Local restaurant owners fight turnover in competitive community

BY HANNAH ZEDAKER

Over the past year, residents of The Woodlands area may have noticed increased turnover in the local restaurant scene, as many new eateries open almost simultaneously with the closing of others.

Between July 2017 and August 2018, Community Impact Newspaper confirmed at least 13 permanent restaurant closures, 12 restaurants temporarily closed for rebranding and another 25 restaurants that opened. Officials with the Montgomery County permitting department and health department said they do not have comprehensive records of all area restaurant closures.

Out of the 13 closures, 10 have occurred in

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Flood studies continue, solutions still years away

Spring Creek reservoir could take 10-15 years

BY WENDY CAWTHON

Sparked by the damage Hurricane Harvey brought to the area one year ago, county and area water officials are pushing forward flood studies in hopes of preventing future flooding. However, as many residents anxiously wait out this year’s hurricane season, actual construction to prevent flooding may be years away from beginning.

In Montgomery County, officials agreed in July to work with area entities on two studies in the upper San Jacinto River Watershed: a regional study with the Harris County

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All about our August issue

Where is your perfect dining spot? We are fortunate to have many choices when it comes to dining out in and around The Woodlands. Almost every cuisine, vibe and price point you could desire is available—from national chains to independently owned and operated restaurants.

You may have noticed, however, that a large number of eateries have shut their doors over the past few months—one of our cover stories this month delves into this recent trend.

August marks the start of a new school year, and if you are the parent of little ones, make sure you also read our Preschool Guide starting on Page 55 outlining the differences between local schools. Finding the right school for your child is important, and we designed this guide to help you make the best decision for your family.

Additionally, families living in the Riley Fuzzel Road area may have children heading back to a brand new high school. Grand Oaks High School will open its doors to approximately 1,200 ninth- and 10th-graders in August. Read about this new facility and the growing area on Page 29.

Make sure to bookmark communityimpact.com and visit often to stay informed of daily news and the latest business openings.

What is a watershed?

While Harris County is abuzz with talk of the $2.5 billion flood prevention bond referendum that will go before voters Aug. 25, the term “watershed” is getting a lot of play this month.

One of our front-page stories this month focuses on studies taking place in local watersheds. In The Woodlands area, most residents are within the San Jacinto River watershed, but the area also touches the Spring Creek watershed along the county line.

The term means “a land area that ultimately drains rainfall runoff or stormwater to a common body of water,” according to the Harris County Flood Control District. That means when it rains, if you live in the Spring Creek watershed, all of the rain that is not absorbed will eventually end up in Spring Creek.

When you think about how much water that is, and how long the creek is—69 miles—you can see how quickly a downpour can cause a problem.

To see more watersheds, visit www.hcfcd.org to use the district’s interactive map. While there, you can see how much water is, and where it will go before voters Aug. 25, the term “watershed” is getting a lot of play this month.

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MONTHLY COMMENTARY FROM THE DESK OF JIM CARLTON

In our daily email, we have been talking about the trading range that stocks have been in since February. After making new highs in January, stocks fell nearly 10% into February and have been trading between January’s highs and February’s lows ever since. Market fundamentals are good as we have seen earnings gains of 20% year over year the last two quarters, buoyed by corporate tax cuts. With strong corporate earnings, fundamentals as measured by price to earnings (PE) ratios are reasonable with stocks trading near 17 times this year’s earnings. With good fundamentals to support on the downside, it appears that worries over the economic effects of trade wars is what is keeping stocks from going higher. If you’d like to hear our thoughts about what lies ahead give us a call or come by for a visit.

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1. **Nonprofit organization Shield Bearer** announced July 10 it opened a new counseling office at 105 FM 1488, Conroe, just north of The Woodlands. The organization offers counseling services, prevention programs, and training for families, businesses, churches and schools. The office has opened in partnership with Grace Crossing Church, according to a news release. Shield Bearer operates six locations in the Greater Houston area. Appointments can be made by calling 281-894-7222. www.shieldbearer.org

2. **Cupcakes & Bubbles** held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Tomball Chamber of Commerce on July 24 to mark its official grand opening at 26400 Kuykendahl Road, Ste. 160, Tomball. The new shop will serve fresh cupcakes and champagne; it will also offer wine tasting nights and cupcake decorating classes. 832-698-4052. www.cupcakesandbubbles.com

3. **Sugarfina** opened July 27 in the former location of Armario De La Bella in Market Street, located at 9595 Six Pines Drive, Ste. 1150, The Woodlands. The candy boutique geared for adults offers a variety of alcohol-infused candies like Champagne Bears, Tito’s Vodka Cordials, Tequila Grapefruit Sours and Maple Bourbon Caramels. 281-410-2788. www.sugarfina.com


5. **Warby Parker** celebrated its grand opening June 30 in Market Street at 9595 Six Pines Drive, The Woodlands. The sunglasses and eyeglass store offers a variety of frames. Customers can also try out frames at home for free by ordering them online. The store also offers a selection of eyeglasses for children. 281-672-8921. www.warbyparker.com

6. **Wilson’s Appliances & Mattresses** opened a storefront on April 1 at 4050 FM 1488, Ste. B, Conroe. The family-owned and -operated business sells and repairs appliances, such as washing machines, dryers and kitchen items, while also selling mattresses and bedding. 936-900-4120. www.wilsonsappliances.com

7. **Starbucks** opened a new location in July at 18358 I-45 S., Shenandoah. The approximately 2,000-square-foot store features a drive-thru and offers hot, cold and frozen coffee beverages, espresso options, Teavana teas and pastries. 936-271-0174. www.starbucks.com

8. **Spanish Schoolhouse** opened a new location Aug. 13 at 26133 Kuykendahl Road, Tomball. The preschool and kindergarten school, which focuses on fostering the Spanish language in children, will start classes Aug. 13 for children age 18 months to 5 years. 281-351-2808. www.spanishschoolhouse.com

9. **Dairy Queen** celebrated its grand opening July 28 at 9930 Woodlands Parkway, The Woodlands. The fast-food eatery serves its signature Blizzards along with burgers, sandwiches, salads, chicken and ice cream. 832-257-7800. www.dairyqueen.com

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**Launching his third location, Aaron Basham opened Cypress Academy of Gymnastics** on Aug. 6 at 32523 Tamina Road, Magnolia. The 40,000-square-foot academy offers gymnastics and tumbling classes for girls and boys ages 9 months to 18 years old. The membership includes at least a single one-hour weekly class. The family-owned gym offers a specialty program Tumble Tots, which is geared to parents and children ages 9 months to 3 years old. Gymnasts learn Olympic-style events, such as the bar, balance beam, vault and floor routines. Male students also learn the rings and parallel bars;
281-465-0700. www.cypressacademy.com

**Just Vanilla Bake Shop** opened July 25 at 377 Sawdust Road, Spring. The bake shop offers a variety of desserts, including cookies, brownies, blondies and cupcakes, in addition to breakfast items, such as biscuits, scones and muffins. The bakery offers most items in gluten-free, dairy-free, sugar-free and vegan options, and it also offers catering services. 281-766-4899. www.chocolate heavenbakery.com

**I Love Kickboxing.com** will open its sixth Greater Houston area location in November at 27030 Kuykendahl Road, Tomball. Owned by husband-and-wife team Pamela and Blesson Varghese, the studio will offer a variety of kickboxing classes six days a week for all levels, from beginners to advanced students. Classes typically last one hour and include 15-30 students. The company leased a 2,680-square-foot space in early July. 832-559-3273. www.ilovekickboxing.com

**Mary’s Mediterranean Cuisine** opened July 23 in the former location of Windy City Grill & Pizza, at 1500 Research Forest Drive, Ste. 100, Shenandoah. The eatery offers a variety of salads, sandwiches and flatbreads, including Mediterranean staples, such as falafels, kabobs, hummus and baklava. Mary’s Mediterranean Cuisine also serves coffee, wine and beer and provides hookah pipes for patrons to use. This is the third Greater Houston area location for the restaurant. 832-777-7757. www.maryzcuisine.com

**Montgomery County Youth Services** relocated its office in The Woodlands from 1600 Lake Front Circle, Ste. 130, The Woodlands, to 8701 New Trails Drive, Ste. 118, Spring, on Aug. 1. The countywide organization offers a variety of youth services, including prevention and community education; crisis counseling and intervention; assistance for pregnant and parenting teens; and street outreach. It also serves as a shelter. 281-292-6471. www.youthmc.org

**Teriyaki Madness** is slated to open in October at 1501 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands. The fast-casual Asian restaurant offers teriyaki bowls, appetizers that include egg rolls and chicken potstickers, and a variety of sides. www.teriyakimadness.com

**The Woodlands United Methodist Church**, located at 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, broke ground on its REACH expansion project July 15. The $30 million project will feature main gym at the Family Life Center and Phase 1 construction of The Church at Woodforest. Construction on all REACH projects is expected to wrap up in the first quarter of 2020. 281-297-5900. www.thewoodlandsumc.org

**McAlister’s Deli** closed in late June at 3335 College Park Drive, Ste. 100, The Woodlands. The restaurant offered a variety of sandwiches, salads, soups and baked potatoes. Nearby locations in Spring will remain open. 936-271-1888. www.mcalistersdeli.com

**Corner Bakery Cafe** closed July 1 at 2415 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands. The restaurant offered breakfast, oatmeal, salads, sandwiches, paninis, flatbreads, soups, chili, pasta and baked goods. 281-292-6711. www.cornerbakerycafe.com

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**EarthWise Pet Supply**
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**McAlister’s Deli**
**Corner Bakery Cafe**

**Feature:**
**Teriyaki Madness**

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**COMING SOON**

**Just Vanilla Bake Shop**

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**RELOCATIONS**

**Duette Gifts and Paper** relocated in early August from Market Street, 9595 Six Pines Drive, Ste. 690, The Woodlands, to The Woodlands Mall, 1201 Lake Woodlands, Ste. 2196, The Woodlands. The paper store specializes in stationery and invitations and features a number of gift items. It will be open Monday through Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. 281-419-0773. www.duettegiftsandpaper.com

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**EXPANSION**

**The Woodlands United Methodist Church**

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**CLOSINGS**

**McAlister’s Deli**

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<td>The City Council hosts public hearings for the fiscal year budget and tax rates. 6 p.m. Oak Ridge North Municipal Court, 27424 Robinson Road, Oak Ridge North, 281-292-4648. <a href="http://www.oakridgenorth.com">www.oakridgenorth.com</a></td>
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<td>Certified technicians inspect car seats for children of all ages and levels to make sure they are properly installed. 9-11:30 a.m. Free. Central Fire Station, 9951 Grogan’s Mill Road, The Woodlands. 281-210-3800. <a href="http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov">www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov</a></td>
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<td>The Woodlands Women’s Tennis Association hosts a doubles tournament to raise money for children in foster care. 8 a.m. $100-$200. The Woodlands Country Club Tennis Center, 2301 N. Millbend Drive, The Woodlands. 281-863-1596. <a href="http://www.lovefostershope.org">www.lovefostershope.org</a></td>
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**Coming Up**

- **Sept. 15 | The Woodlands Oktoberfest**
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- **Sept. 22 | YES to YOUTH Gala**
  www.yestoyouthgala.org
- **Sept. 22 | Shakespeare in the Park**
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**City of Shenandoah hosts budget workshop**

The City Council hosts the first public hearing on the tax rate for fiscal year 2018-19 following the adoption of the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. 7 p.m. Shenandoah Municipal Complex, 29955 I-45 N., Shenandoah. 281-298-5522. www.shenandoahtx.us

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**Wine, shopping event gives back to charity**

Wine, Women and Shoes features wine and shopping. Proceeds go to The Breast Cancer Charities of America/GoPink. 5:30-9 p.m. $100-$150. 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands. www.winewomenandshoes.com/houston

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**Lone Star College-Montgomery hosts exhibit**

Molly Koehn’s “Here” art exhibit will be on display for two weeks as the first exhibit of the 2018-19 school year. with the closing reception held on Sept. 10. Noon. Mary Matteson-Parrish Art Gallery, 3200 College Park Drive, The Woodlands. 936-273-7021. events.lonestar.edu

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HAROLD: What are some of those “proactive steps?”

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24 Ana Popovic, 8:30 p.m.
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31 Loverboy, 8:30 p.m.

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1 Jason Crabb, 8:30 p.m.
3 Joe Burlison’s Uptown Jazz, 7:30 p.m.
5 The Staehely Brothers, 8 p.m.
7 Strunz & Farah, 8:30 p.m.
8 Kevin Galloway, 8:30 p.m.
9 Greg Laswell, 7:30 p.m.
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25 Lindsey Stirling and Evanescence, 7 p.m.
30 Houston Symphony: Blue Suede Tunes, 8 p.m.

September
4 Houston Symphony: Rebels, Raiders & Superman—A Tribute to John Williams, 8 p.m.
7 Luke Bryan with Jon Pardi and Carly Pearce, 7 p.m. Luke Bryan is an American country music singer who has hit 18 career No. 1 singles so far.

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7 Ken Gaines, 7:30 p.m.
8 TBA, 7:30 p.m.
14 Roger Tienken, 7:30 p.m.
15 Vintage Reserve, 7:30 p.m.
21 TBA, 7:30 p.m.
22 Nobody’s Fool Trio, 7:30 p.m.

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31 Jimmie Hunter, 8 p.m.

September
1 Billy Pop, 8 p.m.
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1. **Woodlands Parkway widening**
   This project will widen Woodlands Parkway from six to eight lanes from west of I-45 to a half-mile west of the Grogans Mill Road overpass. The project will add one lane in each direction, with right-turn lanes and acceleration lanes at major intersections. Crews began pouring concrete on the eastbound side of Woodlands Parkway in mid-July, which is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete, weather permitting, Montgomery County Precinct 3 spokesperson Andy DuBois said.
   
   **Timeline:** February 2018-April 2019
   **Cost:** $6.7 million
   **Funding source:** Montgomery County Precinct 3

2. **Rayford Road expansion**
   This project will widen Rayford Road from four to six lanes between Lazy Lane and the Grand Parkway, construct a six-lane bridge over the Union Pacific railroad tracks, install new traffic signals and add a raised median. DuBois said crews have completed pouring the concrete bridge for the overpass and are moving forward with the installation of temporary retaining walls and concrete structures and rails. The westbound bridge lanes are projected to open by late September. Crews are continuing work on the realignment of the Wild Rose intersection, the widening of Rayford Road between Wild Rose and West Hawthorne drives, and the extension of Aldine Westfield Road.
   
   **Timeline:** April 28, 2017-summer 2019
   **Cost:** $50.6 million
   **Funding source:** Montgomery County Precinct 3

3. **Birnham Woods Drive widening**
   The project will widen Birnham Woods Drive from two to four lanes from just north of Fuller Bluff Drive to Elan Boulevard. A contract for the project was awarded July 10, and construction is expected to begin in August and take one year to complete.
   
   **Timeline:** September 2018-September 2019
   **Cost:** $2.5 million
   **Funding source:** Montgomery County Precinct 3

4. **Elan Boulevard widening**
   This project will widen Elan Boulevard from two to four lanes from Aldine Westfield Road to Birnham Woods Drive, widen Aldine Westfield Road from two to four lanes from Elan Boulevard through Knoll Oak Lane, and add a traffic signal to the intersection of Elan Boulevard and Aldine Westfield Road. A project contract was awarded July 10, and construction is slated to begin in August.
   
   **Timeline:** August 2018-February 2019
   **Cost:** $2 million
   **Funding source:** Montgomery County Precinct 3

5. **FM 2978 widening**
   This project will widen FM 2978 from two to four lanes with a center turn lane from FM 1488 to south of Dry Creek in Phase 1 and from south of Dry Creek to Conroe-Hufsmith Road in Phase 2. The existing bridge over Dry Creek will also be widened. Phase 1 continues to be delayed due to utility relocations, while Phase 2 is underway. Emily Black, Texas Department of Transportation public information officer, said Phase 1 will likely begin in third quarter 2018.
   
   **Timeline:** third quarter 2018-first quarter 2021 (Phase 1), January 2018-second quarter 2020 (Phase 2)
   **Cost:** $23.9 million-$30 million
   **Funding source:** TxDOT

6. **Gosling Road bridge**
   This project will construct a second bridge on Gosling Road over Spring Creek and convert the existing bridge to a one-way road. According to Pamela Rocchi, Harris County Precinct 4 capital improvement projects division director, the county identified funds for the project and is preparing an interagency agreement between Harris and Montgomery counties. DuBois said the entities have agreed on an engineering firm for design work, and engineering work should be completed by late 2018.
   
   **Timeline:** TBD
   **Cost:** TBD
   **Funding sources:** Harris County Precinct 4, Montgomery County Precinct 3

HOW IT WORKS

What school zone safety regulations should drivers follow?

As the 2018-19 school year begins for many local schools this month, motorists will notice school zones back in effect and school buses on the road.

When driving through a school zone, Texas Department of Transportation officials urge motorists to obey reduced speed limits, which range from 20-35 miles per hour. Drivers should also refrain from using cellphones, as violators can face fines up to $200.

School zones begin at least 200 feet in advance of the school grounds, a school crossing or other school-related activities, according to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Motorists should also mind the Texas School Bus Law, which mandates a driver must stop when near a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal.

If the road is divided by a left-turning or painted lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal.

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Oak Ridge North pulls Robinson Road from TIP project list, debates options

BY ABIGAIL LOOP

Oak Ridge North city officials said they have made changes to plans to alleviate traffic on Robinson Road, a major thoroughfare in the city that experiences traffic congestion on a daily basis.

The city has identified three project sites to lessen congestion, and Oak Ridge North City Council, members discussed project details and plans for funding at a special city capital improvements workshop June 27.

While two of the projects—improving the Woodlands Parkway and Robinson Road overpass, and adding an additional turn lane from Robinson Road into the Oak Ridge North Commerce Park—are currently in the design phase, plans for the realignment of Robinson Road near Hanna Road have changed.

ROBINSON ROAD FUNDING

In June 2017, city council members approved a contract to partner with engineering firm RPS Klotz Associates to apply to the Transportation Improvement Program for funding assistance and preliminary engineering for the realignment of Robinson Road. The Houston-Galveston Area Council’s call for TIP projects is an opportunity for local governments and transportation agencies to compete for federal transportation project funding.

While city officials previously planned to fund the Robinson Road realignment project with TIP funds, Donald Durgin, a transportation practice manager with RPS Klotz Associates, said at the June 27 city workshop that after having talks with Texas Department of Transportation officials, the realignment project on Robinson Road is not suitable for the TIP program.

“We’ve had a couple meetings with TxDOT,” Durgin said. “They said the undivided Robinson Road is the killer part of the project. You have to add sidewalks, and they likely wouldn’t accept the drainage system as is. There are just a number of things that would probably double the cost of the project and add at least four years to getting the project under construction.”

Joe Sherwin, public works director for Oak Ridge North, said as a result of the realignment project not being suitable for the TIP program, he believes the project should be a county-assisted project rather than a state project.

“Don [Durgin] and I have been working this back and forth over the past two months, and we kind of know what council will go for and what you want based on the temperature of the project and the community,” Sherwin said. “We’ve been working towards doing design with county [specifications] in mind, and we’re still going towards a county-assisted project. That’s been the direction. We knew TxDOT would be a long shot after meeting with them.”

City council members unanimously agreed with Sherwin and voted to change the manner of funding, citing that no other options were available for the project.

City Manager Vicky Rudy said while the project is not likely to receive state funding, the realignment of Hanna at Robinson roads and adding signalization is still needed and would greatly improve traffic for the city by reducing delay times for drivers. Rudy said traffic remains an issue on Robinson Road because there still remains only two ways in and out of the developing community east of I-45 in South Montgomery County.

“Realigning and putting a signal in at Hanna and Robinson roads would solve 75 percent of the problem,” Rudy said. We’ve been talking with [Montgomery County Precinct 3] Commissioner [James] Noack, and it’s been a positive conversation but still early. It’s our current best opportunity to solve the problem faster than the TIP program.”

ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS

As for the Woodlands Parkway and Robinson Road overpass project, which will also include intersection improvements at Patsy Lane and Robinson Road, Sherwin said the project is being designed by Montgomery County Precinct 3 and was still being revised as of late June. The project will also include intersection improvements at Patsy Lane and Robinson Road.

The intersection, which currently controls traffic with stop signs, is defined in the South Montgomery County Mobility Study as “severely overcapacity” because traffic exceeds the roadway’s capacity at peak hours.

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— VICKY RUDY, CITY MANAGER OAK RIDGE NORTH

During a traffic count on the intersection in 2017, Robinson Road between I-45 and Hanna Road had a count of 16,170 commuters daily, while the capacity of the road is set at 17,800 vehicles per day, according to the Highway Capacity Manual, a publication by the Transportation Research Board.

Meanwhile, during a traffic count study in 2017, Woodlands Parkway between I-45 and Grogan’s Mill Road had a count of 63,859 commuters over 24 hours, while its capacity is set at 55,300 vehicles per day.

Rudy said the county is expected to finish the design of Phase 2 by the end of 2018, and it will be the main general fund project for the city next year.

“We’ll finish Phase 2 the rest of this year, and Phase 3 will begin in October,” Rudy said. “It’ll [cost] $350,000 from the unrestricted general fund in the capital improvement budget. We do have an interlocal agreement with the county to reimburse us for phases 1 and 2, which is about $240,000. It’s the main project in here for the general fund side of the capital improvements.”

The third improvement to the thoroughfare will be the Robinson Road turn lane into the Oak Ridge North Commerce Park, which city officials said is hard to turn in to due to traffic congestion.

The final design for the turn lane has been completed, and funding is expected to come from the Oak Ridge North Economic Development Corporation. However, Rudy said the project has been put on hold until more can be determined about funding and a timeline for the Robinson Road realignment project.

“The EDC and the [tax increment reinvestment zone] would be part of our creative financing,” she said. “Once we know what’s happening with the realignment project, we can pursue funding for the turn lane project.”
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Lone Star College-Montgomery plans professional pilot workforce program

BY KELLY SCHAFLER

A professional pilot degree program and a Level I commercial pilot certification course are moving forward after Lone Star College-Montgomery received approval to pursue accreditations for an Associate of Applied Science, or AAS, degree at the June 7 Lone Star College System board of trustees meeting.

LSC-Montgomery is seeking approval from state and local accreditors to operate the program from LSC-Conroe Center. If approved, it will be the only public community college in the Greater Houston area offering the pilot program, LSC-Montgomery President Rebecca Riley said.

Riley said the college is expecting to hear from the accrediting entities in October, with the college anticipating to accept up to 20 professional pilot students for the spring 2019 semester.

“The employment needs for this program are really much broader than just Montgomery County,” she said. “We’re hoping to address the pilot shortage that is occurring both nationwide in the United States and internationally, which is projected to get much more critical over the next 10 years.”

A GLOBAL SHORTAGE

According to a July 2017 study from Boeing, the global demand for pilots—specifically commercial airline pilots—will continue to increase over the next 20 years. While the Asia Pacific region will have the greatest demand for pilots, the North America region will require 117,000, according to the report.

The report showed that demand will increase between 2017 and 2036 because many pilots will have entered retirement age and the aviation industry’s growth is anticipated to continue.

James Brown, director of the Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport, or CNHRA, said the pilot shortage is due to how expensive it is to gain a commercial pilot license and the entry barrier to become an airline pilot.

“When programs like the one Lone Star College is proposing comes around, it gives those students a way to get a degree and a pilot license to work toward the hours to become an airline pilot,” Brown said.

The degree will cost upward of $65,000, which Riley said could be partially paid by federal loans, grants or through military benefits for qualified students.

Students will earn 300 flight hours, their private and commercial pilot licenses, a Certified Flight Instructor certificate and college credits through the AAS degree program. Riley said the grounds portion of instruction will be provided at LSC-Conroe Center, while flight courses will be administered by a third-party flight school at CNHRA.

LSCS is accepting applications for the positions of professional pilot program director and professional pilot program coordinator, LSC-Conroe Center President Mary Mendoza said. She said the professional pilot program will also have an advisory board composed of aviation professionals that will meet twice a year and offer the college feedback on curriculum, industry practices and guide students to employability.

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Marcel Town Center to debut on FM 1488

BY CARINA SMITH

A new shopping center is nearing completion at the northwest corner of Old Conroe Road and FM 1488, bringing a number of restaurants and businesses to the area this fall.

The Marcel Town Center, developed by The Marcel Group, first broke ground in November. The shopping center is approximately 70,000 square feet with room for over 400 parking spaces, The Marcel Group CEO Vernon Marcel Veldekens said. The development will include a total of six buildings: four for restaurants and two for retail space.

To date, 14 tenants have been confirmed for the development, including five restaurants and nine businesses and offices. Veldekens said tenants, such as World’s Burgers and Delta Life Fitness, have already signed leases within the development and are working to get their stores up and running.

“I’m pretty happy—with less than a year’s time on this project, we are this leased up and everyone’s starting interior build-out now. It’s looking really good,” Veldekens said.

There are still four vacancies within the development, including two spaces in the retail area and two restaurant spaces. Veldekens said the company has seen multiple prospective tenants for each space, and he hopes to have all four leased by the end of August.

While developing the concept for the Marcel Town Center, Veldekens said it was important to the group to have a space for customers to walk and enjoy the outside areas as well as the shops and restaurants themselves.

“What is important to us is making the development pedestrian-friendly,” he said. “Lots of courtyard, lots of walkability [and] lots of areas for people to sit and hang out outside with shaded areas. I think it’s the new function of community-based shopping centers.”

Veldekens said the development company is slated to have at least 75 percent of the shops within the Marcel Town Center ready to open by Oct. 1, with the remaining 25 percent ready in early 2019. Veldekens said he hopes this concept of having a mix of different types of spaces will add to the area and bring a different kind of shopping experience to those who visit.

“The concept that we’re doing is what we call ‘town center concepts,’” he said. “It’s not really a lifestyle center, and it’s not exactly your typical shopping center or your typical office building. We’re trying to do things in the community that [are] going to be different from what everyone else is doing.”

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The Woodlands Township considers zoning in incorporation planning

BY WENDY CAWTONG

As part of an ongoing study on incorporation, The Woodlands Township will consider whether a potential city of The Woodlands could include zoning for the area as well as new responsibilities for the municipality.

Whereas incorporated cities use local ordinances to develop zoning requirements within the city limits, the township uses covenants—which act like deed restrictions—to enforce standards much like a homeowners association would.

In the township’s July 19 incorporation planning session, the board of directors heard presentations from municipal attorneys on how The Woodlands might enforce control of land use in the area.

“So here you are thinking about incorporation and living in a community that is almost, but not quite, completely covered by restrictive covenants or deed restrictions,” said Monte Akers, a municipal attorney with Akers & Akers law firm. “You have a choice: Are you going to adopt zoning, in which case you would not have the authority to enforce deed restrictions? Or do you not adopt zoning and elect to enforce deed restrictions in a manner similar to what you’re doing now?”

Should the township vote to incorporate, it would first become a general law city, which has limited powers under the state Legislature. Should voters approve a charter to become a home rule city, The Woodlands could adopt zoning ordinances, under which violations would be punishable with fines or legal action. However, if the council is opposed to developing local ordinances, Alan Pennington, vice president of Matrix, the lead consultant for the study, said the covenants would remain in place following incorporation.

While many cities develop zoning plans to determine uses for undeveloped space, township officials said doing so in The Woodlands would not need to occur immediately and may not be necessary.

“The Woodlands has very limited land that’s not already developed or plotted or subdivided out with already existing restrictions on it,” Township Chairman Gordy Bunch said. “Based on the summary that we were provided, if you choose to incorporate and the residents of the community choose to incorporate, the easiest thing is you continue to administer covenant administration the way you are today while you’re a general law city, and you bridge that discussion when you start doing the home rule charter.”

Pennington said there are some areas within the township on the northeast and western boarders not covered by the existing covenants, which is something the board could address through zoning.

While implementing zoning would optional for the proposed city of The Woodlands, there are a few responsibilities that would be mandatory. Should the voters approve incorporation, the township would be responsible for adopting and enforcing building codes throughout the city limits.

“A lot of those functions are currently performed by the county but upon incorporation this would become a municipal responsibility,” said Josh Rauch, an associate with The Novak Group, a consultant for the study. “The Woodlands would have the option to either contract those services or to use in-house staff to perform those functions. That is required whether the township chose to do planning and zoning or covenant administration.”

The township board of directors will continue the study next month with presentations on pavement analysis and police analysis on Aug. 16 and 22, respectively.

TOWNSHIP

The Woodlands Township will host a public forum for residents to learn more about the incorporation study progress to date, including law enforcement, street conditions and municipal utility district analysis. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide feedback.

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It has been one year since Hurricane Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast in late August 2017 and flooded the Greater Houston area with more than 30 inches of rain over a four-day period. Here are some photos that showed the devastation and the heroism that occurred in The Woodlands area following the storm.

1. Interfaith of The Woodlands became the central hub for Montgomery County to collect and distribute donated emergency supplies, such as food, water and clothing.

2. Homes in the Timmaron Lakes neighborhood experienced significant flooding due to its close proximity to Spring Creek.

3. Both volunteers and displaced families in need lined up at Interfaith of The Woodlands’ distribution center in Conroe.

4. Also located close to Spring Creek, homes in Timber Lakes-Timber Ridge likewise experienced significant damage from the storm.

5. Debris lined the streets of Timber Lakes-Timber Ridge for months following Hurricane Harvey.

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The Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC hosted a rally June 30 and raised nearly $20,000 to restore Sweet Rest Cemetery.

Sweet Rest Cemetery...

- Was founded in the 1870s
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- Which have been flooded for 10 years

$23,000 raised by the Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC + $50,000 donated by Huntsman Corporation = $73,000 for the cause

SOURCE: TAMINA CEMETERY PROJECT AND CDC/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

Tamina community raises funds to begin Sweet Rest Cemetery restoration

BY HANNAH ZEDAKER

With funding in place, the Tamina Cemetery Projects and Community Development Corp. will soon begin the process of restoring the Sweet Rest Cemetery.

The Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC is a nonprofit spearheaded by former Tamina resident Elijah Easley. The organization was established in the hopes of salvaging the Sweet Rest Cemetery, a 150-year-old plot of land that serves as the final resting place for many of Tamina’s founders and some of the first settlers of Montgomery County, according to Easley.

The 12-acre cemetery was established in the 1870s and contains roughly 250 gravesites of former slaves, Native Americans, law-enforcement officers and military veterans. However, the site has been submerged beneath a foot of standing water for more than a decade, Easley said, rendering residents unable to bury loved ones on the grounds.

“It’s extremely important for those that are resting in Sweet Rest Cemetery so that we can recognize and remember their lives and what they gave for our community,” Easley said. “And it’s also for our children that will come after us—after our eyes are shut and we have passed on—this is for them.”

To help return the cemetery to its former status, the corporation began planning a restoration process that includes using commercial sump pumps to drain the standing water, conducting a propertywide study to create a master plan in accordance with Texas Historical Commission guidelines, refurbishing dilapidated grave markers and working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to find long-term flood mitigation solutions.

All of these steps, however, require funding, which The Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC did not have in place until late June.

In mid-May, Easley said the corporation was notified that The Woodlands-based Huntsman Corp. had pledged $50,000 toward cemetery restoration efforts, if the Tamina community was able to raise $5,000 on its own. At that time, the organization had roughly $2,400, Easley said.

“With such recent affluence and modernization in Montgomery County, we run the risk of forgetting or paving over our rich heritage,” said Peter R. Huntsman, Huntsman Corp. chairman, president and CEO. “In meeting with representatives from the Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC, I was struck with the diversity and the number of forgotten men and women that really were the fabric of what made Texas—and the U.S. in general—what we are today. It would be a tragedy if we were to neglect such a place.”

The Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC hosted a cemetery rally June 30 at the Tamina Park to raise money for the project. Following a successful turnout, Easley said the organization surpassed its $5,000 goal and raised a total of $23,000, making the nonprofit eligible for the Huntsman Corp.’s $50,000 donation.

“It was an absolute success beyond just the monetary success we had,” Easley said. “It just did all of our hearts good to see so many communities come together for a common cause to help this community. It just truly did my heart good.”

Easley said the Tamina Cemetery Project and CDC will begin work in the coming weeks with an environmentalist to study samples of the cemetery’s water and soil. Following those studies, the organization will use a drone to identify marked and unmarked graves before proceeding to drain the water and begin restoring the gravesites.

“We are delighted with the outpouring of community support for the Tamina Cemetery Project [and CDC],” Huntsman said. “This is a wonderful partnership between a local business and a caring community, both of which will be needed to see this restoration through. We are proud of our involvement at Huntsman Corp. and encourage other local businesses to consider joining our collective efforts.”

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Shenandoah City Council to study regulations on short-term rentals in area

BY HANNAH ZEDAKER

Following a study on short-term rental properties in the area, Shenandoah City Council members are working to determine legal options for restricting rentals within city limits.

At the direction of the council following a preliminary discussion on short-term rentals during the March 28 council meeting, the Shenandoah Police Department conducted a 90-day study from April 9 to June 25 to see how many residential homes within city limits were listed as short-term rentals on websites, including Airbnb and Vacation Rental by Owner—or VRBO.

According to police Chief Raymond Shaw, the study found during that time frame, four homes had been listed as active short-term rentals. “I know there’s been other people saying there are more than that but right now, that’s the only four we’ve identified at this time,” Shaw said during the July 11 city council meeting.

Former Council Member Darrell Frazier addressed the council during a citizen’s forum on the matter, stating a residential property neighboring his home was being used as a short-term rental. Frazier said it was a violation of the city’s Integrated Development Code, published in 2011.

The IDC requires that single-family homes be occupied on a non-transient basis, meaning it prohibits occupants staying for only a short period of time. “The turnover of people in the house behind me … is getting ridiculous—sometimes weekly, sometimes nightly,” Frazier said.

However, City Attorney Bill Ferebee said the Texas Supreme Court issued an opinion on a deed restriction case in late May that could affect the regulation of short-term rentals. “The Texas Supreme Court said that if the deed restrictions allow you to rent property within the area, there is no distinction between one day, one week, one month or one year, etc.,” Ferebee said. “That, as a matter of law, the deed restrictions that say you can rent your property allow you to rent on a short-term basis.”

Ferebee reiterated the ruling was on a deed restriction case, which is different than an ordinance. “I think it’s going to require further thought and examination,” he said. “If the Supreme Court feels that way about deed restrictions, if we had an ordinance that you can rent your property, whether or not we can restrict it or not—I don’t know the answer.”

Council Member Charlie Bradt said while he is concerned about having short-term rentals in residential areas, he agreed more study is needed. “Although I agree with Darrell and I am concerned about [short-term rentals], I’m also concerned about property rights,” Bradt said. “It’s a gray area that we’re dealing with here. Rather than just taking an iron fist and saying, ‘You can’t do this because of the IDC,’ I think it [needs] to have more discussion.”

The discussion-only item is expected to be brought back to the council at a future meeting.

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New Conroe ISD schools to add capacity in southeast Montgomery County

**BY HANNAH ZEDAKER**

As the 2018-19 school year approaches, Conroe ISD will open Grand Oaks High School and Katherine Johnson Clark Intermediate School for their inaugural school year Aug. 15, providing extra capacity for students in the rapidly growing southeast area of Montgomery County.

With the development of communities, such as Harmony and Imperial Oaks located along the Rayford Road area, in conjunction with growth surrounding the Grand Parkway, the southeast area of Montgomery County has boomed in recent years, as more families move to the region.

“Conroe ISD is constantly evaluating the changes and growth across Montgomery County in order to effectively and efficiently plan to meet the needs of our students and community,” CISD Superintendent Curtis Null said.

Null said the district has a demographer who studies student enrollment patterns and housing trends and also works with an outside group, Population & Survey Analysts, that evaluates trends and provides information on potential areas for future growth.

**INCREASING CAPACITY**

The 2015 PASA report identified that Benders Landing, Benders Landings Estates, Imperial Oaks-The Falls, Harper’s Preserve and Harmony—all located in southeast Montgomery County—are expected to add over 4,100 new homes to the area by 2024, which would have a significant effect on student population.

“These demographic studies provide information to our Facilities Planning Committees and are instrumental in successful long-range planning for our fast-growth district,” Null said. “The most recent report from PASA was utilized by our 2015 Facilities Planning Committee in developing the proposal for the 2015 bond and eventual building of Grand Oaks High School and Clark Intermediate.”

Located at 4800 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, GOHS will provide relief for Oak Ridge High School, CISD Director of Communications Sarah Blakelock said. At full capacity, GOHS will serve 3,100 students in grades 9-12.

According to CISD, students who live in the following areas will be zoned to GOHS: Benders Landing, Bristol Lakes, Creekside, Discovery Creek Apartments, The Falls, Fox Run, Harmony, Legends Ranch, Legends Ranch Estates, Legends Run, Legends Trace, Lockeridge Farms, Spring Creek Pines, Spring Trails, Woodson Reserve and Wrights Landing.

“The attendance boundary of Grand Oaks High School was previously part of the Oak Ridge High School feeder [pattern],” Blakelock said. “Last school year, Oak Ridge High School had an enrollment of over 4,300 students and relied on the use of 39 portable classrooms.”

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According to Blakelock, CISD buildings districtwide have a total capacity of 69,000 students. Blakelock also said CISD has grown by approximately 1,500 students each year for the past decade.

Clark Intermediate School, located at 4182 Trench Lane, Spring, will have a capacity of 1,000 fifth- and sixth-graders.

According to CISD, students who live in the following areas will be zoned to Clark Intermediate School: Benders Landing, Bristol Lakes, Creekside, The Falls, Legends Run, Legends Trace, Wrights Landing and Woodson Reserve.

“Clark Intermediate [School] will provide relief to Cox Intermediate [School], which served over 1,500 students utilizing 14 portable classrooms last year,” Blakelock said.

Clark Intermediate School is expected to open with more than 800 students for the 2018-19 school year, Blakelock said.

“As a district, we are excited for students and families to come together as a Grand Oaks feeder family,” she said.

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Conroe ISD to provide mental health services at 2 schools starting in August

Students at two Conroe ISD campuses will have direct access to mental health services from local nonprofit Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare, with the implementation of a pilot program that will begin in August.

On July 17, the CISD board of trustees unanimously approved an agreement to allow Tri-County to provide free mental health services to students at Armstrong Elementary and Grangerland Intermediate schools. District officials said the program, which comes at no cost to the district, will serve students identified by parents or school staff members as a risk for substance abuse, delinquency and violence.

Tri-County is a Conroe-based health care facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, severe mental illnesses or who struggle with substance abuse. Tri-County Services Executive Director Evan Roberson said the program will make mental health services more accessible to vulnerable CISD students.

“Our plan is to have a staff based at the campus to work with students who are already in our services,” Roberson said. “These are kids who have already been through our entire process ... It’ll mean less time out of the classroom for kids and more consistent care.”

Denise Cipolla, administrative coordinator of guidance counseling for CISD, said transportation is often an obstacle for many families who cannot afford to leave work to take children to an appointment for mental health services.

According to the Texas Education Agency’s 2017 accountability ratings, both targeted campuses have a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students—in comparison to the state average of 59 percent. Armstrong Elementary’s student population is 91.2 percent economically disadvantaged, while Grangerland Intermediate’s student population is 76.9 economically disadvantaged.

“Having the services in these two zones is a win-win for all of us,” Cipolla said. “It really helps the students get the services they need and helps us coordinate with the therapist directly so we’re really working on that safety plan and that transition and helping [the families] from both avenues.”

Roberson said at least one Tri-County staff member will be at each campus during school hours to provide students with basic therapy and support, while two or three other Tri-County specialists will rotate between campuses to assist with visits.

Additionally, a potential partnership with Sam Houston State University’s Center for Research and Clinical Training in Trauma will help Tri-County provide students with education on trauma prevention, substance abuse and suicide, Roberson said. Tri-County also plans to partner with Lone Star Family Health Center to expand mental health education.

If the pilot program is successful, CISD will evaluate the program and consider expanding it to other campuses after the 2018-19 school year.

Google to bring IT certification program to 6 Lone Star College campuses after Corporate College debut

The Lone Star College System is collaborating with Google to address needs for IT support professionals in the workforce.

Google officials announced the tech company would bring the opportunity to earn Information Technology Support Professional certificates to the Cy-Fair, Kingwood, Montgomery, North Harris, Tomball and University Park campuses through its Grow with Google initiative.

Linda Head, associate vice chancellor with LSCS and head of the office of workforce education, said the program is meant to help students become more prepared as they look for careers post-graduation or while attending college.

“Since 1990 or so, we have been committed to adding industry-recognized credentials in addition to the Lone Star College certificates and associate degree[s],” she said. “These large companies and multinationals that are hiring our students when they graduate might not all recognize what a community college is or who Lone Star College is.”

With no prior experience, students can learn to become IT support professionals during the eight-month, online-only program, said Peter Schottenfels, communications manager for Google. He said the program—which is being rolled out at more than 25 community colleges in seven states—is meant to strengthen the IT support workforce.

Google has also partnered with employers looking to hire IT support professionals, and students who complete the program will be able to share their information directly with those employers, officials said. Some of those employers include Bank of America, Walmart, Sprint, General Electric Co. and Google itself, Schottenfels said.

“The objective is inspired by our own IT support program,” he said. “What we learned within Google was that it was really hard to hire entry-level IT staff, because most IT support roles require some sort of higher experience, but at the same time they’re entry level.”

LSCS officials said the program will be available at the Lone Star Corporate College this fall and will be expanded to an associate degree program in the spring 2019 semester.

Conroe ISD presents $495M proposed budget

Chief Financial Officer Darrin Rice presented the district’s $495.49 million preliminary budget for the 2018-19 school year on July 17.

CISD will hold a public hearing Aug. 7 to discuss the 2018-19 budget and the tax rate. Trustees will vote on the budget Aug. 21, Rice said.

The district’s proposed tax rate of $1.28 per $100 valuation stayed consistent with last year’s rate.

Student enrollment is anticipated to increase by 1,400 students, bringing CISD’s total enrollment to 63,014 students.

The preliminary budget includes a 2.5 percent salary increase for professional staff—bringing the starting teacher salary to $53,700.

The district intends to invest funds to increase security measures by hiring 16 police officers to be stationed at campuses across the district.

CISD to hold trustee elections Nov. 6

Conroe ISD will participate in a joint election Nov. 6 to fill Place 1, Place 2 and Place 3, which are held by board President Melanie Bush, trustee Ray Sanders and trustee Skeeter Hubert, respectively.

In June 2017, Bush announced she would not be seeking re-election as she is vying for the position of Montgomery County treasurer.

As of press time, Sanders and Hubert had not yet announced whether they will run for re-election to the board of trustees. The deadline to file is Aug. 20.

TRUSTEE TIMELINE

Conroe ISD will hold an election Nov. 6 to fill three board of trustee seats.

Aug. 20: Candidate filing deadline

Oct. 9: Last day to register to vote

Oct. 22-Nov. 2: Early voting

Nov. 6: Election Day

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Flex 19 rezoning process to begin in fall

CONROE ISD The zoning process to determine attendance boundaries for Conroe ISD’s upcoming K-6 campus, or Flex 19, will begin in late September or early October, Deputy Superintendent of Operations Chris Hines said. Construction began in mid-March on Flex 19 and is set to debut in August 2019 near Hwy. 242 at 10261 Harper’s School Road, Conroe. The school is funded through the district’s 2015 bond package.

Hines said the trustees will approve the attendance boundaries in December 2018 or January 2019, if rezoning for Flex 19 follows the process CISD has used for other schools.

“People get comfortable with their schools ... so as a general rule we don’t like to change where they go to school either,” Hines said. “But there are reasons we have to look at the boundaries, and one of them is opening a new school—in the case of Flex 19. Another reason is schools get crowded, and we have to move students to where there is more room.”

District seeks community input for names for two new CISD schools

CONROE ISD Community members will be asked to provide feedback on the naming of Conroe ISD’s incoming K-6 campus, Flex 19, district officials announced during the July 17 board of trustees meeting. The campus will open in August 2019 at 10261 Harper’s School Road, Conroe.

Names for the new school can include geographical areas, people or public officials who have contributed to the district, people who have been influential in education or the arts, or national or state heroes.

The district will also accept potential names for the incoming junior high school campus, which will open August 2020. The new junior high campus will be located in the Conroe High School feeder zone, Deputy Superintendent Chris Hines said.

The community can submit campus names via CISD’s website through Aug. 13, Hines said. District officials will gather the submissions and present the name options to trustees Aug. 21. Trustees will vote on the school names Sept. 18.

The new K-6 campus will open in August 2019 in Harper’s Preserve.

The new junior high campus will open in August 2020 north of Hwy. 105 in Conroe.
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Construction updates

COMPiled by Wendy Cawthon

Several commercial developments are under construction in and around The Woodlands area.

1 Work is continuing on the MetroPark Square mixed-use development along I-45 North in Shenandoah. Since early 2018, developer Sam Moon Group has added new roadways and driveways to the center, which will be anchored by an AMC-10 movie theater. AMC officials did not respond to requests for comment on when the theater may open.

2 Lake Woodlands Crossing, located at Lake Woodlands Boulevard and Grogan’s Mill Road, is expected to open to tenants this fall. Tenants for the development include Ulta Beauty and Total Wine & More.

3 A new retail center is under construction at the northwest corner of Woodlands Parkway and Terramont Drive. The new center includes several pad sites, as well as a Dairy Queen location, which opened in late July.

4 Framework has been constructed on Cathedral Lakes, a 150-acre development near Grace Woodlands Church on I-45 North near Rayford Road. The mixed-use development is expected to include a hotel, a medical complex and Northside Lexus car dealership. Construction is slated for completion in 2022.

5 Marcel Town Center is a 70,000-square-foot retail development located near FM 1488 and Old Conroe Road across from Del Webb The Woodlands. The center is slated to open to tenants this fall.

6 Harmony Commons, a 19,200-square-foot development located near the corner of the Grand Parkway and Discovery Creek Boulevard, began construction in summer 2017. Tenants include a new location for Mod Pizza—which opened in early August—as well as a second location for Robichaus Jewelry and a Chase Bank, which is slated to open in late October.
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Shenandoah City Council approves third special-use permit for EVEN Hotel

Construction on EVEN Hotel at 18850 David Memorial Drive, Shenandoah will proceed following a special-use permit approved during the July 25 Shenandoah City Council meeting.

A product by the InterContinental Hotels Group, EVEN Hotel is a fitness-focused hotel that will stand five stories tall and will include 120 rooms, meeting space and a full-service restaurant and bar. Each hotel room will have its own fitness equipment. A special-use permit allows a landowner to build in an area zoned for a differing land type. In this case, the land for the hotel was planned for commercial use.

The permit was approved by a 4-1 vote, with Council Member Byron Bevers voting against the item after asking for more research on how many hotel rooms the city can support. Shenandoah City Council had previously approved a special-use permit for the hotel in July 2016 and again in January 2017, but both have since expired.

Representatives with the hotel’s development company said the project stagnated due to financial constraints, however, the group assured council members that finances were already in place and construction would begin as soon as the permits were issued.

A construction start date has not yet been announced.

“I’m looking forward to the ribbon-cutting and not another [special-use permit],” Council Member Ron Raymaker said.

Harris County releases list of flood projects in $2.5B bond package

As part of a $2.5 billion proposed bond referendum, Harris County announced Aug. 6 a final list of projects for the Greater Houston area, including the Spring Creek watershed near the county border.

Projects across the county include home buyouts, partnerships with local entities, subdivision drainage improvements, and storm repairs.

- Storm repairs south of Riley Fuzzel Road near Spring as well as Gosling and West Rayford roads
- Subdivision drainage improvements in Timarron and Timarron Lakes
- Right of way acquisition and drainage at Spring Creek near Kuykendahl Road
- A study of the San Jacinto River watershed

Harris County residents will vote on the bond in a special-called election Aug. 25.
Montgomery County seeks waivers for use of disaster recovery funds to pay for drainage projects

Montgomery County Commissioners Court approved a resolution on July 10 to seek waivers to spend disaster recovery funds on areas affected by Hurricane Harvey last year.

Montgomery County Precinct 3 Commissioner James Noack said restrictions on Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Low to Moderate Income areas—also known as LMI mandates—are making it hard for areas of the county to receive more assistance.

The resolution calls on state and federal leaders and agencies, including the Houston-Galveston Area Council, to seek exceptions to these guidelines and enable any local governmental entity the ability to determine the best use of recovery funds in the Hurricane Harvey recovery effort now and in the future.

“Our community in some areas was heavily impacted by Hurricane Harvey,” Noack said. “There’s a lot of money that is out there, but it’s hard to use it because it is in LMI constraints. We just need to let people know we need these funds, and we need to be able to have them without strings.”

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Oak Ridge North to raise rate, discontinue glass program for recycling service starting in October

Oak Ridge North City Council members unanimously approved a 89 cent increase in monthly recycling fees, stemming from a request from Waste Management.

Terry Woodson, public sector solutions manager with Waste Management, said the increase is due to limitations on contamination.

The rate increase was originally proposed at 96 cents; however, the city approved a plan to eliminate glass recycling in the Hurricane Harvey recovery effort now and in the future.

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ISO rating updated in The Woodlands

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP Deputy Chief Jerry Bittner announced The Woodlands Fire Department has received a “1” Insurance Services Office rating at The Woodlands Township board of directors meeting July 19.

The ratings come from the private company that evaluates industries for insurance purposes. The audit ratings range from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. To gain a perfect score upon inspection, a fire department must receive 109.76 points. Bittner said TWFD received a score of 99.45, with the only factor preventing a perfect score being that the department uses four employees to man each engine versus the six needed to receive the full points.

TWFD also received a 1 rating in 2014, and last year, the department was chosen to be re-evaluated because criteria for the system had changed. “Of the 48,855 communities in North America, there are only 97 ISO 1 communities,” Bittner said. “So, the percentage [of ISO 1 communities] is very small.”

The rating will officially become effective in November, Bittner said.

The Woodlands to release biennial survey

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP The Woodlands Township will conduct a survey of residents this fall to gauge the community’s opinion of a number of major issues and township services. At the July 19 township meeting, the board of directors agreed upon the questions of the survey.

In previous years, the survey has focused on topics, such as transportation, law enforcement, township services and governance. The survey was mailed out to roughly 6,100 homes, and approximately 1,550 households, or 25 percent, completed the survey in 2016.

Many of the questions from the 2016 survey will also appear in the 2018 survey to gain insight as to how the community is evolving. In the last survey, the top reported issues were traffic, mobility and development.

The survey will be sent out to residents in mid-September, and it will last throughout October.
UH Law Center launches new post-Harvey legal assistance program

BY KARLA MCINTYRE

The University of Houston Law Center received a $205,000 grant from the Greater Houston Community Foundation on July 12 that will allow the law center to launch its Hurricane Consumer Assistance Program.

This program will provide assistance to people who were affected by Hurricane Harvey and have legal issues related to the hurricane and damage caused by the storm, including landlord and tenant disputes and contractor problems.

Ryan Marquez, a UH Law Center staff attorney and professor, said the center plans to help about 1,000 individuals with this program.

“Even on the news [when Harvey hit], I’d see an attorney go on TV and tell people that if their residence was completely or partially uninhabitable, you didn’t have to pay rent. That’s not true,” Marquez said. “In Texas, there isn’t such a warrant of inhabitability. It hurt a lot of people to hear that misinformation.”

The number of landlord and tenant disputes decreased as Harvey victims found temporary or permanent housing options, but contractor complaints increased. According to Marquez, contractors do not have to be licensed by the state of Texas to do work.

“Contractors came in and did partial work, but didn’t finish the job and took people’s cash anyway,” Marquez said.

He suggested researching and checking references and with the Better Business Bureau before hiring a contractor, even if it takes extra time.

About 30 to 40 UH law students and other volunteer attorneys will advise clients about their legal rights, potentially represent them in court, send demand letters to settle disputes and offer other legal assistance.

The program is twofold: the first goal is to help consumers directly, and the second is to educate both law students and the public for future disasters.

“Even if we can’t take the case, we can inform them on what their rights are and that can give them peace of mind on ‘Am I doing this right?’” Marquez said. “That can really make a difference in cases like these.”

Marquez and Janet Heppard, an associate professor of clinical practice and the clinic director, are also working on developing online applications.

“We know there’s a lot of need out there,” Heppard said. There are not enough places where people can go and/or call to get info, so we hope this is a place where people can call and get legal advice.”

Foundation offers funding for nonprofits

BY HANNAH ZEDAKER

The application period for local nonprofits to apply for grant funding through the Montgomery County Community Foundation is now open and will run until Sept 15, MCCF announced July 10.

MCCF is a nonprofit governed by a board of private citizens who work to support other local nonprofits countywide. MCCF provides grant funding to local nonprofits in a variety of fund categories including children, senior adults, health care and prevention, heritage preservation and education.

This year, MCCF has added two new funds: one of which focuses on fostering hope for the abused and neglected, while the other new fund address animal welfare. MCCF also has a few additional funds, which are not restricted.

Organizations must be certified nonprofits and submit documentation. For more information, call 281-367-8158, or visit www.mccfoundation.org.
In response to Montgomery County Animal Shelter waives adoption fees indefinitely to alleviate overcrowding (posted July 11, 2018)

"Thank you so much for featuring the shelter! It is very much appreciated!"

—Rosanna Russell

Medical office development to begin construction in Creekside Park Village

BY ABIGAIL LOOP

Transwestern, a commercial real estate company, announced July 9 it is partnering with The Howard Hughes Corporation to open a new medical office development within Creekside Park Village at the corner of Strake Drive and Rockwell Park Boulevard in The Woodlands.

The development will be located between the neighborhood of Liberty Branch and the existing Creekside Park Village shopping center, which features a number of restaurant and retail tenants, such as H-E-B, Fielding’s Local Kitchen+Bar and Levure Bakery & Patisserie.

Construction on the two-story, 67,200-square-foot project is expected to begin at the end of this year, however, a completion date has not yet been announced.

The two-phase project will consist of two 33,600-square-foot medical office buildings, according to Howard Hughes officials.

Rip Reynolds, vice president of leasing and commercial land for The Howard Hughes Corporation, said he is looking forward to Creekside Park Village having a medical option for residents.

“It is our vision for Creekside Park Village Center to be all-encompassing, complete with medical offices and shopping, dining and service experiences, which residents have come to look forward to, all within walking distance to their homes,” Reynolds said.
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For his entire life, Patric Graham said he has been surrounded by kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddleboards. His parents, Patti Carothers and James Graham, opened SouthWest PaddleSports six months before Graham was born in 1993 and taught him to be an avid paddler.

Over 25 years later, Graham is now the manager of his parents’ store and said he assists with not only the day-to-day operations on the storefront but also with some of the lessons that SouthWest PaddleSports offers. He also helps to lead different paddling exhibitions, his favorite being when he is able to guide kayak-fishing trips.

Inside the store, the walls are lined with brochures, fishing gear, proper attire and a variety of boats for the different paddle sports. Graham said his family prides itself on selling high-quality and durable equipment to its customers.

“We’re not salesmen,” Graham said. “[We] believe in the quality of the products we sell or that we use ourselves. A lot of our kayaks and other products are American-made, so a lot of [SouthWest PaddleSports] is themed around keeping it in the paddle community and keeping the quality high.”

The majority of sales for the company are based on the kayak, canoe and stand-up paddleboard sales as well as the equipment that goes along with it. The store features single, double, whitewater, sea, racing and fishing kayaks as well as canoes, all of which are checked for safety hazards and cleaned before they are rented back out.

While the store sells all of the equipment needed to hit the water, Graham said what makes SouthWest PaddleSports unique are the services at the store, which includes a wide range of paddling lessons.

“Anybody can sell kayaks, but what we do really well is the services or lessons that we offer,” Graham said. “All throughout the summers, at least every weekend, we’ve got an event going on, whether it’s trips or lessons.”

Paddle sport lessons offered through the store range from beginner to advanced classes, Graham said. The variety of classes offered, such as surf kayaking and river canoeing, are held throughout most of the year for both groups and personal lessons.

Lessons typically range from $75-$125. Boat rentals—which are sometimes included in the cost of a lesson—can range from $50-$90 depending on the type of boat needed, he said.

Boats can be rented for one day, three days or a week at a time, and customers do not need to take a class to rent different equipment, Graham said. The age of those who take lessons can also vary greatly with many children under the age of 10 taking classes with the group.

Many beginner classes take place in local ponds and lakes such as Lake Woodlands and Lake Conroe, to keep traveling to a minimum for customers, but some specialized courses, such as whitewater and coastal kayaking, have students traveling farther away to properly learn, he said.

Graham said his family tries to stay involved within the paddling community in both The Woodlands and the Greater Houston area. Major events they have been a part of include helping with the annual River, Lakes, Bays ‘N Bayous Trash Bash that has thousands of volunteers helping to clean up the waterways all across Texas. Along with helping on smaller races and paddling events, SouthWest PaddleSports provides a number of rentals for the Buffalo Bayou Partnership Regatta—the largest canoe and kayak race in the state.

“The bulk of our services are things that are hard to duplicate,” Graham said. “Teaching people, going on guided fishing trips, partnering with people in our community—not everyone does that, but we do.”
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TownHall Texas
Event venue offers rustic atmosphere for weddings, parties

Located on a 10-acre property west of Oak Ridge North, TownHall Texas features a variety of rustic amenities put in place by owners Carey and Jana Jordan to offer a unique wedding or event experience.

Stephanie Jordan, venue director of Town Hall Texas and the daughter-in-law of Carey and Jana, said the business is family-owned and opened in 2005 as a place to host small concerts before becoming a successful wedding and event venue.

“We kind of fell into doing this,” Jordan said. “My father-in-law had a band who wanted to practice here, and it turned into having open mic night and small concerts here. Then people wanted to get married and do birthday parties here. It’s been about seven years that we’ve been doing the wedding thing.”

Now, Jordan said the venue has become a popular spot for weddings and usually hosts about 55 to 75 ceremonies and receptions per year, with November being the most popular month to host events.

The venue also hosts other events, including corporate, birthday and graduation parties. While TownHall Texas is located in The Woodlands area, Jordan said they have hosted events for customers from as far as Katy, Richmond and Pasadena.

Jordan said the venue offers four ceremony sites for weddings, and customers have free reign of the entire space. A 3,000-square-foot climate-controlled barn is also located on-site for receptions.

The wedding ceremony sites at the venue include a palapa, which is an open-sided structure with a thatched roof, commonly seen on Mexican beaches. Couples can also choose between a white chapel, a gazebo and a Western town structure.

“Our chapel is quickly becoming our most popular and largest ceremony spot,” Jordan said. “We’re planning ahead for some possible expansions on this one, and we can probably fit about 190 people in here with the benches we have. We have a lot of people who do their ceremony out here who don’t necessarily belong to a church. So it kind of gives them the church feel but also the rustic feel with the open walls. It’s very unique.”

In addition to the four ceremony sites, Jordan said the venue also features a saloon area that is used as a bar area for outdoor receptions or as a space for different types of parties. A groom’s cabin is also available on the property and features a kitchenette and pool table, while the bridal cabin features a full kitchen and dressing room.

Jordan said a sheriff’s office is also located near the saloon that features a jail cell for couples to take humorous photos in during a wedding.

“If the bride and groom have a good sense of humor, they usually get pictures in the jail cell,” she said. “There’s not a lot of places like this for people who are looking for the really rustic feel. A lot of people are looking for the more rustic and more casual. I think people like how casual it is.”

Jordan said what also makes TownHall Texas unique is how flexible the business is with events and planning.

“We like to let people know about our flexibility because there’s not really a lot we’ve said, ‘no,’ to,” she said. “We are both an event venue and a wedding venue, so we have different rates and offer different options. So that makes it easier for a lot of people.”
Community updates

A number of community events took place in late June and early July.

1. Residents in Shenandoah participated in the annual Independence Parade held at the City Pool on June 30.
2. Heather Neely (center), assistant to the city manager and economic development director, was awarded a certificate for five years of service in Oak Ridge North on July 23.
4. Officials with Hope: The Will Herndon Research Fund accepted a $100,000 donation from Waste Management in June.
5. Dr. Peter B. Morgan (left), an oncologist at Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital, presented a painting to patient Michael Briggs on July 12. Briggs is a firefighter undergoing treatment in The Woodlands.
6. The Woodlands Township held its fireworks display on July 4.

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Pure Healthy Eatery
Restaurant offers options for varying diets

When owner Fernando Cordova took over operations of an existing restaurant location with his three business partners more than four years ago, he said he knew residents in the area were hungry for an option for healthier food in a more accessible setting. In 2013, the eatery debuted as Pure Healthy Eatery on Research Forest Drive in The Woodlands, serving up a menu packed with healthy salads, freshly made juices and smoothies hearty sandwiches and entrees. One year later, the team decided to open a second location on Sawdust Road.

“When we took over that business, we saw that it had a huge potential for this area,” Cordova said. “People and restaurants are changing and evolving because people are more conscious nowadays. They want to know where their food comes from and what they are putting into their bodies. So, they’re not consuming just anything that’s out there—they’re being more aware.”

Cordova said it was important to include a variety of options on the menu to cater to the area’s ever-changing dietary wants, particularly as vegan and vegetarian diets become more mainstream. Additionally, he said the eatery uses hormone-free beef and chicken and strives to use organic options whenever possible.

The eatery has also made some healthy swaps throughout the menu, such as using agave in place of refined sugar, whole wheat flour instead of white flour and baked sweet potato fries in place of deep-fried options.

“We don’t fry anything at this store; this store doesn’t even have a fryer,” Cordova said. “We try to purchase fresh and clean products, and most of the time [all the menu items] that we carry are made in store.”

Pure Healthy Eatery also features an assembly counter where customers can see smoothies and juices—like the popular Green Monster juice—be prepared in front of them using fresh fruits and vegetables. For added nutrition, diners can customize their drinks with a shot of wheat grass juice or protein powder.

The menu also features breakfast, lunch and dinner options that include more than 10 salad options, sandwiches—such as the grilled bison burger and chipotle bean burger—that can be made with gluten-free bread or with a lettuce wrap, and entrees served with fresh vegetable sides.

In addition to dine-in and to-go orders, Pure Healthy Eatery also offers online ordering as well as delivery and catering services.

Cordova said, with the success of two locations in The Woodlands area, he hopes to add a third location in the downtown Houston area in the near future.

For now, Cordova said Pure Healthy Eatery is focused on keeping up with eating trends and new ingredients to introduce as well as listening to customers to determine what should be on the menu next.

“We’re always trying to put new items on the menu, new juices or new sandwiches; it depends on the trends of the season,” he said. “We try to customize our menu or try to put out something new depending on what customers are getting more involved in.”

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A lean bison patty is topped with romaine lettuce and mozzarella cheese and served on a whole wheat bun. Gluten-free buns and lettuce wraps are also available.

**The Fusion Roll ($11)**
A whole wheat wrap is served sushi-style with brown rice, grilled chicken, avocado and chipotle mayonnaise with organic soy sauce.

**The Green Monster juice ($6.50)**
The popular drink is made to order with fresh spinach, kale, apples, celery, broccoli, cucumber and parsley.
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Ramune Spritzer
Koji Ramen Bar

Since Koji Ramen Bar began offering mixed drinks in June, the Ramune Spritzer has become so popular among patrons, Manager Kei Nojiri said the once-seasonal beverage will become a permanent menu item.

The Ramune Spritzer ($8.50) is made with a patron’s choice of berry or yuzu sparkling jelly sake—or Japanese wine—as well as original, strawberry, lychee or white grape-flavored Ramune—a popular Japanese soda.

“This drink is fun for the customer because you get to pick your own flavors; it’s colorful, easy to drink and really unique—I haven’t heard of anyone else doing this,” Assistant Manager Josh Lokey said.

Koji Ramen Bar also offers other Japanese-inspired cocktails, including a Sake Colada and Sake Mule, to complement the eatery’s fresh ramen bowls.

“We wanted to create menu items that are part of Japanese culture, and Ramune is very popular in Japan, so we thought it would be genius to make a mixed drink with it,” Nojiri said.

Bellini
Pallotta’s Italian Grill

Behind the bar of Pallotta’s Italian Grill, a number of handcrafted cocktails are concocted, including the Italian-inspired Bellini cocktail.

The Bellini is a frozen drink made with peach syrup, Cook’s Brut champagne, peach schnapps and Daily’s Peach Puree, then blended and served in a tall glass.

Bartender Brandi McIntosh said the drink is a hit among customers during the summer because it is one of the few alcoholic drinks on Pallotta’s menu that is frozen.

“It’s very refreshing,” McIntosh said. “It is very sweet and easy to drink when it’s hot out. It quenches your thirst really well, especially in this Texas heat.”

In addition to the Bellini, Pallotta’s drink menu includes a number of specialty cocktails, martinis, wines and after-dinner drinks for customers to choose from. The family-owned restaurant has been in business since 1994, and its menu features a wide range of dishes, such as pastas, pizzas, salads, sandwiches and other Italian entrees.
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Herb & Beet
Eatery blends comfort food, healthy options

When E’leece Miner moved from Los Angeles to The Woodlands in 2016 to be with her fiance, Josh Lorey, she said she had trouble finding a farm-to-table concept that boasted dishes made with sustainably sourced, local ingredients.

To fill this void, Miner and Lorey said they decided to take matters into their own hands with the help of executive chef Lance Kramer.

“We looked for a location for probably a year before we actually found one,” Miner said. “We chose Sawdust Road because we saw a void in the market here—it’s a big lunch spot with a lot of businesses and mostly fast-food options. So we saw an opportunity and jumped on it.”

The couple opened Herb & Beet on Sawdust Road on June 22. The new concept puts a healthy twist on Southern comfort staples like brisket and macaroni and cheese, by using as many locally sourced ingredients as possible, Miner said.

“Our idea of healthy is knowing where something came from and being sustainably sourced,” Kramer said. “We do have brisket mac ‘n’ cheese, but you can also get a kale and quinoa salad here. But you’ll know where your meat came from, and you’ll know it’s responsibly sourced. Those are the most important things to us.”

Lorey said the restaurant partners with a variety of Texas-based businesses to ensure it serves the freshest ingredients possible. Herb & Beet receives fresh produce daily from Spring-based Atkinson Farms and meat from 44 Farms, located in Cameron, Texas, he said.

The restaurant offers Texas Greens, which are all chef-created salads with a variety of protein options, from grilled flank steak and Texas brisket to quinoa and smoked jackfruit as well as House Greens, which are the eatery’s selection of simpler salads that patrons can modify with protein if they choose.

In addition to salads, the restaurant also boats a variety of seasonal soups, sides and appetizers as well as a customizable sandwich option and the Lone Star Plate, which patrons can customize with their choice of protein types and two sides.

“You can pretty much modify anything here into being a vegetarian or vegan dish,” Miner said. “I’m a vegetarian, myself, so I like choosing the vegetables as my protein. If you wanted the steak salad but with veggies, you can just substitute steak for the veggies. So you can switch up a lot of things on our menu to kind of cater to everybody’s dietary need, which is nice.”

To complement the made-from-scratch dishes, the eatery also offers housemade teas and lemonades, such as the unsweetened rosemary mint lemonade. Herb & Beet also serves a variety of Texas wines, such as Becker Vineyards, as well as Houston craft beers from local breweries, such as St. Arnold Brewing Company and 11 Below Brewing Company.

As the seasons change, so will the Herb & Beet menu, Kramer said.

“It’s all about freshness, so our dishes will depend on whatever the farm is presenting at that time,” Kramer said. “Whatever is fresh that week, that’s what we’ll be rolling with that week.”

Although Herb & Beet is serving only lunch and dinner to start, Miner said the owners plan to add weekend brunch options in the future as well as more dinner specials, such as pork chops and smoked salmon.

Miner said the eatery offers to-go ordering by phone and in-person, and she also plans to expand to online ordering and delivery in the future.

“People don’t have a lot of time on their lunch breaks and people live a busy lifestyle now, especially here in The Woodlands,” Miner said. “We’re putting out very, very good food in under five minutes—our average food ticket is 4.5 minutes from start to finish, so it’s very quick.”

In addition to growing her own herbs, Miner said she has hopes of opening an Herb & Beet food truck and expanding into the Greater Houston area with more locations to make farm-to-table food more accessible.

“In Los Angeles, there are similar concepts to this, but fast, good food—which is something I think people are striving for—wasn’t here,” Miner said. “I wanted this kind of food and it wasn’t here. So this was a long time coming, and it has just unfolded so nicely and I’m very fortunate for that.”

1: The Sandwich ($8.50) is made with a protein and topped with fresh greens and red onions on a toasted ciabatta bun. 2: Drink options include the mint rosemary lemonade and the prickly pear lemonade ($2.50). 3: The Avocado Beet Toast ($5) is a toasted ciabatta slice topped with beet hummus, avocado, cotija cheese and balsamic glaze.

TEXAS TASTES
Each dish at Herb & Beet features locally sourced ingredients from the restaurant’s partners located across Texas, including:

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Vicky Rudy
City manager, Oak Ridge North

For the last eight years, Oak Ridge North City Manager Vicky Rudy has worked on developing city improvement projects, enhancing economic development and cultivating a professional city staff while becoming a key community leader in Montgomery County.

Rudy’s tenure will come to an end Aug. 31 after she announced her intent to retire in April.

Rudy accepted her first city manager position 15 years ago after being a stay-at-home parent to her two children, Olivia and Garman. Before getting involved in city government, Rudy lived in Magnolia, where she spent years as a school board trustee for Magnolia ISD and an active member of the community.

In 2003, Rudy started her city manager career, drawing on her education in journalism at Arkansas State University and past experiences as an editor for Shell Oil publications and the Arkansas Department of Human Services. She became city manager with the city of Montgomery, where she helped with tourism programs, oversaw a number of infrastructure projects and was involved in the construction of a new sewer plant.

“I ended up interviewing with [Montgomery] and, quite frankly, I had no idea what a city administrator would do, and they had no idea because they had never had one before,” she said. “But at the end of the day, they took a chance on me and I took a chance on them. I was there from 2003 to 2007, and I had just a wonderful experience there.”

Rudy then worked in the city of Rollingwood near Austin from 2007 to 2009 before accepting her position as city manager of Oak Ridge North.

“When this position came open in 2010, I had left Rollingwood, and I knew Oak Ridge North very well from my previous years in Montgomery County,” Rudy said. “I decided this is where I wanted to be, and Oak Ridge was very familiar to me. I knew the people and I knew the community.”

CITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

When Rudy took over the role of city manager in Oak Ridge North in 2010, she said the city faced a series of challenges, the solving of which have ultimately changed the city to what it is today.

“When I came to Oak Ridge North, the big challenge here was that they had zoning but no real comprehensive plan in place,” Rudy said. “For a city manager, a comprehensive plan is your Bible. It’s what the community wants to accomplish, and your job is to help them accomplish what they envision for the city.”

Rudy said while a comprehensive plan for Oak Ridge North was put in place in 2014, other challenges for the city still needed to be addressed, such as infrastructure, drainage issues and resurfacing residential streets.

While we were putting a comprehensive plan in place, the biggest challenge we were facing was the infrastructure—the city had no real plan for the infrastructure of the city for the 40 years it has been in existence,” she said. “So in 2010 when I got here, I was faced with a failing sewer system and an aging water system.”

Mayor Jim Kuykendall, who has served since 2011, said Rudy has been a great asset and has implemented many positive changes throughout the city.

“Vicky came here during a time when there was a lot of turmoil in the city,” Kuykendall said. “She stabilized everything, and she took us in a forward direction. She’s been a great asset, not only to us, but she’s [also] super respected all around the county and the state of Texas.”

Rudy said while she was involved in a variety of projects for Oak Ridge North during her time as city manager, she would not have been able to do it without her fellow city staff members.

“One of the things that I’m most proud of is the staff we’ve developed here,” Rudy said. “Everyone is highly professional, very experienced and very capable of running their department. I’m really proud of the progress we’ve made here. I hate to leave them, that’s the hardest part.”

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Vicky Rudy has served as city manager for the cities of Montgomery and Oak Ridge North and has accomplished a variety of projects and programs to benefit residents of both cities.

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- Help prepare meals in the MCWC shelter.
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For more than 35 years, the Montgomery County Women’s Center has been helping victims of domestic and sexual violence find refuge and begin new lives, with financial support through a local resale shop.

Formerly known as Rags to Riches, Something Special moved to its current location in Shenandoah and debuted a new name in 2009. The resale shop was previously split between two locations—one on Budde Road and the other on I-45—before consolidating into one larger space.

The store accepts a variety of donated items from the community, ranging from clothing and children’s toys to household items and furniture, all of which benefit MCWC.

“Something Special is a private nonprofit, and everything that is donated to us is either used for the clients in the MCWC shelter or transitional housing, or it’s sold here and 100 percent of those dollars go back to support the center’s programs,” Something Special Manager Debbie Flint said.

MCWC was first opened as a satellite campus of the Houston Area Women’s Center. However, less than two years after the satellite campus was opened, President and CEO Sarah Raleigh said the need for services in Montgomery County was so great, the center quickly transitioned from a satellite campus to its own, independent entity.

Today, the center operates a 75-bed emergency shelter and 24 units of transitional housing while offering individual and group counseling, legal services, crisis intervention and advocacy services—all at no cost to the client, Raleigh said. MCWC also operates a 24-hour crisis hotline and offers community and school-based educational outreach programs at more than 97 area schools.

“Each of our programs is meeting the needs of Montgomery County women seeking help from our shelter. Today, the center operates a 75-bed emergency shelter and 24 units of transitional housing while offering individual and group counseling, legal services, crisis intervention and advocacy services—all at no cost to the client, Raleigh said. MCWC also operates a 24-hour crisis hotline and offers community and school-based educational outreach programs at more than 97 area schools.

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Brian and Laura McMeans opened Space Cadets Gaming Gaming inside Oak Ridge North’s Space Cadets Collection Collection in late 2016 with the hopes of giving the local community a place to have fun in a family-friendly environment.

Brian said after six years of working alongside Jen King, owner of Space Cadets Collection Collection, he wanted to open his own space to hosts gaming events and role-playing groups.

“I had been working for Jen on the [Space Cadets Collection Collection] side doing game events and tournaments since 2012 and had kind of grown that area and started hosting more and more events,” Brian said.

“Jen knew that my long-term goal was to have a store of my own, and she said perhaps it was time to venture out and do that.”

Since debuting in November 2016, Brian said the gaming side of the store has taken off and become popular in both the Oak Ridge North and The Woodlands communities.

“We’ve been experiencing very good and steady growth since opening,” he said. “We offer board games, card games, miniatures and host role-playing games, such as ‘Star Wars’ and Dungeons and Dragons. We have a D&D group almost every day of the week now.”

Brian said the store has a casual atmosphere, and he and Laura hope to draw a younger generation into being more involved with games that are not digital or online.

“A lot of preteens and teens have their focus on the online world and video games, and we work really diligently to try and get them into something else,” Brian said. “Fifty percent of our D&D groups are comprised of teens and kids. Our daughter, who is 14, is a [dungeon master] in [Dungeons and Dragons], so it’s a lot of that younger crowd.”

Laura said it also helps that Space Cadets Gaming Gaming is a place where children and teenagers can feel safe while they have fun.

“It helps with parents that once they spend a little time with us they can drop their kids off,” Laura said. “It’s a safe environment.”

Brian said that due to the family-friendly environment and the wide variety of board games available, Friday nights and Saturdays at the business are usually packed with players. Board games, such as Ticket to Ride, Catan and Gloomhaven, are popular choices among customers. Groups who play Magic: The Gathering, a tactical card game, or Heroclix, a collectible miniature game based on superhero comic books, can also be found throughout the week.

Brian said customers can also try out games with friends or family members before deciding to purchase one.

“We offer our demo cabinets, which is where we have our demo games so [customers] can try it out, and we try to keep at least one copy of the game on sale,” Brian said.

“They can come in and try it out and see if they like it, and then they can purchase it off the shelf.”

Brian and Laura said while they only have one location for Space Cadets Gaming Gaming right now, they still have future plans to one day expand the store and host more events, groups and tournaments.

“We want people coming in and playing games,” Brian said. “Our tagline is “building community through gaming.” Selling things is great, but when I look around on a Saturday and see a large group of kids playing a card game and a family playing a board game, and everyone is laughing and having a good time, that’s what really brings the fulfillment for me.”
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A non-comprehensive guide to preschools in The Woodlands area.

The Woodlands area is home to a several early education and childcare options for families with young children.

Q&A

REBECCA COATES, Dean of admission and community relations at The Woodlands Methodist School answers questions on what parents should know before enrolling their children in preschool programs.

When should parents start thinking about enrolling their children in preschool?

Many families start thinking about enrolling in preschool when they see how peer socialization can benefit their child. We see at The Woodlands Methodist School preschool, many families choosing to enroll their two-year-old for the first time in preschool.

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What does the enrollment process look like and how do waitlists work?

Many parents are surprised to know that you need to think ahead when enrolling their children in preschool. Many programs fill up quickly for the school year. We encourage all parents to take tours of the programs they are considering and make sure the preschool philosophy aligns with their own beliefs as parents. The relationship between parents and schools is vital for the long-term success of the child. As different age levels fill up for the school year, a waitlist will begin for families that wish to attend. As openings in the school become available, individual families on the waitlist are contacted.

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Tuition: Contact preschool for pricing

Oakhurst Drive KinderCare
24717 Oakhurst Drive, Spring
281-363-4819
www.kindercare.com/our-centers/spring/texas

Programs: infant, toddlers from 2-4
before and after school
Ages: 6 weeks-12 years
Tuition: $130-$275 weekly

Oak Ridge Young Learners Academy
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Primrose School of Imperial Oaks
2114 Rayford Road, Spring
281-364-7400
www.primroseschools.com/schools/ imperial-oaks

Programs: infant, early preschool, pre-K,
after school, toddler, preschool, kinder-
garten, Summer Adventure Club
Ages: infant-12 years
Tuition: Contact preschool for pricing

Primrose School of The Woodlands at
College Park
6403 College Park Drive, The Woodlands
936-321-5900
www.primroseschools.com/schools/ woodlands-college-park

Programs: infant, early preschool, pre-K,
after school, toddler, preschool, kinder-
garten, summer adventure club
Ages: infant-12 years
Tuition: Contact preschool for pricing

Primrose School of The Woodlands at
Creekside Park
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www.primroseschools.com/schools/the-woodlands-sterling-ridge

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**Ages:** Infant-12 years  
**Tuition:** Contact preschool for pricing

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### Spanish Schoolhouse-The Woodlands

3333 S. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands  
281-292-6116  
www.spanishschoolhouse.com/thewoodlands

**Programs:** preschool, kindergarten, after-school Spanish, summer camps  
**Ages:** 2 years-5 years  
**Tuition:** $413-$1,073 monthly

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### Stepping Stones Child Care

10601 Falconwing Drive, The Woodlands  
281-298-5838  
www.steppingstonesfalconwing.com

**Programs:** enrichment programs, after school, holiday camp, summer camp, private kindergarten  
**Ages:** 6 weeks-12 years  
**Tuition:** Contact preschool for pricing

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### Stepping Stones Preparatory Academy

11900 Crane Brook Drive, Spring  
281-292-8783  
www.steppingstonesprep.com

**Programs:** infant, toddler, pre-K, private school, after school, camps, enrichment programs  
**Ages:** infant-12 years  
**Tuition:** Contact preschool for pricing

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### Trinity Episcopal Day School

3901 S. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands  
281-367-5148  
www.trinityday.org

**Programs:** Young twos, twos, threes, pre-K, language, engineering and preschool science  
**Ages:** 18 months-5 years  
**Tuition:** $900-$3,150 annually

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### The Woodlands Montessori

1201 Many Pines Road, The Woodlands  
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www.montessori.com/montessori-schools

**Programs:** infants, toddlers, private kindergarten, bilingual Spanish program, enrichment activities  
**Ages:** 18 months-5 years old  
**Tuition:** Contact school for pricing

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### Woodlands Treehouse Preschool

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www.woodlandstreehouse.com

**Programs:** toddlers, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, private kindergarten, bilingual Spanish program, enrichment activities  
**Ages:** 18 months-5 years  
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the past six months.

“The Woodlands is an affluent suburb in one of the world’s greatest food cities, making us an attractive market for restaurateurs,” said Albert Nurick, a 14-year resident of The Woodlands and founder of the Woodlands Area Foodies Facebook group who often works with local restaurants. “We like interesting restaurants, but going too far outside the box is risky. Restaurants have to bring their A-game to impress this competitive market like The Woodlands.

While restaurant owners have many reasons for closing, owners, industry experts and local foodies said they are grappling with the keys to being successful in a competitive market like The Woodlands.

SHUTTERED DOORS

Since July 2017, Bob’s Steak & Chop House, Bonefish Grill, Corner Bakery Cafe, Crisp, Culver’s, Gyros King, The HUB Restaurant & Bar, Keepers of the Food, La Trattoria Tuscano, McAllister’s Deli, Pallotta’s Mexican and Skeeter’s Mesquite Grill have all closed their locations in south Montgomery County. Seven closings occurred in the last four months.

“I’ve talked to a fair amount of people who were either in management or owned those restaurants that closed, and from what I’ve heard is that every restaurant has its own individual story as to why they closed,” said JJ Hollie, president of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce. “It doesn’t necessarily mean that the restaurant industry is hurting.”

Many of the restaurant owners contacted for this story did respond to requests for comment. However, Chevis Fleming, general manager of the Kingwood location of Skeeter’s Mesquite Grill, said The Woodlands location—which closed after 24 years on Nov. 19—could no longer afford rental costs.

“We went to renegotiate our contract, and [Regency Centers] almost doubled our rent price. It just wasn’t feasible for us to keep The Woodlands location open anymore,” Fleming said. “It was a shame—we didn’t want to [close it] but it was better than having one store bleeding [money].”

Although not exclusively for restaurants, the average rental rate for retail space in The Woodlands area rose from $21.71 per square foot in fourth quarter 2017 to $23.74 per square foot in first quarter 2018, according to data from real estate firm Caldwell Companies.

“The restaurant’s other locations in Kingwood, West University and Sugar Land all remain open.”

“If you’ve spent any time in The Woodlands, there’s absolutely a saturation of restaurants,” Fleming said. “It’s just hard to be a fast-casual restaurant in [the] Village Center [under those] conditions. One of those restaurants, Trattoria Tuscano, closed under those [rent] prices and still make a profit.”

The Hub Restaurant & Bar, which opened last summer, closed in the Village of Creekside Park in May. Under the same owners, Coffeeshop Company underwent a name change two months prior.

“We felt that our customers needed more than just coffee so we expanded [our 1-45 location] to include lunch and dinner,” said Phillip Cammarata, The Hub Cafe & Bistro night shift leader. “The other location just wasn’t meeting our needs.”

Citing a loss in patronage from the oil and gas downturn, Bob’s Steak & Chop House owners said they closed in Shenandoah on March 10.

“Our family dinner business has been solid, [but] our business traffic and event sales have struggled since the oil business issues affected the market,” said Jimmy FitzGerald, CEO/COO of Texas Star Brands Inc., which owned Bob’s Steak & Chop House.

FRESH STARTS

In addition to those closures, 12 others have already rebranded or are planning to rebrand themselves either by closing temporarily and reopening as new concepts or by changing their names. One of those restaurants is Fielding’s Rooster, which opened in August 2017 on Research Forest Drive and closed May 8. According to Fielding’s Restaurant Group owner Cary Attar, the space will be converted into a private venue space.

“The Woodlands restaurant scene is growing, changing and dynamic,” Attar said. “A few years ago we were underserved, with too few concepts and seats. Then in
the last few years, the market became over saturated. Now we are experiencing a decline in the number of operations and seats, with few[er] new [concepts]."

The owners of the Hubbell & Hudson restaurant group also announced in July that its three Woodlands-area eateries would be undergoing rebranding. Hubbell & Hudson Bistro will close Aug. 25 and reopen as TRIS on Sept. 7 to undergo menu changes and interior updates. In the same location, Cureight by Hubbell & Hudson will also be closed during the same time frame to rebrand as Cureight.

"The name ‘Bistro’ never completely translated the new cooking techniques and the refined menu we adopted since the Hubbell & Hudson Market closure back in 2014," Hubbell & Hudson Chef Austin Simmons said. "The new ‘TRIS’ name will help us separate all three concepts in The Woodlands more clearly."

Hubbell & Hudson Kitchen will rebrand as ‘The Kitchen,’ Simmons said. This location, however, is not expected to close during the process.

Although five of these closures and two rebrandings happened along Research Forest Drive, Nurick said he does not believe the corridor is to blame.

"I think each of these establishments had different issues," he said. "Research Forest [Drive] itself isn’t a bad place for restaurants. We’ve seen plenty of success along this road."

Nurick said he believes some of those issues included inconsistency in food quality and service, a lack of buzz among local foodies, failure to stand out and—in some genres of food—market saturation.

"We’ve got plenty of steakhouses, Tex-Mex places, pizza and burgers," Nurick said. "If I were going to open a new restaurant featuring one of these, I’d be very sure that my offering stood out from the competition and that I had a solid plan for letting The Woodlands know about it. I think the market is ripe for more unique Asian and Italian restaurants."

Seven American restaurants have permanently closed in The Woodlands, while nine American concepts have rebranded over the past year.

On top of those rebrandings, at least 25 new restaurants have opened in The Woodlands area over the past year, with offerings ranging from Asian and Mexican cuisine to health-conscious eateries.

"New restaurant openings are great and bring new energy to the market," Nurick said. "For every restaurant that closes, it seems that we have two openings."

SERVING UP SUCCESS

With five years of success at Fielding’s Wood Grill and three years at Fielding’s Local Kitchen+Bar, Attar said The Woodlands’ savvy foodie consumer base poses unique challenges for local restaurateurs.

"In The Woodlands, I believe we have knowledgeable, well-traveled consumers who expect great food and service in a wonderful atmosphere with a strong value statement," he said. "Guests in The Woodlands have choices, so it’s important to focus on the guest and meet their expectations.”

Nurick said he believes having the basics down is not enough for a restaurant trying to make it in The Woodlands. He said a presence on social media and skillful handling of problems are equally as important.

"Customer loyalty is hard to earn and easy to lose," Nurick said. "Word-of-mouth travels fast here, and a poor reputation will kill your business.”

Hollié said he believes it is also important for new restaurants to make connections by joining The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce and attending events, such as Taste of the Town and Wine & Food Week. Hollié said only about 10 percent of the chamber’s members are restaurants.

"The chamber has over 1,500 members, and we host events every month, many of which take place at restaurants, so we bring 100-150 people to your front door every time we host an event,” Hollié said.

Attar said his membership with the chamber has been instrumental in the restaurant group’s success.

"It’s a terrific way to meet other business people in the community ad to network with those people and learn from them,” Attar said.

Looking forward, several restaurants are under construction in The Woodlands area and expected to open later this year. House of Pies Restaurant & Bakery is slated to open on Lake Woodlands Drive, while construction on Mia’s Table is underway in Shenandoah. Additionally, Woodson’s Local Tap+Kitchen announced a second location for the Birmah Woods Marketplace in May, and Sweet Paris Creperie & Cafe will open in the Market Street shopping center this fall.

Hollié said based on recent openings and the high demand for dining, he said he thinks the industry will thrive in The Woodlands area, despite recent setbacks.

“I eat out quite a bit, and I see tables that are filled and restaurants with lines almost out the door to get in,” Hollié said. “We have a great economic environment that just lends itself to successful service industries like the restaurant industry. In fact, we could probably stand to have a few more restaurants.”
Flood Control District and the San Jacinto River Flood Protection Project—a locally focused study on the Lake Conroe basin and Spring Creek.

In July, the SJRA introduced Phase 2 of the study, which would determine a potential site for a reservoir near Spring Creek, which officials hope could alleviate some flooding around The Woodlands and Lake Houston. However, officials have said the studies will take years to complete before projects can begin, as more data is needed to update models and geographic information.

“Unfortunately for those folks who are concerned about flooding again, these studies do take time, and it will be a slow process—even slower to build a flood control reservoir,” said David Parkhill, director of raw water enterprise for the SJRA. “Within a year, we should have some results that start benefiting the community.”

LOCAL EFFORTS

On July 11, the SJRA held a second public meeting to discuss phases 1 and 2 of the flood protection project, which aims to study the flood plains in the Lake Conroe watershed.

The study kicked off in February 2017. However, following Harvey in late August last year, the SJRA received a six-month extension from the Texas Water Development Board—who is partly funding the study—to include updated data and more accurate modeling, said Sam Hinojosa, director of water resources for Halff Associates’ Conroe office. Halff Associates is a consultant on the project.

Phase 1 of the study includes the development of new hydrology and hydraulic models to understand area flood plains and elevations as well as how flooding occurs. According to the SJRA, the updated models will also inform how the SJRA provides early warnings for flood risks and the timing for releases from the Lake Conroe dam.

Since beginning the study, Parkhill said the SJRA has already made some upgrades to its flood early warning system, including the installation of five new water gauges around Lake Conroe and upgrading technology to provide more data during storm events.

“We’re improving the models for rainfall and runoff … but there’s still a lot of manual interpretation,” Parkhill said. “The technology today allows us to automate much of that so that we can have data coming from these weather stations, going straight into the models and giving us a result to pass on to emergency management officials.”

Phase 1 is funded by the TWDB, the SJRA, Montgomery County and the city of Conroe, and has an estimated cost of $920,000, according to the SJRA. A third and final public meeting to discuss the SJRA’s draft report on the study will be held in December, and a final report for Phase 1 of the study is expected to be presented in February.

SPRING CREEK RESERVOIR

Phase 2 of SJRA’s study will study the feasibility of a reservoir along Spring Creek and a real-time operations tools to determine how releases from Lake Conroe will affect the surrounding areas.

Reservoirs, when placed downstream, are used to manage fluctuations in water flow, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. During major storms, a reservoir could help divert water to keep a body of water from overflowing.

An estimated cost for the study for Phase 2 is $1.1 million, according to the SJRA. To fund the project, the SJRA submitted a grant application to the TWDB on July 11. If approved, the TWDB is expected to match 50 percent of local funds received. Other sponsors for Phase 2 include municipal utility districts in and around The Woodlands, including MUDs Nos. 1, 7, 46, 60 and 386.

Zach Toups, vice president of MUD No. 386 in the Village of Creekside Park area, said the board has approved up to $100,000 in funding for the project.

“The MUD can do certain things on its own, but we can’t execute a reservoir project on property outside of the MUD. But an organization like the SJRA can,” Toups said. “It is very important to the MUD, and it is a potential regional solution like we’ve been talking about since Harvey that could provide some positive impact for The Woodlands.”

Parkhill said the site feasibility study will determine the location, costs and environmental effects of a potential reservoir. Should funding be approved, the study would begin in early 2019 and take an estimated two years to complete.

The study has also received letters of support from The Woodlands Township, Montgomery County and other nearby cities like Humble, which also saw significant flooding during Harvey.

Township Director Bruce Rieser, who also serves as chairman of the township’s drainage task force, said the
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The township board of directors has not committed funding to the project, but may discuss the item in this year’s budget workshops in August.

“The reservoir is truly the only way that Spring Creek can be managed, because we’ve looked at everything else,” Rieser said. “The creek does not lend itself to dredging or widening. This is the only way to create some retention up to the northwest and perhaps even between The Woodlands and Lake Houston—if there’s a place to do that—in order to mitigate the effects downstream into Lake Houston.”

The SJRA is expected to hear back on whether funds will be matched by the TWDB this fall.

Rieser said once the study is complete and a site is selected, it would likely take several more years before a reservoir could be built. Additionally, he said the land needed could be harder to find and more expensive to acquire than if one had been built decades ago as previously planned by The Woodlands founder George Mitchell and the Harris County Flood Control District.

“It’s a shame that we waited this long, but I think that we can do this project,” Rieser said. “But even in the ideal scenario where everything goes right, we’re probably looking at a 10- to 15-year time frame. I hope that everybody’s right—that 33 inches of rain in 24 hours is a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence—because if it happened again tomorrow, we would have the same situation.”

THINKING REGIONALLY

Parkhill said the SJRA has been working with Montgomery and Harris counties as well as the city of Houston to obtain funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for a regional flood study on the Upper San Jacinto River watershed, which includes Lake Conroe and a portion of Spring Creek.

Meant to improve early warning notification systems and identify flood control projects, the $2.7 million study will be headed by the HCFCD and matched with local funds. Montgomery County’s portion is just over $169,000 and was approved during the July 24 commissioners court meeting. A portion of funding could also come from the proposed $2.5 billion Harris County bond referendum if it is approved by voters Aug. 25.

“With this study, we will gain a better knowledge of our Montgomery County streams and watersheds, a more complete flood warning system and the ability to identify specific projects that could reduce the risk of flooding in the future,” Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal said in a July 23 statement.

While the township has been working on flood management through the drainage task force, which includes over 30 area agencies, Rieser said long-term solutions will require even more funding.

If approved, the SJRA would receive a notice that local funds will be matched.

The study could begin in the first quarter of 2019. A final report of the study will be completed.

TAKING TIME

While the studies are expected to identify flood solutions in the area, it will take several months before work can begin to build them.

FEBRUARY 2017

The study begins to analyze flooding.

APRIL 2018

The Harris County Flood Control District submits a grant application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

JUNE 2018

A model of flood conditions is completed after a six-month extension following Hurricane Harvey.

JULY 2018

A grant application for funding is sent to the TWDB for review.

JULY 2018

Montgomery County Commissioners Court votes to approve $169,000 in funding to meet local match requirements.

SEPTEMBER 2018

If approved, the SJRA would receive a notice that local funds will be matched.

NOVEMBER 2018

Flood damage assessments and environmental analyses will be completed.

JANUARY 2019

The study could begin in first quarter 2019.

FEBRUARY 2019

A final report of the study will be completed.

AUGUST 2019-JANUARY 2020

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1. **SAN JACINTO RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT-PHASE 1**
   - Phase 1 of the study includes:
     - Updating hydrology and hydraulics models
     - Updating runoff and water surface elevation modeling
     - Adding new water gauges to more accurately assess water levels
     - Conducting an environmental contract assessment
   - Cost: $920,000
   - Funding sources: Montgomery County, Texas Water Development Board, city of Conroe, San Jacinto River Authority

2. **SAN JACINTO RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT-PHASE 2**
   - Phase 2 of the study includes:
     - Determining potential sites for a reservoir along Spring Creek
     - Studying the environmental effects and costs of the reservoir
     - Developing a tool to predict how inflows and releases from Lake Conroe affect the surrounding area
   - Cost: $1.1 million
   - Funding sources: Texas Water Development Board, San Jacinto River Authority; municipal utility districts Nos. 1, 7, 46, 60, 386

3. **UPPER SAN JACINTO REGIONAL WATERSHED FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN**
   - This study, headed by the Harris County Flood Control District, will:
     - Create a shared flood warning system for all entities
     - Develop communications and protocol plans
     - Recommend flood reduction options such as detention ponds, channel improvements and property buyouts
   - Cost: $2.7 million
   - Funding sources: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Harris County, Montgomery County, San Jacinto River Authority, city of Houston
Construction on the Grand Parkway segment from New Caney to Baytown beginning soon

Construction is set to begin this summer on a 52.8-mile stretch of road that will extend the Grand Parkway from Hwy. 59 in New Caney to Hwy. 146 in Baytown, which will improve mobility in the area, according to officials.

The project is broken down into segments, with construction beginning on segments H and I-2B first. Work will begin on the remaining segments—I-1 and I-2A—in January 2019.

According to a Texas Department of Transportation press release, the work on segment I-2A—which is already operational and runs from I-10 to FM 1405 near Baytown—includes upgrading tolling equipment.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed and open to drivers in 2022, said Janice Hayes, Grand Parkway Infrastructure public relations manager.

In March 2017, TxDOT awarded GPI—which is a joint venture between Ferrovial Agroman, Webber LLC and Granite Construction Inc. construction firms—with a $894 million contract to design and build the corridor. Hayes said the entire project—including land acquisition—will cost TxDOT an estimated $1.28 billion.

Hayes said she believes the project will improve safety and mobility in areas like New Caney, where the population has increased over the past decade. The number of residents living in ZIP code 77357—which consists of New Caney—increased from 17,823 to 23,491, or 31.8 percent, between 2011 and 2016, according to U.S. census data.

“The improvements produce benefits locally and regionally by improving connectivity within the existing transportation network by providing a circumferential link between Hwy. 59 and Hwy. 146,” Hayes said.

GPI plans to begin construction at each end of the roadway first because those areas are more accessible than the middle of the corridor that runs through rural areas without much infrastructure. Hayes said TxDOT is still finalizing toll rates for the roadway.

When developing the scope of the project, TxDOT determined different parts of the roadway will have different lane configurations. In more populated areas, such as New Caney and Baytown, the roadway will be at its widest and consist of four main lanes and four frontage roads. In less populated areas, such as most of Liberty County, the roadway will consist of two main lanes and no frontage roads.

TxDOT has to acquire more than 200 parcels of land before completing the project. Hayes said the state agency will continue to purchase land while construction takes place in areas where land has already been acquired.

After the roadway opens in 2022, drivers will be able to take the Grand Parkway continuously from Hwy. 146 in Baytown around Houston to Hwy. 59 south in Fort Bend County. Work on the Grand Parkway began in 2013 with segment D in Sugar Land. In 2016, segment G—which spans from I-45 near the Hardy Toll Road to Hwy. 59—opened to drivers.

“The improvements produce benefits locally and regionally by improving connectivity within the existing transportation network by providing a circumferential link between Hwy. 59 and Hwy. 146.”

— JANICE HAYES, GRAND PARKWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

After it opens, there will be three proposed segments of the Grand Parkway remaining—A, B and C—which will run through Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston counties.

Once completed, the Grand Parkway will form a 180-mile loop that runs through seven counties.

FULL STORY BY ZAC EZZONE
The Tea Kettle Cafe

The motto at The Tea Kettle Cafe in Old Town Spring is “More than just tea,” as the restaurant offers not only lunch and traditional British afternoon tea but also an atmosphere suitable for customers of all ages, said Emilee Lawrence and Kendra Lopez, restaurant managers.

Most of the menu has remained unchanged for 15 years when The Tea Kettle Cafe—previously called Crossroads Tea Room—was one of three teahouses in Old Town Spring, Lawrence said.

“We don’t sell food; we sell the experience,” Dangler said. “People remember experiences of milestones in their life, and I wanted to give them a place to have those experiences.”

Large pots and small pots of hot tea come in five flavors: Old Town Spice, Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Triple Treat and Moroccan Mint.

The teahouse also serves glasses of unsweetened iced tea in several different flavors.

FULL STORY BY KATHLEEN SISON

Yoi Sushi Bar

Tucked away on the second floor of La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa, Yoi Sushi Bar is a Japanese sushi restaurant that focuses on creating a visually appealing and flavorful experience for patrons. The restaurant offers hand-crafted sushi plates and a full-service bar.

Leang Kheng Chea, head sous chef at La Torretta, said many local residents believe only hotel guests are allowed to patron Yoi Sushi Bar and the hotel’s other on-site restaurant, Lakeside Restaurant & Bar.

Yoi Sushi Bar serves a variety of fresh menu items, including maki sushi, sashimi, nigiri and specialty sushi rolls, such as the Shaggy Dog roll and the La Torretta roll, which is prepared with shrimp tempura, spicy crab, tuna and cream cheese.

“With sushi, you need to improve just a little, a small speck of it—improve the roll, improve the ingredients, improve the appearance—to keep getting better,” Chea said.

FULL STORY BY KELLY SCHAFLER

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East Texas Dream Center voted uninhabitable

CONROE A nonprofit intending to help abused women was deemed unanimously uninhabitable by Conroe City Council on June 26 after a May fire exposed 176 building code violations and more than 700 fire code violations.

The East Texas Dream Center, a building constructed in 1938, provides a safe space and resources to teach life skills to women who have been victims of sex crimes, abuse, homelessness or trauma, according to its website.

The vote suspends occupancy at the Dream Center until repairs can be approved and suspends water utilities to the building because of leaky plumbing to discourage unauthorized occupancy. The council is requiring the building owners to develop a comprehensive plan for renovation based on a thorough evaluation of the building’s systems. Experts and consultants selected and paid by the city will evaluate the structure’s electrical, plumbing and environmental issues. Their report will serve as a renovation guideline for the owners, city officials said.

Red flags documented by the firefighters after the May fire include padlocks on the outside of bedrooms and children’s playrooms, padlocks on the outside of exits, exposed electrical wires, exposed electrical outlets, peeling asbestos- and lead-based paint and water-filled elevator shafts, city officials said.

FULL STORY BY JULES ROGERS

Sugar Rush

MAGNOLIA Owner Michelle Mills said she opened Sugar Rush in April, because the Magnolia community needed a family-friendly hang-out and sweets shop. Sugar Rush, located at 519 Acker St., behind the Malcolm Purvis Library, offers a selection of candy, coffee and Blue Bell ice cream.

Sugar Rush offers hot and iced lattes, cappuccinos and other coffee drinks. Customers can buy sugary candies, such as M&Ms and Pucker Powder, by the pound as well. Additionally, the shop offers indoor and outdoor seating, a comfortable lounge with couches and chairs, and free Wi-Fi.

Mills, who has been a Magnolia business owner for more than 15 years, said she opened the sweets shop this spring after relocating her hair salon Colorful Techniques. She moved the salon into another building in the same lot behind Sugar Rush, she said.

With much inspiration and input from her children, Mills said she opened the shop to teach her children how to run a business, have a job and be responsible.

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How often should a homeowner replace their roof or have it inspected?
Many factors contribute to when replacement of a homeowner’s roof is required. These include excessive wear and tear or granular loss, storm-related damage from hail or wind, multiple leaks, [and] improper installation by a previous roofing contractor. [The roof should be replaced if] repair isn’t a valid option.

An asphalt shingle roof, especially one that’s over 10 years [old], should be inspected annually and have a preventative maintenance performed to help extend its lifespan if no storm-related damage is present. All asphalt shingled roofs should be inspected after a hurricane with high winds or after a hail storm. These storm-related events can shorten the overall lifespan of a roof and eventually allow water intrusion.

What is the most overlooked part of the roof that homeowners should be aware of?
Normally a homeowner’s roof is out of sight and therefore out of mind until a leak develops inside their house. All roof penetrations, including a chimney, pipe jacks, attic vents, furnace and water heater vents, are the main causes of leaks that can be prevented with proper maintenance.

According to The National Weather Service, August and September are the most active months for hurricanes. What should homeowners do to prepare their roofs before a potential storm hits?
Homeowners should reach out to a local, licensed roofing contractor prior to hurricane season who offers a free, no-obligation roof inspection. Preventative inspections and maintenance of their roof will more than likely get them and their homes through the stormy season without any problems.

What kind of roofing materials are best-suited to The Woodlands area?
The most economic roofing material is still the asphalt shingle. Other products, including metal and tile, have a longer lifespan, but unless this is a homeowner’s forever home or [the homeowners’ association] and [The Woodlands] Township approved, most roofs are installed with limited-life asphalt shingles. A homeowner’s budget is also a major factor when considering what type of product to install on the roof. We mostly recommend CertainTeed asphalt shingles, but we are also certified to install GAF [brand roofing].
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BY ABIGAIL LOOP

Wright’s Landing is a new community developed by Gracepoint Homes located in Spring near the Grand Parkway and Rayford Road. The community offers one- and two-story homes ranging from $207,990 to $264,000. The neighborhood will feature 104 home sites when built out. Residents of the community can enjoy a variety of amenities at Wright’s Landing, such as a community swimming pool, a dog park and a splash pad located within the community.

1. The living room of the Chesmar Homes model home is open to the kitchen and dining area and features large open windows.
2. The backyard of the model home features a covered brick patio.
3. The master bathroom is attached to the master bedroom and features both a shower and a garden tub.
4. The two-story model home offers an open-concept view of the living room and kitchen from the second floor.
5. This 2,630-square-foot model home in Wright’s Landing is located on 29881 Dovetail Bluff Lane and starts at $257,990.

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Homes at build-out: 104
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### The Meadows at Imperial Oaks
713-260-4157
www.themeadowsatimperialoaks.com

- **Builders:** Ashton Woods, Coventry Homes, J. Patrick Homes, Plantation Homes
- **Square footage:** 1,650-4,600
- **Home price:** $200,000-$600,000
- **Amenities:** recreation center, pool, playground, walking trails

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Birnham Woods Elementary School, Cox Intermediate School, York Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School)

### Falls at Imperial Oaks
832-813-7170
www.fallsatimperialoaks.com

- **Builders:** David Weekley Homes, Lennar, Partners in Building, Cal Atlantic Homes, Village Builders
- **Square footage:** 1,800-4,500
- **Home price:** $180,000-$700,000
- **Amenities:** hiking trails, swimming pools, parks, nature trails, dog park

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Birnham Woods Elementary School, Cox Intermediate School, York Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School)

### Harmony
936-447-2805
www.harmony-houston.com

- **Builders:** Ashton Woods, CastleRock Communities, Darling Homes, Highland Homes, Perry Homes, Shea Homes, Taylor Morrison, Village Builders, Westin Homes
- **Square footage:** 1,900-4,150
- **Home price:** $220,000-$600,000
- **Amenities:** hiking trails, swimming pools, parks, nature trails, dog park

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Broadway Elementary School, Cox Intermediate School, York Junior High School and Oak Ridge High School)

### Lakeside Cove
832-764-0006
www.gracepointhomes.com

- **Builders:** Gracepoint Homes
- **Square footage:** 3,000-4,009
- **Home price:** $890,000+
- **Amenities:** parks, walking trails, golf course

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Hailey Elementary School, Knox Junior High School, Wilkerson Intermediate School, The Woodlands College Park High School)

### Woodson’s Reserve
281-353-2979
www.woodsonresources.com

- **Builders:** Meritage Homes, Perry Homes, Taylor Morrison, Toll Brothers, M/I Homes, Lennar, T Select Homes, Chesmar Homes
- **Square footage:** 2,500-5,000
- **Home price:** $288,000-$1 million
- **Amenities:** playrooms, trail systems, community pond, dog park

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Snyder Elementary School, Cox Intermediate School, York Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School)

### Stillwater
936-273-9905
www.stillwatertx.com

- **Builders:** Darling Homes, Gracepoint Homes, Jeff Paul, TD Cox Homes, Tommy Bailey Homes
- **Square footage:** 1,731-5,350
- **Home price:** $320,000-$1 million
- **Amenities:** walking trails, shopping and dining options

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Powell Elementary School, Mitchell Intermediate School, McCullough High School, The Woodlands High School)

### Shadow Creek Reserve
www.frankelbuildinggroup.com

- **Builder:** Frankel Building Group
- **Square footage:** 2,458-7,266
- **Home price:** $998,000-$1.5 million

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**School districts:** Klein ISD (Metzler Elementary School, Hildebrandt Intermediate School, Klein Oak High School)

**Wooded Overlook**
281-516-0899
www.darlinghomes.com

**Builders:** Darling Homes, Toll Brothers

**Square footage:** 2,243-3,100

**Home price:** $260,000-$450,000

**Amenities:** parks, George Mitchell Nature Preserve

**School districts:** Tomball ISD (Creekside Elementary School, Tomball Intermediate School, Tomball Junior High School, Tomball High School)

**Boulevard Green at Vision Park**
www.pelicanbuilders.com

**Builder:** Pelican Builders

**Square footage:** 2,000-4,000

**Price range:** $268,990-$699,900

**Square footage:** 1,857-4,662

**Home values:** $250,000-$600,000

**Amenities:** parks, shopping center, golf courses

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Lamar Elementary School, Knox Junior High School, College Park High School)

**Groswn’s Crest**
281-978-2894
www.groganscres.com

**Builder:** Connor Davis Homes

**Square footage:** 2,000-3,200

**Home price:** $350,000-$470,000

**Amenities:** swimming pool, nature trails, shopping centers

**School districts:** Conroe ISD (Lamar Elementary School, Knox Junior High School, College Park High School, The Woodlands College Park High School)

**The Woodlands Reserve**
713-489-9217
www.frankelbuildinggroup.com

**Builder:** Frankel Building Group

**Square footage:** 4,000-6,000

**Price range:** $1 million-$2.5 million

**Amenities:** parks, walking trails

**Schools:** Conroe ISD (Glen Loch Elementary School, Mitchell Intermediate School, McCullough Junior High School, The Woodlands High School)

**Bristol Lakes**
832-823-4854
www.princetonclassichomes.com/communities/bristol-lakes

**Builder:** Princeton Classic Homes

**Square footage:** 2,000-4,000

**Home values:** $300,000-$450,000

**Amenities:** community center, swimming pool, children’s pool, playground

**Schools:** Conroe ISD (Birnham Woods Elementary School, Tom Cox Intermediate School, York Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School)

**Retreat at Augusta Pines**
281-205-7758
www.calatlantichomes.com

**Builder:** CalAtlantic Homes, Drees Custom Homes

**Square footage:** 1,857-4,662

**Home values:** $268,990-$699,900

**Amenities:** lake, golf course, clubhouse

**Schools:** Klein ISD (Metzer Elementary School, Hildenbrant Intermediate School, Klein Oak High School)

**May Valley**
281-209-2204
www.beazer.com

**Builder:** Beazer Homes, Chesmar Homes, Westin Homes

**Square footage:** 1,725-2,800

**Home values:** $286,000-$375,273

**Amenities:** parks, shopping center

**Schools:** Magnolia ISD (Smith Elementary School, Bear Branch Junior High School, Magnolia High School)

**Lakes at Creekside**
281-376-1500
www.lakesatcreekside.com

**Builder:** David Weekley Homes, M/I Homes, Perry Homes, Trendmaker Homes

**Square footage:** 1,800-5,500

**Home values:** $250,000-$600,000

**Amenities:** parks, walking trails

**Schools:** Tomball ISD (Timber Creek Elementary School, Creekside Park Junior High School, Tomball High School)

**Harper’s Preserve**
www.harperspreserve.com

**Builder:** Ashton Woods, Chesmar Homes, Drees Custom Homes, Gehan Homes, Highland Homes, J. Patrick Homes, Plantation Homes

**Square footage:** 2,221-5,350

**Home values:** $255,000-$826,990

**Amenities:** W.G. Jones State Forest, playground, parks

**Schools:** Conroe ISD (Ride Elementary School, Collins Elementary School, Knox Junior High School, College Park High School)

**Jacob’s Reserve**
936-273-8833

**Builder:** D.R. Horton

**Square footage:** 1,814-4,862

**Home values:** $255,000-$826,990

**Amenities:** W.G. Jones State Forest, playground, parks

**Schools:** Conroe ISD (Oak Ridge Elementary School, Dolly Vogel Intermediate School, Irons Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School)

**LILY**

Lily is a gated community located off Wellman Road in Shenandoah and is located near I-45 and The Woodlands Town Center. The community offers landscaping maintenance as well as hike and bike trails, and it features New Orleans-inspired homes.

Home designs include large front balconies and covered porch entry, a master bedroom, a powder room, custom granite countertops, and a spacious kitchen and breakfast room space.

**Builder:** Gracepoint Homes

**Home values:** $431,240-$576,760

**Square footage:** 2,305-3,320

**Schools:** Conroe ISD (Lamar Elementary School, Wilkerson Intermediate School, Knox Junior High School, College Park High School)

**Anticipated completion:** TBD

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The Village of Alden Bridge opened in 1994 and is one of the newer villages in The Woodlands. Located near FM 1488 and FM 2978, the village features over 18,000 residents and is home to parks, shopping centers and walking trails. The village is also close to Lone Star College-Montgomery and W.G. Jones State Forest.

**REAL ESTATE**

**ALEN BRIDGE, 77382**

Square footage: 1,878-5,385  
Home values: $169,900-$999,000  
Amenities: parks, walking trails, shopping centers  
Schools: Conroe ISD (Buckalew Elementary School, Knox Junior High School, The Woodlands High School)

**Property taxes (in dollars):**  
Lone Star College 0.11  
The Woodlands Township 0.23  
Montgomery County 0.47  
Montgomery County Hospital District 0.07  
Conroe ISD 1.28  
Montgomery County MUD 46 0.21  
Montgomery County MUD 47 0.25  
**Total (per $100 valuation): 2.62**

**HOMES SOLD (JULY 2018)**

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**MARKET DATA**

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*As of 6/22/2018  
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Alden Bridge Sports Park is located off Hwy. 242 in The Woodlands and features several fields for soccer, football, and baseball. The park is a popular venue for youth sports teams in The Woodlands area.

Lakeside Park is located on West Alden Bridge Drive and is a 14-acre park that features a skate area with modular ramps and jumps as well as a swimming pool. The park also offers play areas for children, picnic tables, barbecue pits, tennis courts, basketball courts, a soccer field and a fishing pond.

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- 726 sq. ft.: $965-$1,260
- 756 sq. ft.: $945-$1,445
- 796 sq. ft.: $945-$1,475
- 897 sq. ft.: $1,015-$1,375

Listed two-bedroom starting price range**:
- 1,040 sq. ft.: $1,210-$1,895
- 1,130 sq. ft.: $1,270-$1,680
- 1,138 sq. ft.: $1,295-$1,780
- 1,215 sq. ft.: $1,330-$1,740

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Vacancy rates for office space in The Woodlands area dipped slightly to 8.5 percent as rental rates hold steady from the first quarter. Eight buildings are under construction in the area, totaling 948,758 square feet.

### Vacancy Rate

This chart shows the percentage of vacant office space in The Woodlands over a 6-year period.

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**Year 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018**

### Rental Rate

This chart shows the rental rate amounts per year for office space in The Woodlands.

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### By the Numbers

- **160** number of buildings in inventory
- **1,494,214** square feet of unoccupied space
- **90.7%** occupancy rate
- **1,883,330** square feet of total retail space
- **82,370** square feet leased in 2018 YTD
- **$30.41/SF** average gross rental rate
- **$52,653/SF Q3** average gross rental rate

### Under Construction

- **948,758** square feet
- **8** buildings

### Square Feet Leased

This chart displays the amount of office square footage leased per year in The Woodlands.

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1. 23907 Gosling Road
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2. 1780 Hughes Landing Blvd.
   - 1,688-27,390 sq. ft.
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   - Colliers International
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3. 24624 I-45
   - 100-11,105 sq. ft.
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   - Transwestern
   - Michelle Wogan
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4. 1442 Lake Front Circle
   - 1,301 sq. ft.
   - $18.50/mg nnn*
   - Colliers International
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5. 9303 New Trails Drive
   - 1,991-24,951 sq. ft.
   - $21.50/sq. ft nnn*
   - Colliers International
   - Norman V. Munoz
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6. 1315 Rayford Road
   - 2,800-6,200 sq. ft.
   - $17/sq. ft nnn*
   - RE/MAX Carlton Woods
   - Lewis Walker
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7. 2001 Timberloch Place
   - 3,500-30,355 sq. ft.
   - Withheld
   - Stream Realty Partners
   - Paul Coonrod
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8. 460 Wildwood Forest Drive
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   - CBRE
   - Steve Rocher
   - 713-577-1615

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