realty President Lilly Golden.

7. Several schools in Katy ISD are scheduled to break ground or complete construction this year. Elementary School No. 41 broke ground in June and is expected to reach substantial completion by June with funding from the district’s 2014 and 2017 bond packages. Final plans for Elementary School No. 42 will break ground in late March or April while High School No. 9 and Junior High School No. 16 will likely begin work in March, KISD spokesperson Maria DiPetta said.

8. Goya Foods is on track to finish the expansion of its Waller County processing center in April. Goya will eventually hire 30 more workers. Evelio Fernandez, vice president and general manager for Goya Foods of Texas, said most of the facility’s workers come from the Katy area. The Brookshire site produces more than 1,000 cans of food per minute and with the new space, it will add 31 truck docking doors for a total of 54, spokesperson Mayte Sera Weitzman said.

Fernandez said the property has as much as 350,000 square feet on its southern and eastern sides for another expansion.
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AREA HOSPITALS

Compiled by Amelia Brust

These four major hospitals are located in the Katy area and are part of the larger Memorial Hermann, Houston Methodist and Texas Children’s Hospital systems.

1. Houston Methodist St. Catherine
   701 S. Fry Road, Katy
   281-599-5700
   www.houstonmethodist.org
   • Trauma level: N/A
   • NICU level: N/A
   • Economic impact: 183 employees
   • Number of beds: 50
   • Most common treatments: long-term acute care

2. Houston Methodist West
   18500 I-10, Houston
   832-522-5522
   www.houstonmethodist.org/locations/katy-west
   • Trauma level: N/A
   • NICU level: II
   • Economic impact: 1,155 employees
   • Number of beds: 193
   • Most common treatments: emergency services, heart and vascular care, cancer center, spine center, labor and delivery, orthopedics and sports medicine, neurology

3. Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
   23900 I-10, Katy
   281-644-7000
   www.memorialhermann.org/locations/katy
   • Trauma level: III
   • NICU level: III
   • Economic impact: 1,009 full-time employees
   • Number of beds: 208
   • Most common treatments: cardiology, orthopedics, OB-GYN, labor and delivery, neurology, general surgery

4. Texas Children’s Hospital-West Campus
   18200 I-10, Houston
   832-227-1000
   www.texaschildrens.org/departments/texas-childrens-hospital-west-campus
   • Trauma level: N/A
   • NICU level: N/A
   • Economic impact: 860 employees
   • Number of beds: 86
   • Most common treatments: pediatric medical and surgical services, inpatient and outpatient care

COUNTY STATISTICS

TOP SPECIALTIES

Emergency medicine and anesthesiology are among the most common doctor specialties aside from primary care in Texas, but the number of other top specialists differ in Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties.

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PRIMARY DOCTOR-TO-PATIENT RATIOS

The ratio of licensed primary care doctors to residents varies among Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties.

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RATIOS USE POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PHYSICIAN DATA FROM 2016. NOT ALL LICENSED DOCTORS MAY BE ACTIVELY PRACTICING.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

ACCESS TO CARE

The total number of doctors holding licenses in Texas has increased over the past 20 years, but the rate of increase for specialists has grown faster than the rate for primary care physicians.

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# Counties predict Harvey’s effect on reappraisals

Harris, Fort Bend foresee property tax revenue losses from 2017, 2018 returns

**By Amelia Brust and Shawn Arraj**

As officials assign new property values for the more than 2 million parcels located in Harris and Fort Bend counties, the damage caused by Tropical Storm Harvey in August looms large.

It has been estimated that 59,476 homes in Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties were damaged by Harvey—the city of Katy alone counted 629 homes—which will result in lower values assigned to many of those properties as of Jan. 1.

How that damage affects property values countywide remains to be seen, said Jack Barnett, spokesperson for the Harris County Appraisal District. HCAD, as well as the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, reapraised Harvey-damaged homes.

“[HCAD] have used information from various sources—news reports, 911 and 311 calls, information from city and county flood control [districts]—really anything that we could use to identify, first, areas that had been flooded, then neighborhoods and then individual properties,” Barnett said.

A drop in appraised value could lead to a drop in property tax revenue, which accounts for a majority of county, city, and school district operating budgets.

Meanwhile, little progress has been made in the way of buyouts for Harvey-flooded properties around the Katy area. As of Jan. 10, Harris County had authorized Harvey-related buyouts for 63 properties—mostly residences and vacant lots—though its own program, according to the Harris County Engineering Department. Buyouts have also occurred for county homes damaged in the 2016 Tax Day Floods.

However, Fort Bend County still has not received federal money from either the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2016, officials said.

“We’re hoping by midyear, [the agencies] will tell us,” Hebert said in early January. “It’ll be two years since the floods.”

## The Reappraisal Process

Properties across Texas are typically reappraised each year beginning Jan. 1 by districts that operate within each county. In larger counties, appraisal districts use a formula based on factors, including home prices and sales volume, according to attorney Debbie Cartwright of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

Storm-damaged properties would receive new 2017 values for the time after Aug. 23, which is when a disaster declaration was made.

“Property owners who have experienced disaster damage to their homes should take photos, get damage estimates from experts and should provide that information to the appraisal district as soon as possible so the district can use it to fill their models and properly appraise that property,” Cartwright said.

Fort Bend Chief Appraiser Glen Whitehead said homeowners could begin rebuilding their properties while they wait for a reappraisal, but they should document the damage and keep receipts for construction and cleaning materials. He said FBCAD plans to finish reappraisals by the end of this month while HCAD envisioned a late February time frame.

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Appraisers cannot enter houses but they can assess damage based on other factors, including water marks, furniture on the curb and tarps signaling a wind-damaged roof, he said.

Hebert and Barnett said even if property owners are waiting to be reappraised, they must still meet the Jan. 31 payment deadline. The difference in value from a reappraisal after Jan. 31 will be reimbursed.

## Tightening Budgets

Harris and Fort Bend counties are bracing for decreases in overall property tax revenue, but officials from the city of Katy and Katy ISD said it was too soon to know what the effect this would have on...
The number of homes sold in the Katy area have not followed a particular pattern since Tropical Storm Harvey, but Southeast sales spiked in September.

“Nobody wants to build a home that’s going to flood, particularly after what we’ve been through over the last two years,” Emmett said.

“The requirements took effect Jan. 1 and as of Jan. 4, Herman Sanders, Communications Group assistant manager with the Harris County Engineering Department, said no affected permit applications were submitted to the department. Fort Bend and Waller county officials indicated that no changes have been made to their permitting requirements.

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9 STORIES TO FOLLOW IN 2018

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City of Katy technicians clear out existing drainage infrastructure with new Gradall machine to expedite work.

3  KATY FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESSING

WHAT WE REPORTED After Harvey’s severe flooding, Katy officials moved forward with an aggressive flood mitigation process.

Costello Inc., an engineering company, completed a $203,000 study of drainage needs for the city after the 2016 floods but included data from Harvey before making a final presentation.

The company determined a need for the city to partner with the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District, Cane Island, Harris and Fort Bend counties and the federal government to mitigate flooding.

“We don’t have time to do any more studies,” Katy Mayor Chuck Brawner said. “We need to get it done now.”

THE LATEST The city signed a $437,000 contract with Costello to design and manage construction of upgrades of the city’s drainage infrastructure. The Nov. 30 contract may grow as more improvements are identified but so far, Costello’s recommendations include deeper drainage ditches, improved storm sewers and flappers which prevent water from flowing upstream, said Ralph Saldana, partner and project manager at Costello.

WHAT’S NEXT Costello is designing upgrades to the Pine Forest community, which are expected to be complete in February.

“We’ll take care of it,” Saldana said. “We’re going to do a good job and I’m eager to help the public.”

4  HIGHWAY PROJECTS SEEK TO IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO I-10 AND FM 1093

WHAT WE REPORTED The Texas Department of Transportation is developing plans for two highways between I-10 and Westpark Tollway/FM 1093: to widen the Grand Parkway and build the Texas Heritage Parkway. The first project will include new frontage road segments and ramp modifications to improve traffic flow.

Meanwhile, the $48 million Texas Heritage Parkway plan moved forward in 2017 as developers in the area offered to pay 50 percent of construction costs. Fort Bend County and the cities of Katy and Fulshear will pay the remainder. The parkway will be on the west side of the Katy area.

THE LATEST Blanton & Associates is conducting studies related to the environmental and noise impact of proposed changes to the Grand Parkway. Andy Merry, commissioner for Fort Bend County Precinct 3, said he has heard noise concerns from area residents. Prevention tactics may include sound walls or longitudinal cuts in the roadway. Land for the Texas Heritage Parkway project has also been acquired, Brawner said.

WHAT’S NEXT After studies are completed and a final design is approved for the Grand Parkway widening, construction is expected to begin in 2022 and last two years, TxDOT officials said.

The agreement between the land developers and Fort Bend County for Texas Heritage Parkway is expected to be approved by early February. Construction design will take nine months, and work will begin in the fourth quarter of 2018, said attorney Richard Muller, whose law firm is handling the legal processes for the project.

TxDOT also began a $2 million study regarding the Hwy. 36A project in November. The project would create a trade route connecting the Dallas area and San Antonio area to Fort Bend County and Port Freeport in Brazoria County via roads, rail and the Houston Ship Channel.

5  UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON -KATY CAMPUS SET TO OPEN FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

WHAT WE REPORTED The University of Houston purchased land at University Center to build a $32 million campus. The site’s 80,000-square-foot location is at the northeast corner of the intersection of the Grand Parkway and I-10.

The facility will host about 2,000 students once it opens, and it may expand up to 10,000 students in time.

THE LATEST SmithGroupJJR was selected to design the new Katy facility, said Chris Stipes, UH director of media relations. Stipes said the university will break ground later this spring.

WHAT’S NEXT UH expects to begin holding classes at the Katy campus by fall 2019, Stipes said. Once the campus opens, students who currently attend classes at the university’s main and Victoria campuses will be moved to the Katy facility.

6  2018 ELECTIONS INCLUDE AREA RACES FROM CITY COUNCIL TO CONGRESS

WHAT WE REPORTED Several local offices are up for
re-election, including three Katy City Council positions, two Katy ISD trustee positions and the Harris and Fort Bend County judges’ seats.

Durran Dowdle, Katy mayor pro tem and council member for Ward B, is up for re-election, as is Ward A Council Member Ray Boothe. Steve Pierson, who holds the at-large council seat, will not seek re-election due to reaching his six-year term limit.

Meanwhile Fort Bend County and Harris County judge positions are up for re-election as well as several state and Congressional lawmakers.

**THE LATEST** Bootle and Dowdle said they intend to run for another term. KISD trustees Charles Griffin and Bryan Michalsky will not seek reelection this year.

Incumbent Ed Emmett, a Republican, faces Democrat Lina Hidalgo for the Harris County judge’s office. In Fort Bend County, Republican incumbent Robert Hebert is running for re-election against Fort Bend ISD trustee KP George, a Democrat.

**WHAT’S NEXT** Candidates for local elections can file until Feb. 16 for a spot on the ballot, according to the Texas Secretary of State’s Office.

**IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES 2018**

- **March 6** PRIMARY ELECTION
- **May 5** UNIFORM ELECTION
- **May 22** PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION
- **Nov. 6** ELECTION DAY

**AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTER SET TO OPEN THIS FEBRUARY**

**WHAT WE REPORTED** The Katy City Council approved changes to the city’s comprehensive land-use plan, which facilitated the construction of an Amazon distribution center on Katy’s west side in March. City officials said the new facility would bring jobs and property tax revenue locally.

Construction on the 1 million-square-foot fulfillment center began Feb. 28 at the intersection of I-10 and Hwy. 90, near Woods Road.

**THE LATEST** City Administrator Byron Hebert said via email that construction continues as planned. The site is expected to bring 800 full-time and 250 seasonal positions with a starting salary of $32,500.

“Water and sewer have been run out there now,” Katy Mayor Chuck Brawner said.

**WHAT’S NEXT** The distribution center is tentatively scheduled to open this spring or as early as February, the mayor said. Once operational, workers will pick, pack and ship customer orders, including electronics, sports gear and music equipment, according to an Amazon press release.

**Amazon center facts**

- **1,000 jobs**
- Located in Waller County
- **10th Amazon fulfillment center in Texas**

**Sources:** City of Katy, Amazon/Community Impact Newspaper

**9 PROGRESS MADE ON KATY BOARDWALK DISTRICT**

**WHAT WE REPORTED** The city broke ground in February on the Katy Boardwalk District, a mixed-use project with a boardwalk, nature trails, apartments, retail locations and restaurants. The project is located on the south and east sides of Katy Mills and will also include a manmade lake with an island.

The project is expected to bring $500 million in equity to the city, officials said this month.

**THE LATEST** The site’s pond is completely dredged, and the sidewalks and walking trail, parking lots and restaurants should be completed this spring, along with the first street on the west side of the development, City Manager Byron Hebert said.

The electrical and water infrastructure are also under construction, Katy Mayor Chuck Brawner said. He added that Harvey did cause a delay, and the city is reviewing the drainage plans for the site.

“We’ve got to deal with the poor weather until this summer when it gets dry, then we can really move forward,” he said.

**WHAT’S NEXT** Construction will continue over the next few months. The selection of a hotel chain for the convention center is still pending, but should be settled soon, Brawner said in early January.

“We’ve received good input from several of the major high-end hotel chains,” he said.

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City assesses water infrastructure as two Katy towers repainted to reflect heritage

BY R. HANS MILLER

Evidence of Katy’s latest efforts to upgrade its water facilities can be seen in the bright blue mural on the water tower near I-10 and Katy Fort Bend Road.

The tower, as well as one located near the Katy Police Department facility on Franz Road, was repainted in October and November with Canadian geese to reflect the city’s heritage, City Administrator Byron Hebert said.

The water tower is located in Katy Management District No. 1, which is responsible for its own water, wastewater and drainage. The district will repay the city of Katy for the $318,790 it spent to service the upcoming Amazon plant on Cane Island Parkway. The city is also considering adding a second well for the water treatment plant.

“We’ve already paid for it; I want to get that money back,” Katy Finance Director Becky Wilkins said.

The management district will repay the city using funds from multiple recent bonds. Meanwhile, the KPD-area tower work cost Katy $36,750, according to city officials.

Radio equipment used by city emergency services was removed from the towers and reinstalled after painting.

“The equipment was removed from the towers for the painting process, and during this time it was decided that we should assess all towers for usable equipment as well as those items that are end of life,” KPD Information Technology Specialist Michele Miller said.

She added that the water towers have more improvements scheduled, which are currently out for bid.

OTHER NEEDS ASSESSED

Katy Mayor Chuck Brawner said the city is also considering adding a second well for the water treatment plant on Caney Island Parkway. The plant sends water out to the west of town, almost to Wilke’s Road, and will service the upcoming Amazon distribution center and other nearby homes and businesses once they are built.

“There’s one well there now, but we’ll be putting in a second well to support that, so if one goes down, we can still get water out,” Brawner said.

The city is assessing what other water infrastructure may need repairs or upgrades, such as Water Plant No. 4 at 6850 Franz Road, Public Works Director Elaine Lutringer said.

Katy’s city water towers got makeovers last year to reflect the area’s wildlife heritage.

TOP TIPS: WATER CONSERVATION

The Texas Water Development Board offers ways to save money and conserve water.

1. Check toilets for leaks by adding food coloring or dye to water in the tank. Do not flush the toilet, and if color appears in the bowl within minutes, replace the flapper or rubber washer.

2. Install faucet aerators to cut a fixture’s water consumption in half.

3. Soak pans rather than scrubbing them with the water running.

4. Manage outdoor water use and landscaping better, as these can account for more than 30 percent of total home water use.

5. Look for the WaterSense label when installing or replacing plumbing fixtures.

6. Turn off leaky faucets until they can be repaired, saving nearly 170 gallons of water per day that a slow drip can waste.

SOURCE: TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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