Katy ISD offers benefits, incentives to recruit bus drivers

Challenges to attracting and retaining include part-time schedule and training, experts say

BY JEN PARA

Katy ISD is among many districts in the Greater Houston area, Texas and the U.S. experiencing a shortage of school bus drivers.

“It’s a statewide problem, not unique to any district—rural, suburban or urban,” said Amy Campbell, the Texas Association of School Boards human resources services director.

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, KISD had 61 school bus driver openings, said Maria DiPetta, KISD’s media relations and multimedia

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Thousands in Katy area remain homeless after Harvey floods

BY NOLA Z. VALENTE

Editor’s note: This is the second article of a multipart series about the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey.

Local nonprofit Katy Responds estimates nearly 2,000 families in the Katy area are still homeless two years after Hurricane Harvey flooded and damaged thousands of homes and businesses.

The nonprofit organization defines homelessness not only as those who are displaced in hotels or living with relatives but also families who have remained living in poor

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Over my first year as general manager of this paper, I have been privileged to encounter some of the best that public education has to offer in our area.

I was both awed and humbled this spring as I witnessed the 2019 valedictorians and salutatorians of each Katy ISD high school being introduced to the school board. Many of these graduates already had impressive resumes and accomplishments.

So how are our local public schools doing? Take a look at our Deep Dive into KISD data in our Public Education Focus issue (see Page 17) and campus Texas Education Agency scores (see Page 19).

This year, our public education guide also includes a brief overview of charter schools in the Katy area (see Page 25).

In addition to the much-discussed issue of rapid enrollment growth, KISD faces additional challenges, specifically in providing enough school bus drivers (see Page 1).

In this issue we also continue examining the effects of Hurricane Harvey two years later, learning that about 2,000 residents throughout the region remain essentially homeless because they can’t afford repairs (see Page 1).

**Why is it important for parents to be engaged at their students’ schools?**

At the Aug. 19 board meeting, Katy ISD administration presented a report about parent and community engagement, such as attending parent-teacher conferences and fun events at school campuses.

Parent engagement with student learning is important because it leads to higher school attendance, grades and test scores, according to the American Psychological Association. Adolescents with active parents are also likely to be healthier and are less likely to partake in risky behaviors.

According to a district report, about 76% of Katy ISD parents consider themselves informed about opportunities for engagement.

To increase parent engagement, KISD has charged all campus principals to share best engagement practices and create a plan to increase parental involvement. Principals will reflect on their school efforts and provide updates on their engagement efforts to learn what strategies were successful or not.

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IMPACTS

Businesses that have recently opened, are coming soon, relocating or expanding.

NOW OPEN

1. Ye Olde Village Shoppe opened at 1512 Ave. C, Katy, on Sept. 9. Menu items include pasta, pies, quiche, lorraine, soups, salads and paninis. The tea and coffee house is staffed by many previous employees of Kay’s Tea Parlor, which closed Aug. 31, owner Janine Anderson said. 281-391-4480.

2. Smoosh Cookies held a soft opening Aug. 5 and a grand opening Aug. 10 at 9550 Spring Green Blvd., Ste. 406, Katy. Once a food truck, Smoosh Cookies serves customizable gourmet ice cream cookie sandwiches. Cookie flavors include chocolate chip, M&M’s and red velvet. Noncookie options include brownie, churro and doughnut. There are also about 20 flavors of ice cream, such as rocky road, tiramisu and butter pecan, and 20 toppings. 832-913-3092. www.smooshcookies.com

3. Sweet Flamingo held a grand opening Aug. 23 at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy, inside LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch. The shop sells gourmet dessert and candy, including a Rainbow Unicorn Cake Shake, a Megatron jungle mist potion drink decorated with lollipops and gummy worms, and 24K Gold Chicken Wings. These treats are made of cake, cookies, pretzels, chocolate and sprinkles. 281-394-2096. www.sweetflamingokaty.com

4. Chick-fil-A at 6635 FM 1463, Fulshear, opened Sept. 5, according to a press release. The location is owned and operated by local resident Courtney Holmes, who started working for the company when she was 17 years old. The 4,900-square-foot restaurant seats more than 100 people inside and about 20 on its patio. It includes a dual-lane drive-thru that merges into a single pickup point and a two-story indoor playground. The grand opening event offered the first 100 guests free Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich meals for a year as well as activities for guests. The menu includes fried chicken sandwiches, chicken nuggets and breakfast items. 281-392-1617.

5. Godfather’s Pizza opened a new location at 402 W. Grand Parkway S., Ste. 103, Katy, in late July. The chain started in 1973 in Omaha, Nebraska, and offers four different crust types, nine sauces and a variety of toppings, dips and drizzles to choose from. Another Greater Houston-area store of Godfather’s Pizza is located in Humble. 832-913-3662. www.facebook.com/godfatherspizzakaty

6. Mala Sichuan Bistro opened in mid-August in Katy Asian Town at 23119 Colonial Parkway, Ste. C-1, Katy. It includes a menu of Sichuan-style plates, such as kung pao chicken, water-boiled beef and fish fillet in a fermented black bean sauce as well as fried rice, chow mein and wontons. Mala Sichuan has two other locations in Houston. 281-665-3300. https://mala-sichuan-bistro-sichuan-restaurant.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

7. Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Katy began serving patients Sept. 9 at 23331 Grand Reserve Drive, Katy, according to a press release. The 40-bed, freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital offers services to patients recovering from strokes and other neurological disorders, hip fractures, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation and other complex orthopedic conditions. The hospital includes private patient rooms, a therapy gym, an in-house pharmacy, a dialysis suite, a courtyard, a dining room and day room areas. A grand opening for the hospital was held Sept. 4. 281-505-3500. www.encompasshealth.com/locations/katyrehab

8. Sacred Leaf opened a new location at 25705 Katy Freeway, Ste. 120, Katy, on Aug. 30, franchisee Karim Bhimani said. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for Sept. 19 with a grand opening the next day. The store sells a range of natural, vegan and American-made cannabidiol, or CBD, products. These include items such as tinctures, edibles, oils and lotions. Bhimani said he plans to open additional locations in the Katy and Fulshear areas. Another location of Sacred Leaf recently opened at 1029 Hwy. 6 N, Ste. 900, Houston. 832-437-7783. www.sacredleaf.com

9. Flooring Land opened its second location at 1417 FM 1463, Ste. 150, Katy, in early August. The family-owned business, which has another location in Pearland, sells

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346-387-9479. www.flooringlandstore.com

10 Kiddie Academy of Elyson opened the first week of August at 23100 Elyson Falls Drive, Katy. The day care center offers care for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years. Curriculum centers around children’s curiosity with teachings in character, science and technology, health and fitness. Kiddie Academy also focuses on language and literacy, social studies and creative arts. 281-810-3811.

www.kiddeacademy.com/academies/elyson

11 Wishing Well Children’s Clinic began serving patients Sept. 6 at 1259 FM 1463, Ste. 300, Katy. Each room at the practice is themed around a character from the “Serendipity” book series, which features the adventures of animals and small creatures and was written by Stephen Cosgrove. Dr. Rosabelle McConkey is the pediatrician of Wishing Well. She has spent nine years as a general pediatrician in Cypress. The clinic is accepting new patients and provides newborn care, routine well-child checks, sports physicals and treatment of acute illnesses. 832-856-4600. www.wishingwellchildrens.com

12 HealthSource of Katy West opened early September at 1417 FM 1463, Ste. 140, Katy. The brand offers chiropractic care to help clients relieve their pain, manage their short-term and chronic health conditions as well as maintain a healthy lifestyle. 832-437-1320. www.healthsourcechiro.com/katy-west@ref

13 359 Dental opened its first location July 31. It offers all general services including crowns, fillings and cleanings as well as cosmetic dentistry, oral surgery and orthodontics at 8411 FM 359 S., Ste. E, Fulshear. 281-475-2071. www.359dental.com

14 Collins Music Center opened Aug. 1 at 6734 Westheimer Lakes N. Drive, Ste. 105, Katy. The music center provides band instruments, guitars, keyboards, drum sets and accessories. It also offers repair services. Collins has four locations in Texas and was founded in 1957 in El Campo. 281-342-7878. www.collinsmusiccenter.com

15 Tiger Tan & Spa eyes a Sept. 16 soft opening at 653 Pin Oak Road, Katy, and plans a grand opening celebration Oct. 5. The business will offer tanning and hair salon services, massages, teeth whitening and facials. 832-593-8269. www.facebook.com/tiger-tan-and-spa-443335866258119

16 Title Boxing Club is planning a soft opening for Sept. 23 and a grand opening Oct. 7 at 25031 Westheimer Parkway, Katy. The business offers an authentic boxing experience during which members replicate a boxing fight with eight 3-minute rounds. Members battle heavyweight bags in classes with trainers. 832-303-2857. www.titleboxingclub.com/katy-creek-tx

17 LA Fitness will open a new location near Fulshear in mid-December next to Xscape Theaters, which is located at 26616 FM 1093, Richmond, said Stefan Davis, the general manager of the LA Fitness located at 19550 Restaurant Row, Houston. The gym will include basketball and racquetball courts; a pool; cardio machines; and weights. 281-578-0115 (Katy-area location). www.lafitness.com

18 Katy Funeral Home at 23350 Kingsland Blvd., Katy, began an expansion project early September, said manager Sherry Ahart-Davies. The business will add about 10,000 square feet to double its space with additional event areas, a chapel, visitation room and offices. The estimated completion date is spring 2020. 281-395-7070. www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/katy-tx/katy-funeral-home/3070

19 After 10 years of operating, Kay’s Tea Parlour at 5617 Second St., Katy, closed Aug. 31. The tea shop served homestyle food. Some staff relocated to Ye Olde Village Shoppe at 1512 Ave. C, Katy. 281-392-7970. www.kaysteaparlor.com

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COMING SOON

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2. Pappa Gyros is building a second location at the northwest corner of Mason and Franz roads in Katy, said Chris Batsios, who owns the restaurant with his father, George Batsios. The duo eyes a spring 2020 opening. The Greek restaurant serves a menu of gyros, falafel and kebabs as well as American fare, such as burgers, hot dogs, Philly cheesesteak pitas and Buffalo chicken pitas. Pappa Gyros’ first store is located at 23255 Kingsland Blvd., Katy. 281-574-7764. www.pappagyros.com

3. Souq International Market eyes an early November opening at 1525 S. Mason Road, Katy, the former location of Z Tao Marketplace. Souq is a grocery store that sells food items from Jordan, Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and other countries. The store will have halal meat, produce, bakery items and a deli serving Mediterranean cuisine. 678-573-9669. www.souqmarkets.com

CLOSINGS

4. Cedar’s Mediterranean Grill, located at 1830 S. Mason Road, Katy, closed mid-August. The eatery specialized in dishing out traditional Middle Eastern plates. The website is live, but the business phone number has been disconnected. https://cedarskatygrill.business.site/

5. Clothed by Faith, located at 802 Domin- ion Drive, Ste. 100, Katy, held a ceremony Aug. 16 to mark the milestone of helping the 50,000th person and presented the bags with clothes to the family who marked it. CBF provides clothes to those in need through specific projects and often at the request of another charitable organization and individu- als with nowhere else to go who seek help from the organization. The nonprofit has another location in the southeast Houston area at 438 E. Eighth St., Deer Park. 281-676-8837. www.clothedbyfaith.org

NOW OPEN

1. Hat Creek Burger Co. opened Aug. 26 at 2150 S. Mason Road, Katy, just west of Morton Ranch High School. The chain serves a menu of burgers, salad, chicken nuggets, milkshakes and breakfast options. The Katy store offers an outdoor playground and a big-screen TV. 281-646-4933. www.hatcreekburgers.com/houston/katy

2. MOD Pizza opened at the end of June at 1330 N. Fry Road, Houston. The chain offers a customizable pizza menu with over 30 toppings as well as 10 suggested pizza combinations for guests unsure of what to order. 346-348-1175. www.modpizza.com/locations/katy-fry-road

3. Your CBD Store Katy, located at 2020 S. Fry Road, Ste. D, Katy, held a grand opening Aug. 31. Customers can choose from a variety of CBD, or cannabidiol, products, including tinctures, edibles and skin care products. There are also products for pets. 281-646-4933. www.cbdmex4u.com

4. Paganini School of Music began offering lessons Aug. 1 at 411 Park Grove Drive, Ste. 210B, Katy. The school offers individual and group lessons for violin, viola and cello. Paganini also offers master classes and performances by professional musicians from local universities. The business aims to create a fun and safe community for children to enjoy music. 281-769-3609. www.paganinischool.com

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SEPT. 19
JOIN A RED CARPET PREMIERE
Katy-based Not In Our City exists to end modern-day domestic sex slavery in every city across the nation. The organization will raise awareness through a fundraising event. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience the “What Daphne Saw” premiere, followed by a Q&A with Los Angeles filmmaker Liz Marshall as well as live music. 7-10 p.m. $30 (individual), $50 (couple), $175 (group of eight). Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, 2707 Commercial Center Blvd., Ste. K100, Katy. 281-394-7195. www.notinourcity.net

SEPT. 20
GRAB A BITE
CINCO RANCH LAKE HOUSE
Cinco Ranch Food Truck Friday will feature food trucks, dessert trucks and a vendor’s market for the whole family to enjoy. 5-9 p.m. Free (admission). Food trucks will charge for food and drinks. The Cinco Ranch Lake House, 25202 Springwood Lake Drive, Katy. 281-394-7195. www.mycincoranch.com/info.php?pnum=8

SEPT. 21
SHOP FRESH AND LOCAL
The Farmers’ Market on Grand Parkway will have its weekly appearance at the Church of the Holy Apostles. Locals can purchase fresh, locally-grown produce as well as meats, chicken and duck eggs, raw honey, bread, herbs and plants. 8 a.m.-noon. Free (admission). 21728 Highland Knolls Drive, Katy. 281-391-0003. www.farmersmarketongrandparkway.com

SEPT. 21
PLAY PICKLEBALL
No Label Brewing Co. will host a game of pickleball, which resembles life-size ping pong. 4:30-7:30 p.m. $15 (beer included), $10 (non-drinkers), $7 (children). 281-415-4841. www.eventbrite.com/e/pickle-pints-no-label-brewing-co-tickets-48634613438?aff=ebdssbdsearch

SEPT. 21
ATTEND A GALA
Katy Christian Ministries will celebrate its 15th annual gala at Palacio Maria in Katy. The event includes dinner, entertainment and live and silent auctions as well as raffles. 6-9 p.m. $100. Sponsorships available. 21728 Highland Knolls Drive, Katy. 281-391-0003. www.ktcm.org/event/gala2019/

SEPT. 21
EARN YOUR BADGE
Fishing’s Future will hold fishing merit badge and fish/wildlife merit classes for the Boy Scouts. 6-8:30 p.m. Bass Pro Shop, 5000 Katy Mills Circle, Ste. 415, Katy. 281-644-2200. www.fishingsfuture.org

SEPT. 21
KEEP THE FAMILY SAFE
Sugar Land Performing Arts Center will present the opportunity to experience the “What’s Up With This?” premiere, followed by a Q&A with Los Angeles filmmaker Liz Marshall as well as live music. 7-10 p.m. $30 (individual), $50 (couple), $175 (group of eight). Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, 2707 Commercial Center Blvd., Ste. K100, Katy. 281-394-7195. www.notinourcity.net

OCT. 17
SUPPORT TEACHERS
Katy ISD Education Foundation will host the annual Fireflies & Food Trucks event to raise funds. 5:30-8:30 p.m. $50 (per person), $500 (group of eight). No Label Brewing Co., 5351 First St., Katy. 281-396-6031. www.katyisdeducationfoundation.org/Pages/FirefliesFoodtrucks.aspx

OCT. 17
FALL INTO CONFIDENCE
The Cinco Ranch Library will host the annual event Fall into Confidence to help high school girls improve their mental wellbeing. Girls will learn strategies to develop high self-esteem while addressing ways to tackle mental health concerns, such as depression, anxiety and suicide. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. 734-210-0005. www.theinnermind.org

OCT. 17
WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE
The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is hosting a 2-mile walk in Katy. The event is held annually in over 600 communities nationwide to raise awareness of and funds for Alzheimer’s disease care, support and research. 7:30 a.m. (registration), 8 a.m. (ceremony), 8:30 a.m. (walk). LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy. 713-314-1330. https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX-HoustonampSoutheastTexas?pg=entry&fr_id=12668

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OCT. 17
HAVE A TASTE OF LACENTERRA
Hope Impacts will host the second annual Taste of LaCenterra, inviting locals for a tasting of small bites from the newest restaurants at LaCenterra and some well-established favorites. There will be a wide selection of wine, beer and cocktails for purchase and live music by Danny Ray and the Acoustic Production. There will be a silent auction in the courtyard, and participating restaurants include: Baker St. Pub & Grill, Bar Louie, Dish Society, Fish City Grill, Perry’s Steakhouse & Grille,
**OCT. 17**

**ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE AT GALLERY FURNITURE**

The Cinco Ranch Rotary will host the 14th annual Katy Wine Festival. 7-11 p.m. $25 (designated drivers), $50 (general admission). 7227 W. Grand Parkway S., Richmond. 713-510-3451. www.localwineevents.com/tickets/i_want/762186/14th-Annual-Katy-Wine-Fest

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**OCT. 18**

**JOIN A CAR SHOW FOR A BLESSING**

The Fulshear Police Department will hold its fourth annual Fulshear Police Foundation Car Show to raise funds for equipment, training and technology in the department. Interested participants must register online. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free (spectators), $30 (pre-registration), $35 (entry fee at gate). 29255 FM 1093, Ste. 7D, Fulshear. 713-444-4161. www.facebook.com/FulshearPoliceFoundation/posts/209987863030955

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**OCT. 19**

**PARTAKE IN A KATY TRADITION**

The city of Katy and the Rotary Club of Katy will bring locals the annual Katy Rice Festival, a three-day event filled with fun, food, drinks and shopping. The festival spans multiple blocks in downtown Katy bounded by Fourth Street, Avenue A., First Street, and Avenue D. On Oct. 12 and 13, attendees can park at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy, and ride a Free shuttle to the festival. 281-391-4717. www.katyricefestival.com

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING WHEN?**

- **Oct. 11**
  - Locals can celebrate Octoberfest with live music, food trucks and a beer garden. 6-11 p.m. Free. Ave. B and Third St., Katy.

- **Oct. 12**
  - The day starts with a free parade at 9 a.m., featuring horses, emergency vehicles and tractors. The festival begins at 10 a.m. with vendors, a carnival, music and food trucks. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. $5 (adults), free (children under 12) and to attend the parade. Downtown Katy.

- **Oct. 13**
  - The festival continues with craft vendors, a carnival and food trucks. Noon-6 p.m. $5 (adults), free (children under 12). Downtown Katy.

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

1. Porter Road reconstruction
Porter Road between Franz Road to Morton Ranch Road is now open to traffic in both directions on new concrete. Crews finished the project at the end of August, Harris County engineer Jennifer Almonte said. The 20-foot-wide, asphalt Porter was reconstructed into a 28-foot-wide, concrete roadway with an underground storm sewer system. The project was divided into two segments that crews worked on simultaneously.

Timeline: September 2018-August 2019
Cost: $4.6 million
Funding source: Harris County

ONGOING PROJECTS

2. Gaston Road widening
Gaston Road is being widened from a two-lane asphalt road to a four-lane divided concrete road with underground storm water drainage between Greenbusch Road and Katy Flewellen Road, said Ike Akinwande, Fort Bend County assistant engineer. Crews recently completed the southbound lanes from Greenbusch to Willow Lane, and are working on paving intersections.

Timeline: July 2018-October 2019
Cost: $6.8 million
Funding source: Fort Bend County

3. Peek Road widening
Peek Road is being widened into a four-lane concrete boulevard, Almonte said. Between 600 feet north of Clay Road and 300 feet north of Grand Ventana Drive, crews have completed a detention pond, and are nearly finished with installing underground storm drainage. Next, crews will work to stabilize the site for new concrete. Construction has not started on the second segment, between 300 feet north of Grand Ventana and north of Stockdick School Road. Harris County will start right-of-way clearing in the next few months.

Timeline: Phase 1: April 2019-fourth quarter 2019, Phase 2: 2020-TBD
Cost: $5.5 million-$6.5 million
Funding source: Harris County

FUTURE PROJECTS

4. Katy Flewellen Road expansion
Preparation work began earlier this year to expand Katy Flewellen Road between Spring Green Boulevard and Gaston Road. Construction to convert the two-lane asphalt roadway into a four-lane cement boulevard with underground drainage should begin in December, Akinwande said.

Timeline: December 2019-third quarter 2020
Cost: $3.4 million
Funding source: Fort Bend County

HOW IT WORKS

How have statewide propositions increased transportation funds?

Two Texas constitutional amendments—propositions 1 and 7—have added billions to the State Highway Fund since fiscal year 2017-18, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The SHF funds construction, maintenance and right of way acquisition for road projects, TxDOT Information Specialist Adam Hammons said.

Proposition 1, which passed in 2014, divides a portion of oil and natural gas production taxes evenly between the SHF and the Economic Stability Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund.

In addition, Proposition 7 passed in 2015 and requires the state comptroller to deposit $2.5 billion of the net revenue from sales and use taxes into the SHF. Including unofficial FY 2018-19 totals, the two propositions have contributed about $7.8 billion to the SHF since 2017 and are expected to add almost $9 billion in FY 2020-21.

“Prop. 1 and Prop. 7 have helped us maintain the funding levels and build new and safer roads,” Hammons said.

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Polo Ranch shows new homes at rope cutting

Century Communities held a rope cutting and showcased two model homes Aug. 1 in Polo Ranch, its newest master-planned community in Fulshear.

Situated along the banks of the Brazos River, Polo Ranch is located at 8535 Flagman Trail, Fulshear. It is expected to have 780 home sites, and will offer homes ranging from 1,200-3,600 square feet, said Dana Osborne, Century Communities director of sales and marketing for the Houston area. Century Communities builds homes and condos across 12 states in the U.S.

Homes will sell from $169,000 to more than $300,000, she said. Community amenities will include a pool, pavilion, playground, walking trails and other small recreational areas.

Fulshear’s Cross Creek Town Center to open in the spring of 2020; development signs new tenants

The Woodlands-based commercial real estate company Marcel Group announced new businesses coming to Fulshear at the Cross Creek Town Center, according to a Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis Group press release.

The development is located at 6635 W. Cross Creek Bend Lane, Fulshear, within Houston-based Johnson Development Corp.’s master-planned community Cross Creek Ranch.

The 10.47-acre mixed-use development signed three new tenants, according to the press release.

Experience Infusion Center, a pharmacy specializing in home health and IV infusion therapy, leased 1,230 square feet, and Apex Executive Suites, a co-working space concept by Marcel, will occupy 14,410 square feet of Class A office space, per the release.

A specialty gym franchise focusing on high-intensity group workouts also signed a lease, all managed by the executive leasing agents for the Cross Creek Town Center: Los Angeles-based CBRE’s Lacee Jacobs and Laura Harness, per the release.

Cross Creek Town Center offers more than 76,000 square feet of combined office and retail space and offers an outdoor special event and entertainment space designed for outdoor activities and community gatherings.

The development celebrated its groundbreaking in March, and the expected completion date is spring 2020, per the release.

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City of Katy provides updates on boardwalk development, downtown plaza

**KATY** There are several ongoing projects across the city of Katy.

Katy Mayor Bill Hastings and Kayce Reina, city of Katy director of tourism and marketing, provided updates on the Katy Boardwalk and Katy Downtown Plaza at the Aug. 28 Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting.

**KATY BOARDWALK**

Work is progressing on the Katy Boardwalk, a 169-acre, mixed-use development on Kingsland Boulevard across from Katy Mills, Reina said.

The Boardwalk Lofts, a 319-unit apartment complex, has started construction, and a parking garage can be seen from Kingsland Boulevard, Reina said.

The Hyatt Regency hotel and conference center is nearly ready to start the permitting process, and construction on the 304-room hotel and 43,000-square-foot conference center is expected to begin late 2019 or early 2020, Reina said. They are both expected to open mid-2021.

Additionally, Phase 1 of the trails along the property’s 90-acre lake are complete, and the city is working on Phase 2, Reina said. In total, the development will have about 2 miles of walking trails.

**KATY DOWNTOWN PLAZA**

The Katy Downtown Plaza, located between Avenues B and C in downtown Katy, is also moving along, Reina said.

Construction on a new civic center and a new visitor center at the plaza is projected to be completed at the end of September or early October, she said. Additional features will include an outdoor museum, an outdoor space with a stage and public restrooms.

Reina said the city is aiming for a late spring or early summer completion date for the entire project.

“We wanted to bring back the gathering place in the community in the heart of our downtown,” Reina said.

Remaining Harris County flood bond projects get new priority rankings, projected start dates

**HARRIS COUNTY** With roughly 80 projects yet to be started from a $2.5 billion flood bond passed by voters in 2018, Harris County officials are looking to bring more transparency to the process of deciding which should be done next.

Commissioners approved a new set of guidelines for prioritizing projects with a 3-2 vote Aug. 27. Proponents said the new guidelines are based on addressing the most flood-prone areas first.

The projects are ranked and split into quartiles to determine when work will begin.

In the new project rating system, 25% of a project’s score comes from flood risk reduction. Another 20% comes from the project’s social vulnerability index, which is a metric devised by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that takes into account the ability of certain communities to recover from disasters. Factors include percentage of elderly residents, prevalence of limited English proficiency and number of households without a vehicle.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said the guidelines are also meant to reduce the influence of cost-benefit ratios when dedicating local flood bond money, a metric often required for projects to receive federal funding.

**New timelines for local projects**

Several of the 80 remaining projects from Harris County’s 2018 flood bond are located in the Katy area. Here are their project rankings and estimated start date range based on the new criteria.

- **September 2019–April 2020**
  - **RANK: 10** Addicks Reservoir: Design and construction of a bridge replacement for Greenhouse Road at South Mayde Creek
  - **RANK: 17** Addicks Reservoir: Right of way acquisition, design and construction of a stormwater detention Basin on South Mayde Creek near the Grand Parkway

- **November 2020–July 2021**
  - **RANK: 46** Addicks Reservoir: Rehabilitation of challenges inside of Addicks Reservoir to restore channel conveyance capacity

- **July 2021–March 2022**
  - **RANK: 70** Barker Reservoir: Rehabilitation of channels inside of Barker Reservoir to restore channel conveyance capacity

**Projects underway**

- **A** Addicks Reservoir: Right of way acquisition, design and construction of a stormwater detention basin on South Mayde Creek
- **B** Addicks Reservoir: Right of way acquisition, design and construction of channel conveyance improvements and bypass channel for South Mayde Creek

- **Addicks Reservoir: Corps of Engineers Section 216 study, Addicks and Barker Reservoirs**
- **Addicks Reservoir: Rehabilitation of channels upstream of Addicks Reservoir to restore channel conveyance capacity**
- **Barker Reservoir: Rehabilitation of approximately 20 miles of channels upstream of Barker Reservoir to restore channel conveyance capacity**
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Between the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, Katy ISD added about 2,300 students, according to Texas Education Agency data. With such growth, the district opened two new campuses this year and plans to open three more by the 2021-20 school year.

This chart displays the amount of school district taxes the average homeowner has paid annually over the last four years based on the average taxable value of a home in the district.

**KATY ISD DISTRICT DEEP DIVE**

**NEW SCHOOL UPDATES**

- Elementary School No. 43
  6631 Greenwood Orchard Drive, Katy
  Opening: August 2020
- Jordan High School
  27500 Fulshear Bend Drive, Fulshear
  Opening: August 2020
- Junior High School No. 17
  Southeast of the intersection of Katy Hockey and Clay roads
  Opening: August 2021

**RECENT SCHOOL BONDS**

- 2017: $609.2M
  - Build 6 new campuses
  - Renovate, repair or expand 7 campuses
  - Renovate the Outdoor Learning Center
  - Upgrade technology and security
- 2014: $748.1M
  - Build 6 new campuses
  - Renovate or expand 11 campuses
  - Construct Agriculture Sciences Center and Legacy Stadium
  - Upgrade technology and security

**2019-20 FUNDING BREAKDOWN**

- Projected Revenue: $795.1M
  - 55.2% Local
  - 43.2% State
  - 1.5% Federal

**2018-19 ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED**

- 31.5% of Katy ISD students are economically disadvantaged.
  - State average: 60.6%

**2018-19 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

- 16.8% of Katy ISD students are English language learners.
  - State average: 19.4%

**SOURCES:** KATY ISD, TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY / COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

**FUNDING PER STUDENT**

- 2017-18: $240,000
- 2018-19: $250,000
- 2019-20: $260,000
- 2020-21: $270,000

**TAX RATE**

- 2015-16: $1.5166
- 2016-17: $1.5123
- 2017-18: $1.5166
- 2018-19: $1.5184

**AMOUNT PAID**

- 2015-16: $3,858
- 2016-17: $3,860
- 2017-18: $3,804
- 2018-19: $3,747

**DISTRICT DEEP DIVE**

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

- 2015-16: 72,952
- 2016-17: 75,428
- 2017-18: 77,522
- 2018-19: 79,913
- 2019-20: 81,718

**AMOUNT PAID**

- 2015-16: $3,858
- 2016-17: $3,860
- 2017-18: $3,804
- 2018-19: $3,747

**TEACHER STATS**

- Total Number of Teachers: 5,273
- Teachers by Years of Experience:
  - <1: 5%
  - 1-5: 28.1%
  - 6-10: 21.6%
  - 11-20: 30.4%
  - >20: 15%

**STUDENT STATS**

- Graduation Rate: 96.4%
- Students in Special Education: 12.4%
- Funding per Student: $5,724
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The following tables reveal test results from the 2018-19 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, exam. Community Impact Newspaper publishes STAAR results by campus and school district. The tables also identify the Texas Education Agency’s 2018-19 accountability ratings for campuses based on the new A-F accountability system. The STAAR scores shown are for the spring 2019 administration of the test, but the TEA accountability ratings factor in additional administrations and other factors.

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### 2018-19 STAAR PASSING RESULTS

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### A-F ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

#### Exemplary
- Performance
- Recognized
- Acceptable
- In need of improvement
- Unacceptable

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Looks at how much all students know and can do in tested subjects.
- For high schools and districts, grades are based on how many graduates are ready for college, career or the military.
- Students meet grade-level expectations on the STAAR.

#### SCHOOL PROGRESS

- Looks at how much better students are doing than their peers in similar schools or how much better all students are doing than they were last year.

#### CLOSING THE GAPS

- Looks at how well different groups of students, such as race, income level and special education status, are performing.
- Higher grades are awarded if all students are doing well in academic growth and student achievement.
KATY ISD
2019-20 SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

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Katy ISD Council of Parent Teacher Associations
Organization helps Katy ISD campuses increase parent engagement

The Katy ISD Council of Parent Teacher Associations helps more than 60 PTA chapters on KISD campuses empower families to help all students reach their potential, KISD Council of PTAs President Georgia Strickland said.

“PTAs are not just about fundraising or making cookies for teachers,” said Strickland, who has two children attending KISD. “They’re doing some major things for their campus.”

For example, Mayde Creek High School has been advocating to receive more sidewalks from the city of Houston, she said. Individual campus PTAs also put on events to teach parents about issues such as vaping and internet safety.

To help the campus chapters, the organization hosts leadership trainings and monthly meetings so PTA presidents know what they should be doing over the course of the year and can swap ideas with other PTAs. The council also acts as a liaison between the Texas chapter of PTAs and the local chapters, Strickland said.

Strickland said her advice to parents who are thinking about volunteering with their local PTA is to jump in.

“I think that it’s crucial for parents to get involved because it’s sending a message to your kid: ‘Hey, I care about your education. I care about your future.’”

Strickland said not all parents can commit a lot of volunteer hours, but reaching out to the PTA to see what opportunities are available can make a difference.

Last year, the KISD Council of PTAS had 30,694 members, making it larger than 35 state PTA councils and the largest council in Texas, Strickland. The goal this year is to have over 35,000 members. Becoming involved in a campus PTA encourages community in the fast-growing Katy area.

“[Recognizing students, their families and teachers] at grocery stores or restaurants really brings a sense of community,” she said. “Let’s face it, we’re not a small city anymore. To still be able to go out to a restaurant and hear, ‘Hey, you’re the PTA lady,’ it’s kind of cool.”

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**UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS**

**CHARTER SCHOOLS 101**

**COMPILED BY NOLA Z. VALENTE**

Although charter schools in Texas are public schools, certain stipulations from the Texas Education Code do not apply to these campuses. Each district sets its own charter in which it lays out guidelines for topics such as class size.

**ADMISSIONS: HOW TO GET IN**

- Students can apply to any open-enrollment charter school in their geographic boundary.
- The admissions process also involves a lottery, which takes place when there are more applicants than available spaces.
- The school’s or district’s charter will list any potential exemptions for admission.

**FUNDING: WHO PAYS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS?**

Similar to traditional school districts, charter schools receive state funding based on the average daily attendance of students. They do not receive funding from local tax dollars but may receive facilities funding.

**TUITION:** Open-enrollment charter schools are not allowed to charge tuition for classes. They are only able to charge the same fees a traditional school district allowed to charge tuition for classes. They are only able to charge the same fees a traditional school district may charge.

**STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO:** Charter schools are not subject to the same guidelines districts follow. The school’s charter sets ratio and class size limitations.

**EXAMINING TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS**

There were 316,869 students enrolled in Texas charter schools in 2018-19. Texas created charter schools in 1995.

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** Sources:** Texas Education Agency; Texas Charter Schools Association; Community Impact Newspaper

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**TEACHING RUNDOWN**

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION:** Teachers at an open-enrollment charter school must at least hold an undergraduate degree. Special education and bilingual education teachers are also required to have state certification to teach.

**Number of charter school campuses in the Katy area:** 9

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Katy ISD board of trustees OKs 75-acre property purchase for new elementary, junior high schools

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, Katy ISD opened two new campuses, and will continue to build more.

The KISD board of trustees unanimously approved the purchase of an approximately 75-acre parcel from ABE Ltd. at the Aug. 26 meeting. This purchase is not to exceed $4.5 million, and it will house a future elementary school and junior high school.

Additional details regarding the purchase were not revealed at the meeting. However, according to the Harris County Appraisal District, ABE owns two parcels of land totaling almost 75 acres near the intersection of Katy Hockley Road and FM 529. The 2019 appraisal value of the parcels is $10,521, while the market value is $2.4 million.

When asked whether this is the property KISD is purchasing, the district responded, “Katy ISD is in the due diligence period of the property purchase.”

According to the KISD website, the $609.2 million 2017 bond program approved by voters is funding six new campuses.

However, the 2017 bond also allocates about $18 million to purchase property for five new schools for a future 2020 bond, according to KISD’s website.

Board meetings at Katy ISD to only occur once a month with open forum to be first agenda item

Katy ISD board of trustee meetings will be scheduled differently starting in September.

Thanks to board approval at the Aug. 26 meeting, KISD trustees will only meet once a month, though additional work or special meetings can be called if necessary.

Additionally, the structure of board meetings will change. The open forum will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a closed session and then the open session.

Before this change, those wanting to speak at a work-study meeting had to sign up before 6:15 p.m. and wait until the board returned from closed session and completed its open session agenda to speak.

“[Members of the public] have always had to wait until the end of the meeting,” KISD General Counsel Justin Graham said. “Now, they’re going to be able to sign in before 5:15, 5:30 hits, and they’re going to be able to address the board, and then the board will be able to consider their feedback as it takes action on items … throughout the meeting.”

These changes will be in place for the next board meeting Sept. 23 at the Education Support Complex, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy.

The move to only one meeting a month is to improve efficiency, Graham said. Since at least 2013, the board has met two times per month, according to a KISD archive of meeting agendas.

Meanwhile, the change in the meeting structure has been enacted because of House Bill 2847, effective Sept. 1. It requires school boards and other governmental bodies to allow members of the public to address agenda items in front of the board before it considers the item.

Katy ISD meets the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is Sept. 23. Board Room, Education Support Complex, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy 281-396-6000 • www.katyisd.org

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Counter’s Tutoring Connection
Fast-growing business inspires student learning through relationships

About seven years ago, Jennifer Counter was a single mom looking to supplement her teacher salary. She began tutoring one elementary student in-home, and within two years she expanded to 20 students.

Today, the Katy-area businesswoman runs Counter’s Tutoring Connection full time with about 100 students, 37 tutors and a business manager, she said. In the next year, she hopes to relocate from Kingsland Boulevard to a larger space, and over the next decade, she aims to open five more locations in the Greater Houston area.

“I’ve always had an entrepreneurial spirit,” Counter said. “A lot of people thought I was crazy leaving my stable job in teaching. But I had worked in the business world, and I have a lot of business sense naturally.”

Counter said she switched from a corporate job to education because she did not feel fulfilled and spent a lot of time away from her daughter.

“I needed to find something where I could align passion and purpose together,” she said.

CTC offers personalized, one-on-one subject matter help as well as test prep, language tutoring and special education-focused tutoring, she said. Students range from preschoolers to adults.

Counter added she only hires tutors who are passionate about student learning and want to make a difference. Thirty CTC tutors are certified teachers.

“We want [students] to be excited about learning, and we want them to get to a place where they feel really comfortable in their own abilities,” she said.

To inspire learning, CTC focuses on establishing relationships and creating connections among the students, parents and tutors, Counter said.

“We live our life in relationships,” she said. “Always, my first goal as a teacher in the classroom was building a relationship with my students—we had to have that connection. I knew that once I did that and we had that right, the sky was the limit. That’s what I wanted to bring into the center.”
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manager. To be fully staffed, the district needs 428 bus drivers to transport about 52,000 students daily.

A school bus driver shortage affects families because without them, some children are unable to get to school, or classes cannot go on educational field trips, Campbell said. Also, a regular driver increases operational efficiencies and creates consistency for students, other experts said.

KISD has come up with several incentives and benefits programs to recruit and retain drivers, DiPetta said. Additionally, the district has changed bell schedules, implemented new technology and begun recruiting community members to drive buses for field trips.

Members from the KISD Transportation Department declined to comment.

“Historically, the district has implemented a solution that has solved all their problems,” Campbell said. “Increasing pay is impactful, but it’s not the only solution.”

THE SHORTAGE

Reasons for a school bus driver shortage vary depending on a district’s unique circumstances, Campbell said. But one of the major challenges for attracting school bus drivers is the part-time, split work schedule, she said. Drivers typically drive a morning route and an afternoon route with a break in the middle of the day.

“As drivers, we really look for more hours so we don’t have to look for another job,” said Claudia Barrell, who started driving buses for KISD 10 years ago.

Finding a second job that is flexible to work within the sporadic school bus hours is not easy, said Barrell, who has spent the past five years driving for Lamar CISD. She said she has supplemented her income by also becoming a driving instructor.

A thriving economy also makes it difficult for school districts to attract and retain drivers because private companies can offer more hours and a higher pay rate, Campbell said.

“When applicants have a choice between a higher-paying, year-round, full-time private sector job or a school district bus driver job, they’ll often choose the private sector,” she said.

Training and licensing drivers is another challenge for school districts, Barrell and Campbell said.

“You have to prepare for a long time to become a driver,” Barrell said, adding it took her about seven months to get her commercial driver’s license and learn her route.

Campbell said to attract new hires, many districts offer to pay new drivers to take the tests necessary to receive their CDL.

DiPetta said that a shortage of drivers causes buses to be late to their stops.

LCISD Transportation Department Director Mike Jones explained not enough drivers causes operational inefficiencies because the district uses substitute drivers, bus mechanics or bus dispatchers to take the routes. These employees are often unfamiliar with the bus route.

“I’ve been doing this for three/seven years and confident in my skills as a bus driver,” Jones said. “But if I take the keys to cover a route, I won’t know it as well as someone who drives it every day. I have to read the route book, and I won’t get to the stops at the right time.”

Jones and Barrell also noted the importance of creating a relationship with the students on the buses. Jones said the same bus driver every day creates consistency for students, who are then more likely to attend school.

“You have to have a relationship with them and earn their respect,” Barrell said. “It took me a long time to learn how to drive and manage the kids.”

RECRUITING DRIVERS

School districts must be proactive and get the word out in the community that they are hiring drivers, said Kayne Smith, Cy-Fair ISD’s transportation director. He spoke as the
Experts say districts will increase starting pay for bus drivers to be competitive with other districts and private jobs.

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According to state law, school districts are only required to transport some special education students. But districts can establish and operate a transportation system to bus nondisabled students. The system is determined by each district’s school board. However, there are no legislative restrictions on which students may or may not be provided transportation by the school district. Ultimately, school districts determine which students are eligible.

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Unlike Houston ISD and Fort Bend ISD—which are also experiencing a shortage of drivers, according to HISD’s press office and an FBISD audit report—KISD does not use private bus services to supplement its transportation needs. Jones said an in-house transportation department is less expensive than outsourcing bus drivers to private contractors.

Campbell said many districts increase the starting pay for bus drivers faster than for teachers, but that is not the case for KISD.

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Fall is here, and there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate in the Katy area, whether it involves checking out a family-friendly festival, getting out into nature or simply enjoying a beverage on a local patio. Here are some events and ideas for how to get the entire family out of the house this fall.

**1. Dewberry Farm Fall Festival**
**Sept. 30 - Nov. 12:** Dewberry Farm is celebrating its 18th year, and guests will find old favorite attractions such as the corn maze and pumpkin patch. In addition to Mary's Country Store, there will also be food and drinks for purchase, including wine and beer at the beer garden this year. Times vary for live entertainment, shows and fireworks. $31.82.
Dewberry Farm
1407 W. Grand Parkway S., Katy
281-392-5099
www.dewberryfarm.com

**2. St. Paul’s Fall Festival & Craft Show**
**Oct. 1:** The festival will feature children’s activities including bouncers, face painting and a petting zoo. There will be barbecue and over 70 vendors for both brand names and unique crafts. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
5373 Franz Road, Katy
281-391-2785
www.stpaulskaty.org

**3. Westland Baptist Church Fall Craft Show**
**Oct. 5:** Westland Baptist Church is hosting its third annual craft show and will bring over 70 vendors to Katy. The first 50 shoppers will receive a goody bag. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Westland Baptist Church
1407 W. Grand Parkway S., Katy
281-392-5099
www.westland.cc

**4. Texas Renaissance Festival**
**Oct. 5 through Dec. 1:** Over 600,000 guests visit Todd Mission for the nine-weekend season beginning in Oct. The festival offers different themed weekends, including Oktoberfest, Heroes and Villains, Pirates’ Day and All Hallows Eve. The festival also includes live entertainment and shops. Camping packages are also available. 9 a.m-8 p.m. (Sat. and Sun.). $13.17 (Week 1-2 general admission). $19.74 (general admission any day). $24.95 (campground any vehicle).
Texas Renaissance Festival
21778 FM 1774, Todd Mission
800-458-3435
www.texrenfest.com

**5. Katy Rice Festival**
**Oct. 11:** Located in downtown historic Katy, the annual Katy Rice Harvest Festival is three days of live entertainment, music, crafts, food and a carnival. The event features an Oktoberfest-style celebration Friday and a parade Saturday. 6-11 p.m. (Fri.), Parade at 9 a.m. and festival from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (Sat.), Noon-6 p.m. (Sun.). $5 (per person, per day), free (children under 12 years).
Downtown Historic Katy
910 Ave. C, Katy
281-391-4800
www.katyricefestival.com

**6. Katy Wine Fest**
**Oct. 18:** The Cinco Ranch Rotary’s festival will highlight over 40 different wines from around the world, and guests will be able to sample rare finds and unique vintages not found in local grocery stores. The festival will also feature several local restaurants serving light bites, a selection of beers, live music, crafts, food and a carnival. The Cinco Ranch Rotary’s festival will be held at the Katy Wine Fest, 1407 W. Grand Parkway S., Katy. $24.95 (campground any vehicle).
Katy Wine Fest
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music as well as a silent and big board auction. Proceeds of the event benefit the Brookwood Center for Learning. 7-11 p.m. $25 (designated driver), $50 (advanced general admission), $60 (day of general admission).

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7227 W. Grand Parkway S., Richmond
www.katywinefest.com

7 SPOOKS AND SPIRITS HALLOWEEN
Oct. 31: This spooky after-hours event features a guided walking lantern tour of the park and the telling of unique Texas ghost stories. Attendees must be over age 12 and are encouraged to bring flashlights and wear walking shoes. Alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase for adults 21 years or older. 7-10 p.m. Cost: TBA
10215 FM 762 Road, Richmond
281-343-0218
www.georgeranch.org

8 FULSHEAR SCARECROW FESTIVAL OCTOBER
Oct. 23: The Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce invites locals to enjoy a pumpkin patch, music, vendor booths, carnival games, petting zoo, costume parade, scarecrow contest and pony rides. Families can enjoy activities such as the costume parade and scarecrow contest. 4:30-7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church of Fulshear

9 TEXIAN MARKET DAYS
Oct. 26: The Fort Bend History Association is hosting the 36th annual Texian Market Days festival, held at the George Ranch Historical Park, a 20,000-acre working ranch. The whole family can enjoy over 150 years of Texas history with battle re-enactments, historic home tours, games, cowboys, vintage vehicles, food and craft vendors, live entertainment and hands-on activities. Guests can interact with costumed re-enactors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. $20 (adults), $15 (seniors and ages 4-12).
George Ranch Historical Park
10215 FM 762, Richmond, TX
281-343-0218
www.georgeranch.org

10 HOWL-O-WEEN FEST
Oct. 26: The stage at Howl-O-Ween Fest will feature shows throughout the day including Clifford the Big Red Dog, a K9 demonstration, a dog fashion show as well as Houston disc dogs and dog diving. There will be a pumpkin decorating and craft areas, a children’s zone with bounce houses, trick or treating, face painting and a balloon artist. Families can mingle around the food and game trucks as well as with rescue groups with pet adoptions. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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11 KATY SIP N STROLL
Nov. 2: Join the biannual festival where attendees can sample wine, beer and food from local restaurants as well as shop crafts and participate in a silent auction. Guests will enjoy music from two different stages. The event benefits The Ballard House. 6-9 p.m. $75 (VIP admission), $40 (general admission).
Villagio Town Center
22762 Westheimer Pkwy, Ste. 500, Katy
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www.sipandstroll.com

12 DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION
Nov. 2: Celebrate the Day of the Dead. Guests will experience Aztec dancers, a parade and mariachi bands. 5-8 p.m. $75 (VIP admission), $50 (general admission), $25 (5-16 years), free (under 5 years).
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**Kelsey-Seybold Clinic**
Spring Medical & Diagnostic Center
15655 Cypress Woods Medical Dr.
Suite 100, Houston, TX 77014
Azul Seafood Tapas
Japanese-Spanish eatery offers dishes ‘too pretty to eat,’ customer says

Owner Lucy Chao was inspired to model her small restaurant located off Katy Freeway, Azul Seafood Tapas, after her happy place: the beach.

When Chao thinks of seafood, she said she imagines herself sitting near a coast, eating fresh fish with a view of the blue ocean. That is where the name Azul came from, she said. “Azul” means blue in Spanish.

“Our food is pretty interesting, with influences from different parts of the world,” Chao said. “We’ve taken the Japanese cuisine and incorporated some Spanish-Mexican and Asian flairs to make it unique. Guests can enjoy fine dining our way without traveling into town.”

Chao was inspired to open the eatery for two reasons: to serve the community and to set a good example for her children.

“It was not for my children to take over the restaurant one day,” she said. “It was for them to understand what it means to have good work ethics.”

Chao spends six days of her week running the restaurant, and she said she enjoys building close relationships with her customers.

Regular customers Melissa Graner and Amy Hart have been coming to Azul every Tuesday for two years. They sometimes eat at the restaurant twice per week because they enjoy visiting with the chef, Estuardo Morales.

“This is our favorite place,” Graner said. “I love the people who work here. The chef is amazing. The food is like artwork. It’s almost too pretty to eat once the chef puts it on the plate.”

Hart added Azul is not just a sushi place, but rather a place where customers can enjoy seafood dishes such as tostadas, fish tacos and short rib spring rolls.

Chao said she came across many challenges in pursuing an opening for Azul, but Hurricane Harvey affected her business the most.

“That was a tough time for us,” Chao said. “Business became a standstill as people were recovering.”

Azul Tapas celebrated its two-year anniversary July 28, and she said there are no plans to open a new location.

“I’d like to spend my time here and be more personable with clients,” she said. “That’s what a community is.”

DINING FEATURE

THREE DISHES TO TRY

Braised short rib ($26)
Three-hour-braised short rib, roasted potatoes, roasted corn, caramelized onions

Vuelve a la vida ceviche ($25)
Octopus, white fish, shrimp, blue crab, citrus, lime juice, avocado, jalapeno, onion, wonton crisps, plantain chips

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Since it launched in April 2018, the Hurricane Harvey Registry is asking residents across the Greater Houston area to share their Harvey experiences. Project leaders surveyed over 13,000 individual registrants and captured the living environments of over 39,000 residents across 13 counties.

**PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS WHO LEFT HOME BY ZIP CODE**

- ≤17%
- 18%-31%
- 32%-47%
- 48%-61%
- ≥61%

**WHERE DID THOSE DISPLACED GO?**

- 59% Lived with family
- 14% Lived in hotel
- 9% Lived in apartment
- 18% Other

**WHAT DID RESPONDENTS EXPERIENCE?**

- 44% homes flooded
- 55% homes damaged
- 34% vehicle damage
- 43% electricity loss
- 41% income loss

Contingent on living conditions in homes needing repairs or rebuilding.

“As Harvey becomes more of a memory, the community is unaware there are still close to 2,000 Katy families not yet restored in their homes,” Katy Responds CEO Tom Prett said. “This will be the third holiday season that some of these families have been displaced.”

Several organizations, including Katy Christian Ministries, Katy Responds, Hope Impacts and several churches in the Katy area, are working together to help everyone in the community recover.

Living on Bartlett Road, Ann Zanfardino, 59, and her youngest son, Mark, 9, have lived in a home damaged by Harvey for two years.

During Harvey, Mark Zanfardino said his mom sat in a chair inside the house with water up to her knees until she was evacuated, but he decided to stay and ride out the storm. Once the water receded, they continued to live in their home with debris, mold and cracks through the walls.

“I had no other place to go,” Ann Zanfardino said. “We lived here so long. My husband and I were married for five years. He passed away in 2015, and he was about 90 years old. Some days I wonder why I wake up.”

**SURVEYING THE DAMAGE**

According to Katy Responds, homelessness in the Katy area has risen by 1.5% since Harvey, and 13,800 Federal Emergency Management Agency claims were made. Of that number, 130 homes are still unlivable and 1,500 are still notably damaged.

Rice University released the Hurricane Harvey Registry Report in February. Residents were asked to share their Harvey experiences through the study, which captured the living environments of over 39,000 residents spanning over 13 counties in the Greater Houston area.

Out of the 9,798 registrants, about 46% reported having

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to leave their homes and were displaced for an average of 20 weeks before returning.

While displaced, 59% lived with a family, 14% lived in a hotel and 9% lived in an apartment, according to the survey.

“Every day, more than 100 local partners are working tirelessly to provide street outreach, housing, case management and employment services to people experiencing homelessness,” said Ana Rausch, senior research project manager for Coalition for the Homeless Houston.

Pretti said people affected by the storm as well as many churches and businesses that helped with recovery following Harvey became physically exhausted and emotionally fatigued. Funding is also exhausted in many cases.

Earlier this year, Ann Zanfardino walked into Katy City Hall looking for the mayor to ask why her home had not been repaired since someone who she assumed was with FEMA evaluated her home immediately after Harvey but did not return.

Katy Mayor Bill Hastings said one of the reasons many families are not back in their homes or living in damaged homes is because no one knows who they are.

“We have to know that they need help,” Bill Hastings said. “Like Mrs. Zanfardino, I would have never known she needed help until she came down to my office.”

REBUILDING KATY

Brittany Eck, director of communications at the Texas General Land Office, said the office offers a homeowner assistance program and a homeowner reimbursement program to those affected by Harvey.

The HAP helps affected homeowners remodel or rebuild their homes, while HRP can help reimburse residents up to $50,000 for certain out-of-pocket expenses related to recovery following the storm, she said.

But many residents are in the same position as the Zanfardinos were in months ago: unaware of the resources available to them.

“This is a program that fully restores homes,” Eck said. “People don’t believe it. We are trying to ramp it up in these areas where we are seeing low turnouts for applications. We hope those who are receiving reimbursement encourage their neighbors to do the same.”

Eck said the community should promulgate the programs before funds exhaust in the following months.

KCM Director Susan Hastings said she knew it would be a community project when she learned of Ann Zanfardino’s case through her husband, Bill Hastings.

“The next day, the mayor and his wife, everyone showed up to help,” Ann Zanfardino said.

Churches and nonprofit organizations have set out to repair Ann Zanfardino’s house by Oct. 1, Chelsea Lucas with Katy Responds said.

“This is a perfect example of how our community members come together when someone has a need to be met,” Bill Hastings said.

Lucas said Katy Responds has helped 30 families move back into livable homes since the nonprofit was established in 2018. Including the Zanfardino household, she said the organization is helping rebuild four other homes and will soon begin three more projects.

As time and volunteers allow, the organization canvases homes to find those who still need help. One project they completed in March was one to help Sylvia Trevino’s family.

Trevino said she was diagnosed with cancer in 2013, beat it one year later, and then had surgery due to congestive heart failure in 2017.

“Then Harvey hits in August,” she said. “I had never felt so helpless. I couldn’t live at home for six months and even upon returning home, I still had a nonworking kitchen because the money from FEMA plus my personal money ran out.”

Trevino said she hopes her story will inspire others to help and to seek help.

“I couldn’t believe how many people from church groups came,” she said. “Rebuilding my home was the miracle only God could make happen.”

For more information, visit communityimpact.com.

October Rebuild Fest

The month-long October Rebuild Fest hosted by Katy Responds will give volunteers the chance to help rebuild homes in the Katy area by doing hands-on repairs and offering support to other volunteers through October.

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**Build-out year:** 1984  
**Square footage:** 1,792-4,291  
**Home values:** $150,000-$350,000  
**HOA dues (estimated):** $750 annually  
**Amenities:** clubhouse, playground, pool  
**Schools:** Winborn Elementary School, Morton Ranch Junior High School and Morton Ranch High School in Katy ISD  
**Property taxes (in dollars):**  
- Katy ISD 1.51660  
- Harris County 0.41858  
- Harris County Flood Control District 0.02877  
- Port of Houston Authority 0.01155  
- Harris County Hospital District 0.17108  
- Harris County Dept. of Education 0.00519  
- Harris County ESD No. 48 0.01000  
- Harris County MUD 61 0.48000  
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**Total (per $100 valuation):** 2.73177

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  Compass Re Texas LLC 281-381-2747

- **22231 Prince George St.**  
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  $274,750  
  Tim Palmer  
  Keller Williams Signature 832-815-6779

- **1627 Earl Of Dunmore St.**  
  4 bedroom / 2.5 bath  
  2,512 sq. ft.  
  $239,000  
  Katelyn Day  
  Coldwell Banker United Realtors 832-317-6006

**MARKET DATA**

**ON THE MARKET (AUGUST 2019)**

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