



Homes near Knapp Road in Pearland were inundated when water rose over the banks of nearby Clear Creek.

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HELPING AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY



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Hurricane Harvey rains destruction on Houston

Pearland, Friendswood invest millions in infrastructure repairs after historic flooding

BY **NORA OLABI**

After Hurricane Harvey dropped up to 50 inches of rain along the Gulf Coast, communities are left picking up the pieces.

Harvey broke the rainfall record of 48 inches for a tropical system in the

continental U.S. at two locations in the Houston metro area, including at Mary's Creek and Wind-ing Road in Friendswood where 50.04 inches fell Aug. 25-29, according to the Harris County Flood Control District.

"This disaster has touched everyone in some way; thousands have been affected," Friendswood Mayor Kevin Holland said.

The average annual rainfall for the Greater Houston area is 49.8 inches, according to the National

Weather Service.

Pearland also experienced up to 30 to 40 inches of rain over the same four-day period, according to officials.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to every

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Local schools compete to retain teachers, offer higher salaries

BY **HALEY MORRISON**

As school districts around the Greater Houston area are growing, competition for recruiting highly qualified teachers has stiffened.

Districts, such as Alvin, Friendswood and Pearland ISDs, have all been affected by increased teacher turnover, according to retention data from the Texas Education Agency, and have dug deep to raise teacher salaries in an effort to stifle poaching.

FISD's teacher turnover rate

increased by 2 percentage points between the 2014-15 school and 2015-16 school years, according to the latest TEA data. Meanwhile, AISD's teacher turnover rate fell by almost 2.5 percentage points over the same time period. PISD has maintained roughly the same rate between 2013 and 2016.

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Here are the salaries for teachers with no experience for the 2017-18 year.

\$53,200 Alvin ISD

\$53,000 Pearland ISD

\$52,750 Friendswood ISD

SOURCES: ALVIN ISD, FRIENDSWOOD ISD, AND PEARLAND ISD/ COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER



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We are #TexasStrong!

As a native Houstonian, I must admit my relationship with Texas is bittersweet. Our summers are miserably hot and humid. Our roaches are bigger than some small dogs, and mosquitoes are the bane of my existence. The silver lining, however, is Texans have a great sense of pride, love for their neighbors and an enduring spirit that can weather any storm.

Our top story this month hones in on the affects of Hurricane Harvey in Pearland and Friendswood. While the extent of the damage is still being assessed, we know this for certain: The road to recovery will be long. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have been affected by the

storm. Make sure you read through our list of resources and recovery tips (Page 20).

I am so proud of our community, from first responders and city staff to residents and business owners. We put together a noncomprehensive list of businesses who chipped in to help those in need (Page 7).

Of course, September is our annual K-12 public education guide. In this issue, we highlight the challenges each of our local school districts face as they try to retain teachers in a competitive market. We also compiled the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness—also known as STAAR—scores and accountability ratings in the 2016-17 school year for each campus.



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A hurricane blew through. Now what?

My heart goes out to you. As a native Houstonian, I know firsthand the power of unity. No one can recover on their own; we need the help of neighbors.

Presumably by this point, you have gone through demolition, made calls to your insurance companies and scheduled an adjuster to look at the damage.

Now, your home is ready to be remade. Make sure you get the right contractor for home renovations, not a fly-by-night operation. Flip to Page 20 for professional tips from the Texas Association of Builders.

Both Friendswood and Pearland have waived fees for home renovations that typically require a permit. Contractors should be registered with the city.

Have time to help your neighbor? Friendswood residents can dial the city's disaster assistance call center at 281-888-0131 for local opportunities. Pearland residents can reach the Pearland Recovery Assistance Team online at www.prat-one.org.

Want to donate? School districts and nonprofits, such as Friendswood Rotary, Pearland Neighborhood Center and United Way, are funding recovery efforts.

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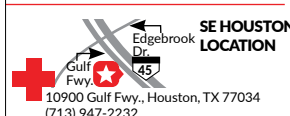
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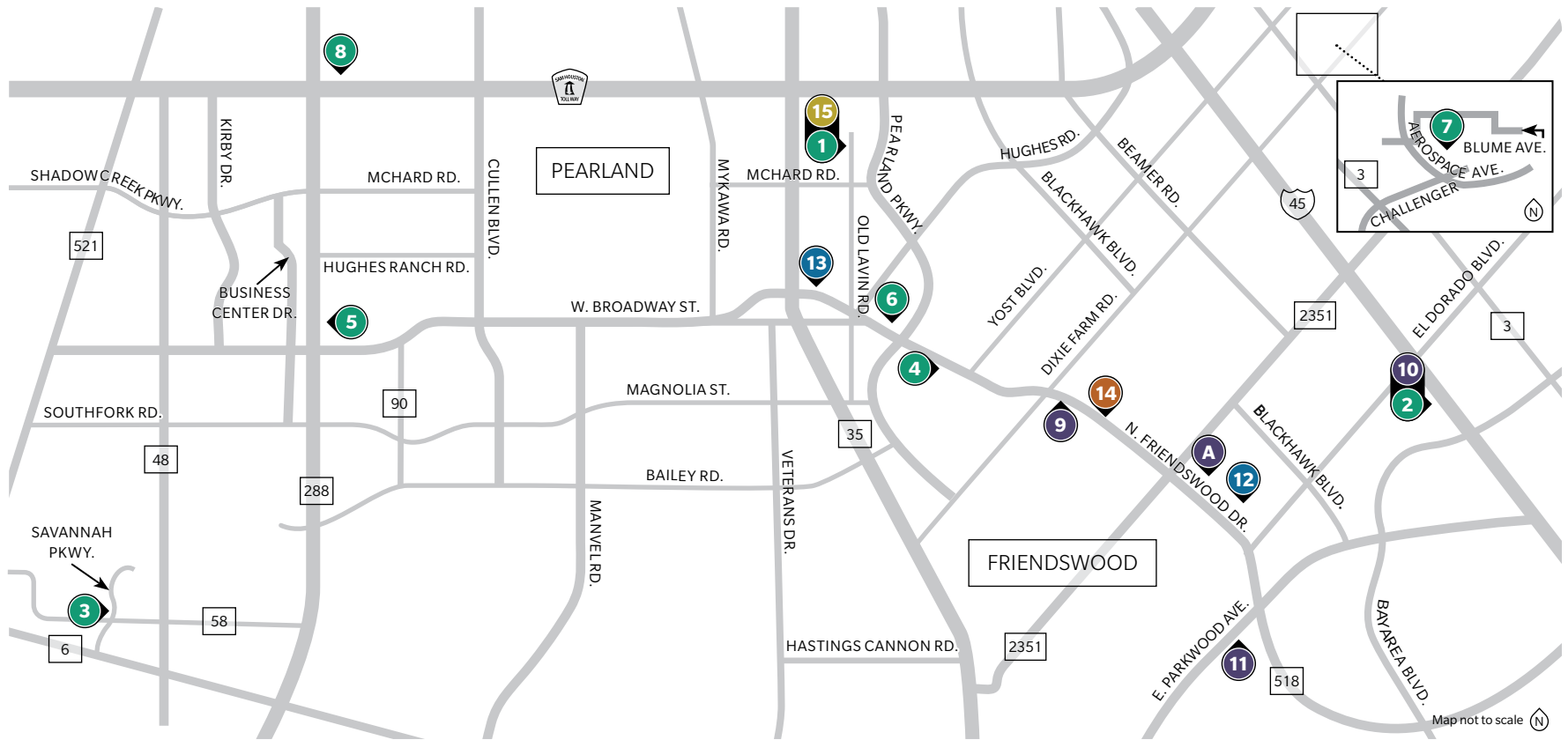
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- 1 Crosspoint Church opened **Next Generation Academy** on Aug. 21. The center offers infant care, after-school care and a preschool, and it is located at 1134 Old Alvin Road, Pearland. The 20,000-square-foot campus houses 11 classrooms and offers part-time and full-time care to children ages 6 weeks to 10 years old. 281-741-7420. www.nextgenacademy.tv
- 2 Plano-based **Whiskey Cake** opened its Baybrook Mall location Aug. 21 at 18840 I-45, Friendswood. The restaurant serves local farm-to-table food in a scratch kitchen. All ingredients are sourced from local or regional farms. The eatery serves Southern fare for brunch, lunch and dinner, and offers a full bar. 832-558-2253. www.facebook.com/whiskeycakebaybrook
- 3 Child care center **Kiddie Academy of**

Lakes of Savannah held its grand opening Aug. 26. The franchise, which is located at 5158 Savannah Parkway, Rosharon, is owned by former Super Bowl champion James Iheigbo and his wife, Brittany. Kiddie Academy enrolls students ages 6 weeks to 12 years old and offers full-time educational care, before- and after-school care and summer camps. 832-569-4847. <https://kiddieacademy.com>

4 Asian fusion eatery **China Garden 518** opened Sept. 1 at 2540 E. Broadway, St., Ste. E, Pearland. The eatery serves sushi and Chinese food. Popular dishes include Peking duck, Mongolian beef, General Tso's chicken and kung pao chicken. 346-219-6231.

5 Family-owned Korean eatery **Seoul Pig Korean BBQ** opened on Labor Day at 2510 Smith Ranch Road, Ste. 108, Pearland. Due to damage from Hurricane Harvey,

the restaurant will serve only dinner through late September. The eatery serves traditional Korean dishes along with Korean-American hybrid foods, such as Korean burgers, tacos and chicken wings. The restaurant will also offer hibachi, where ribeye steak, brisket, pork belly and bulgogi can be cooked at the table. 281-372-8814. www.seoulpig.com

6 Seasonal retailer **Spirit Halloween** opened for the fall on Sept. 6 at 3267 E. Broadway St., Pearland. The Halloween-themed store sells costumes for babies, children and adults. Spirit Halloween is hiring and will remain open through the first week of November. 866-586-0155. www.spirithalloween.com

7 The **Lone Star Flight Museum** reopened in its new home at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, located at 11551 Aerospace Ave., Houston. The 130,000-square-

foot museum, which cost \$38 million, held its grand reopening Sept. 16. Patrons can visit the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, the Aviation Learning Center and interactive exhibits. 346-708-2517. www.lonestarflight.org

8 Car rental company **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** opened in mid-September near Pearland at 2965 S. Sam Houston Parkway E., Ste. 400, Houston. The company offers car, truck and van rentals at daily, weekly and monthly rates. 713-434-8471. www.enterprise.com

COMING SOON

9 National pizza chain **Marco's Pizza** will open at 1510 E. Broadway St., Ste. 120, Pearland, in November. The location will feature a mixture of classic pizza flavors, as well as unique ones, such as the White Cheeze and the Chicken Fresco. Along



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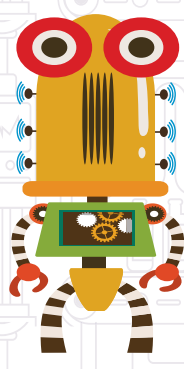
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
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10 New York-based **POPBAR** will open a frozen treats shop at 700 Baybrook Mall Drive, Friendswood, in late 2017. Construction started in early September, and the retailer will begin hiring in late September. The business serves handcrafted gelato, sorbetto and frozen yogurt on a stick, which can be paired with melted chocolate and a variety of toppings. The business also sells popwiches, or gelato sandwiches on a stick. POPBAR expects to open 10 locations in the Greater Houston area, including in Pearland. www.pop-bar.com

11 A new **Verizon Wireless** will be filling a 1,200-square-foot retail space next door to Cato Fashions at 301 W. Parkwood Ave., Ste. 331, Friendswood. The retailer, which anticipates opening in late fall, sells cellphones and tablets, and it offers single device, shared data and business plans. www.verizonwireless.com

The owner of Pearland-based bar **King's Biergarten** will launch a new dining concept called King's Kolaches. The eatery will open in mid-2018 in the Houston Heights, League City and Pearland. The bar will continue to host kolache pop-ups for hungry patrons at King's Biergarten and King's Bierhaus locations. 713-978-5050. www.kingskolaches.com

RELOCATIONS

12 After taking on 20 inches of floodwater, the **Friendswood Chamber of Commerce** has temporarily relocated from its offices at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, as repairs are ongoing. The chamber is temporarily housed in Standfield Properties at 807 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. 281-482-3329. www.friendswoodchamber.com

13 **Tom Reid Library** temporarily relocated this summer from its location at 3522 Liberty Drive, Pearland, due to building

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renovations. Patrons can drop off or pick up books and browse new selections at the library substation, 2341 N. Galveston Ave., Unit 220, Pearland. All programs and library activities will be held at the Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium, 4141 Bailey Road in Pearland. The library's Liberty Drive location is slated to reopen in early 2018. 281-652-1677. <http://bcls.lib.tx.us>

NAME CHANGE

14 Big Bob's Furniture changed its name to **American Furniture and Mattress** on Aug. 23. The locally owned furniture warehouse opened in Pearland in early June at 1331 E. Broadway St., Ste. C. The store carries furniture brands, such as Ashley Furniture, Franklin, Catnapper and Avalon. The store carries a wide selection of furniture, mattresses and sofas. 281-993-4622. www.americanfurnitureandmattress.net

COMMUNITY

15 Crosspoint Church opened its indoor play center **Adventure Point** to the public Sept. 13. The center, located at 1134 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, will be located inside Next Generation Academy, the church's child care center that offers infant care, a preschool, and before- and after-school curriculums. 281-741-7420. www.crosspointchurch.tv

HELPING AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY

Here is a noncomprehensive list of businesses that lent a helping hand during the storm.

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FEATURED IMPACT—COMING SOON

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Stacy Mendenhall Parsons, owner of Lary's Florist and Designs, will open a shopping center called **Magnolia Plaza** at 311 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. The center will have three buildings, one of which will be the new floral shop. Parsons broke ground on the shop in August and expects it to be complete in March. The other two buildings are slated to break ground in late 2018. 281-482-7070. www.larysflorist.com



Jimmy Chngas, 3515 Business Center Drive, Pearland

Killen's BBQ, 3613 E. Broadway St., Pearland

Rancho's Mexican, 146 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood

Super Bowl Asian Cuisine, 4310 Bailey Road, Ste. 106, Pearland

Whiskey Cake, 18840 I-45, Friendswood

Wrap and Roll, 8209 Broadway St., Ste. 102, Pearland

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OCT. 1

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Local businesses set up shop at Pearland Town Center for the Harvest for Hope Vendor Market. A portion of the proceeds goes to Brazoria County Women's Center to support victims of domestic violence. Free. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 11200 W. Broadway St., Pearland. 346-773-6825.

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SEPT. 23

Event celebrates local artists in Pearland

Pearland Alliance for Arts and Culture will host the Fusion of the Arts, a presentation of local artists that includes music, theatre, visual arts and a juried art show. Free. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Reflection Bay Event Center, 12234 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland. www.pearlandalliance.org

OCT. 13-14

Go holiday shopping at the 44th annual Gift Alley

First United Methodist Church of Pearland hosts its 44th annual event. Patrons can shop for jewelry, clothing, handmade items and Christmas decor for the holidays. Free. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Friday). 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Saturday). 2314 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland.

✓ To-do list

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AUGUST-NOVEMBER

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SEPT. 23

Celebrate country music in Pearland

The Pearland Opry on the Square celebrates traditional country music and features musicians, such as Mary Sarah, Moses Rangel, Tori Vourganis and Freddie Pate. Free. 7-9 p.m. 11200 W. Broadway St., Pearland. 281-997-5970.

OCT. 7

Shop at the Friendswood Farmers Market

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- 24** Third annual Family Matters Fun Run, 7 a.m., Pearland Town Center

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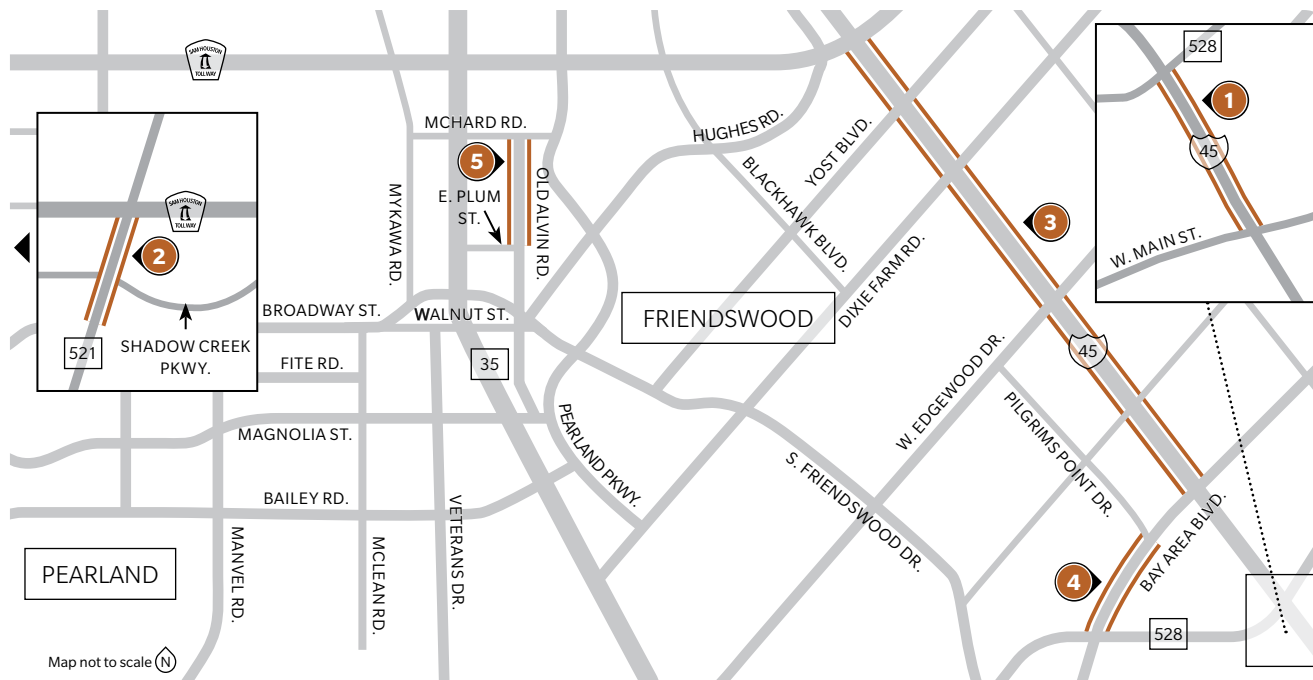
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3 I-45 widening

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Timeline: June 2011–summer 2017

Cost: \$184 million

Funding sources: TxDOT, federal funds

4 Bay Area Boulevard reconstruction

Harris County reconstructed a portion of West Bay Area Boulevard. Improvements include a new sidewalks and storm sewers. No new lanes were added.

Timeline: January–August

Cost: \$2.8 million

Funding source: Harris County

FUTURE PROJECTS

5 Old Alvin Road widening

The city of Pearland delayed the widening of Old Alvin Road to November. The project will widen the road to a four-lane undivided curb-and-gutter thoroughfare with improved drainage and sidewalks.

Timeline: November 2017–November 2018

Cost: \$8.7 million

Funding source: city of Pearland

PROJECT UPDATES

Project description	Estimated timeline
1 The Texas Department of Transportation began reconstructing and widening I-45 between NASA Parkway and FM 518 earlier this year. The freeway will be widened from six to 10 lanes with three frontage road lanes on either side of the freeway.	May 2017–December 2021
2 TxDOT broke ground on FM 521 improvements this month to reconstruct and widen the two-lane thoroughfare to a four-lane divided boulevard between Beltway 8 and Shadow Creek Ranch Parkway. A grade separation will elevate Shadow Creek Ranch Parkway over FM 521 at the Missouri-Pacific railroad crossings.	September 2017–September 2019

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Pearland City Council considers raising taxes

Budget, tax rate to be adopted end of September

PEARLAND Pearland City Council is expected to approve the city's tax rate and budget for fiscal year 2017-18 on Sept. 25 when it holds the second and final reading of the ordinance.

Although the City Council initially approved a maximum proposed tax rate of 70 cents per \$100 valuation in August, the council settled on a final proposed tax rate of 68.5 cents per \$100 valuation on Sept. 11.

The proposed tax rate is an increase over last year's rate of 68.12 cents per \$100 valuation.

"I think it's wrong," Council Member Tony Carbone said of a rate increase. "That's not what I stand for. That's not what I was elected to do."

Initially, city staff set a budget with the intention of dropping the tax rate to 68 cents per \$100 valuation, which would have lowered the tax rate.

Four council members voted to consider the effect of a rate increase on the budget in order to better fund city operations without dipping into the city's surplus funds. Council members Carbone and Gary Moore dissented; Trent Perez was absent.

City Council will deliberate on a budget with \$78.72 million in expenditures and \$79.1 million in revenue prior to its adoption on Sept. 25.

A major ticket item in the budget includes raises for city staff to bring salaries up to the average market value when compared to 19 competitor and peer governmental entities.

City Council could adjust city employee salary schedules based on 100 percent of market value by April, which will cost about \$1 million.

"[City staff] are taking care of us, so we need to find a way to take care of them whether it's a tax increase, budget cuts or a combination," Council Member David Little said.

Additionally, all existing employees will receive a 2 percent cost of living increase this October.

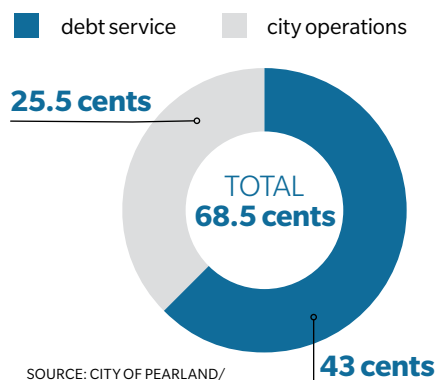
"Unfortunately, employee compensation are not the only parts of the budget that are underfunded," Ordeneaux said in support of raising taxes. "Our streets and sidewalks have been underfunded since I've been on council. ... That's money that previous generations have invested in this town that we've refused to maintain."

Another major ticket item in the budget was additional staff, which is estimated to add \$823,000 in expenditures over the previous fiscal year. Added staff includes police officers and dispatchers, a jailer and firefighters.

City Council held three budget workshops in August and two public hearings on the tax rate in September. The final two public hearings prior to adopting the final budget and tax rate are scheduled for Sept. 18 and Sept. 25.

2017-18 proposed tax rate

Pearland City Council is considering a slight rate increase when it votes Sept. 25.



SOURCE: CITY OF PEARLAND/
COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

PEARLAND Pearland City Council approved a resolution to begin the annexation process for more than 2,500 acres across the city, which includes Pearland Regional Airport.

PEARLAND Pearland City Council approved a \$1.6 million contract for a new water line along Hughes Ranch Road between Cullen Boulevard and Hwy. 288.

FRIENDSWOOD Friendswood City Council approved the first reading of the fiscal year 2017-18 tax rate. The council opted to approve the effective tax rate of 52.7 cents per \$100 valuation. Tax revenue will remain flat over last year.

GALVESTON COUNTY Friendswood anticipated \$9 million in funds from the proposed county bond election this November. Now, City Council is weighing how to spend \$3.5 million in funding.

MEETINGS

Pearland City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. 6:30 p.m.
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Friendswood City Council meets on the first Monday of each month at city hall. 4:30 p.m.

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2016-17 TEA ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS KEY

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CLOSING PERFORMANCE GAPS
STUDENT PROGRESS POSTSECONDARY READINESS
Y - MET STANDARD N - DID NOT MEET STANDARD IR IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade									TEA ratings			
		3rd		4th			5th							
		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science					
★	State average	72%	76%	70%	75%	63%	71%	81%	73%	N/A				
1	Don Jeter	84%	74%	84%	92%	82%	69%	93%	81%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
2	Duke	86%	88%	87%	91%	80%	82%	87%	76%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3	E.C. Mason	72%	71%	62%	68%	53%	79%	86%	87%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
4	Glenn York	90%	88%	78%	86%	65%	84%	90%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
5	Marek	79%	83%	75%	77%	72%	77%	81%	84%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
6	Meridiana	64%	67%	55%	65%	54%	60%	67%	68%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
7	Pomona*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
8	Savannah Lakes	72%	69%	75%	78%	63%	68%	79%	74%	Y	Y	Y	Y	
9	Shirley Dill Brothers*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
10	Wilder	89%	93%	88%	91%	81%	84%	83%	86%	Y	Y	Y	Y	

*OPENED FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade								TEA ratings	
		6th		7th			8th				
		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science		Social studies
★	State average	67%	75%	72%	68%	68%	76%	74%	74%	62%	N/A
11	Manvel	69%	61%	66%	48%	57%	70%	74%	74%	49%	Y Y Y Y
12	Nolan Ryan	80%	79%	85.0%	67%	82%	84%	90%	85%	73%	Y Y Y Y
13	Rodeo Palms	70%	69%	66%	58%	63%	75%	84%	75%	53%	Y Y Y Y

HIGH SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by subject					TEA ratings
		End-of-course—all students					
		Algebra I	Biology	English I	English II	U.S. history	
★	State average	82%	85%	60%	62%	92%	N/A
14	Manvel	82%	87%	54%	53%	91%	Y Y Y Y
15	Shadow Creek	83%	91%	70%	68%	97%	Y Y Y Y

SOURCE: TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

ALVIN ISD BY THE NUMBERS 2016-17

ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

Met Standard

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Y

CLOSING PERFORMANCE GAPS

Y

STUDENT PROGRESS

Y

POST-SECONDARY READINESS

Y

49.18%

of students are economically disadvantaged

17.03%

of students are English Language Learners (ELL)

DISTRICT STAAR SCORES BY GRADE



Reading

GRADE 3: 77%

GRADE 4: 72%

GRADE 5: 73%

GRADE 6: 67%

GRADE 7: 70%

GRADE 8: 72%



Math

GRADE 3: 80%

GRADE 4: 80%

GRADE 5: 82%

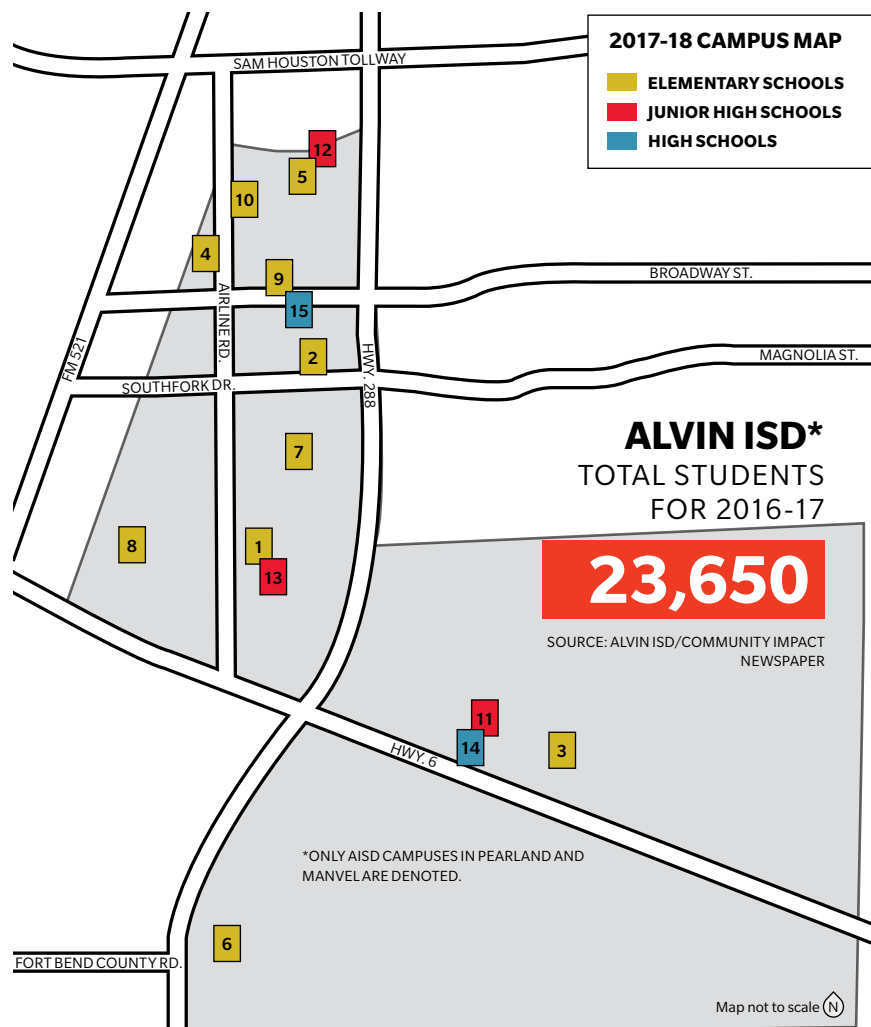
GRADE 6: 76%

GRADE 7: 54%

GRADE 8: 79%

END-OF-COURSE, ALL STUDENTS:

English I: 58%, English II: 58%,
algebra I: 85%, biology: 87%,
U.S. history: 91%

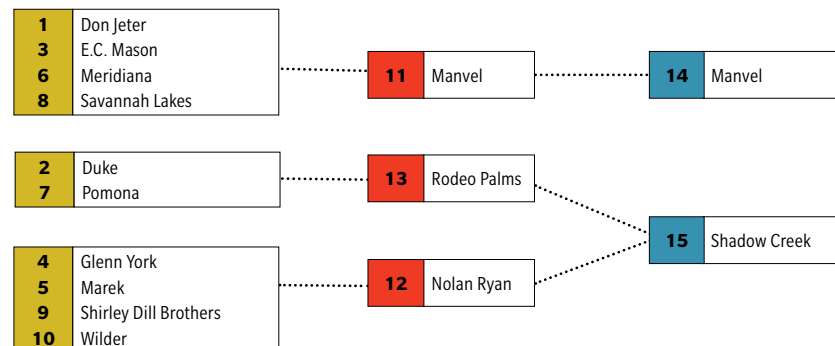


2017-18 FEEDER PATTERNS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOLS



SOURCE: ALVIN ISD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

FRIENDSWOOD ISD

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT	CLOSING PERFORMANCE GAPS
STUDENT PROGRESS	POSTSECONDARY READINESS
Y - MET STANDARD	N - DID NOT MEET STANDARD
	IR - IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED

ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade									TEA ratings		
		3rd		4th			5th						
		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science				
★	State average	72%	76%	70%	75%	63%	71%	81%	73%	N/A			
1	Cline Elementary*	90%	89%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y
2	Westwood Elementary**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Windsong Intermediate	92%	94%	92%	93%	89%	91%	97%	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Zue S. Bales Intermediate	83%	86%	93%	94%	82%	85%	97%	84%	Y	Y	Y	Y

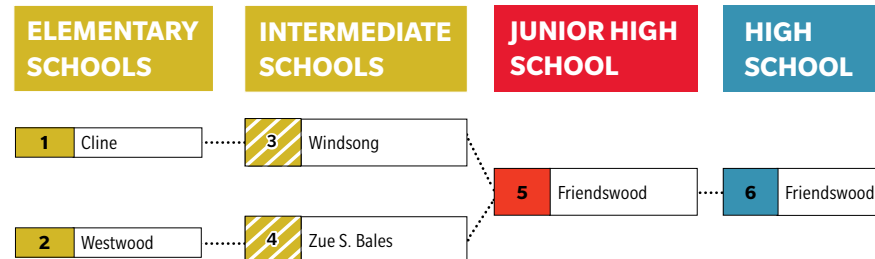
*CLINE IS A K-3 CAMPUS. **WESTWOOD IS A PREK-2 CAMPUS.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade								TEA ratings	
		6th		7th			8th				
		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science		Social studies
★	State average	67%	75%	72%	68%	68%	76%	74%	74%	62%	N/A
5	Friendswood	90%	89%	88%	91%	86%	92%	97%	92%	85%	Y Y Y Y

HIGH SCHOOL		2016-17 STAAR passing results by subject					TEA ratings
		End-of-course—all students					
		Algebra I	Biology	English I	English II	U.S. history	
★	State average	82%	85%	60%	62%	92%	N/A
6	Friendswood	95%	97%	86%	86%	99%	Y Y Y Y

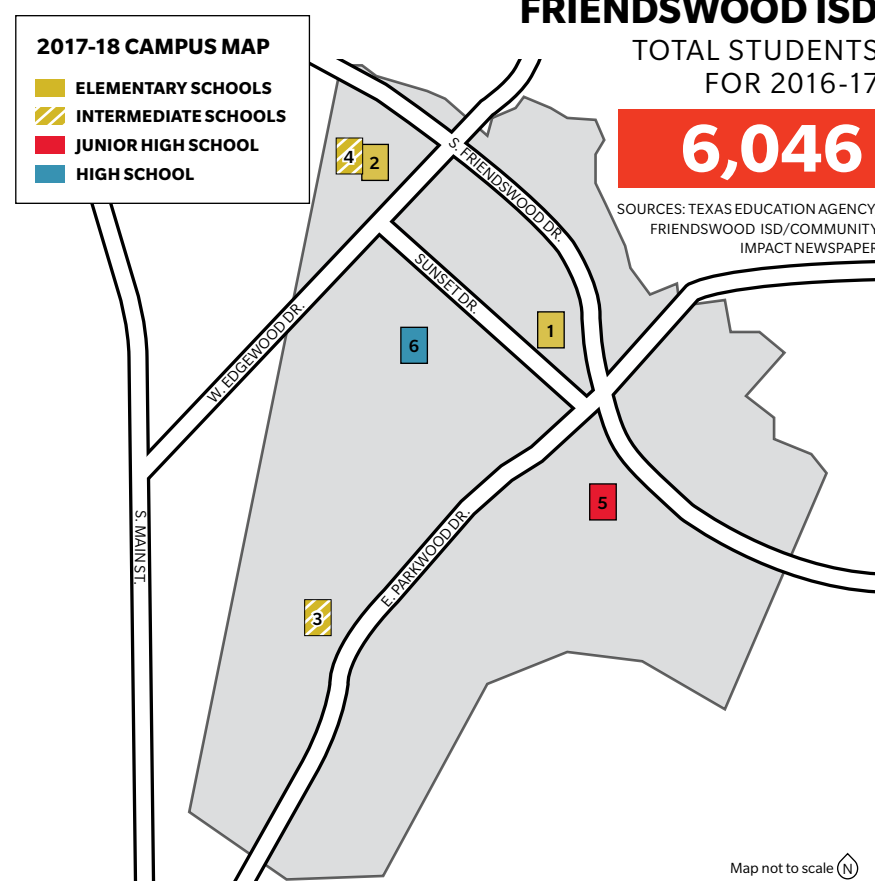
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2017-18 FEEDER PATTERNS



2017-18 CAMPUS MAP

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS
- JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL



FRIENDSWOOD ISD BY THE NUMBERS

ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS, 2016-17
Met Standard

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT	Y	CLOSING PERFORMANCE GAPS	Y
STUDENT PROGRESS	Y	POST-SECONDARY READINESS	Y

2016-17 STATISTICS

7.97%	2.46%
of students are economically disadvantaged	of students are English Language Learners (ELL)
58.95%	18.86%
state average	state average

2016-17 DISTRICT STAAR PASSING SCORES BY GRADE

Reading	GRADE 3: 88%	GRADE 6: 90%
	GRADE 4: 92%	GRADE 7: 88%
	GRADE 5: 89%	GRADE 8: 92%
Math	GRADE 3: 89%	GRADE 6: 89%
	GRADE 4: 93%	GRADE 7: 91%
	GRADE 5: 97%	GRADE 8: 97%

END-OF-COURSE, ALL STUDENTS: English I: 86%, English II: 86%, algebra I: 97%, biology: 97%, U.S. history: 99%



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DISTRICT STATS AND FEEDER PATTERNS

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2016-17 TEA ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS KEY

- STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**
- STUDENT PROGRESS**
- CLOSING PERFORMANCE GAPS**
- POSTSECONDARY READINESS**
- IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED**
- Y - MET STANDARD**
- N - DID NOT MEET STANDARD**

PEARLAND ISD

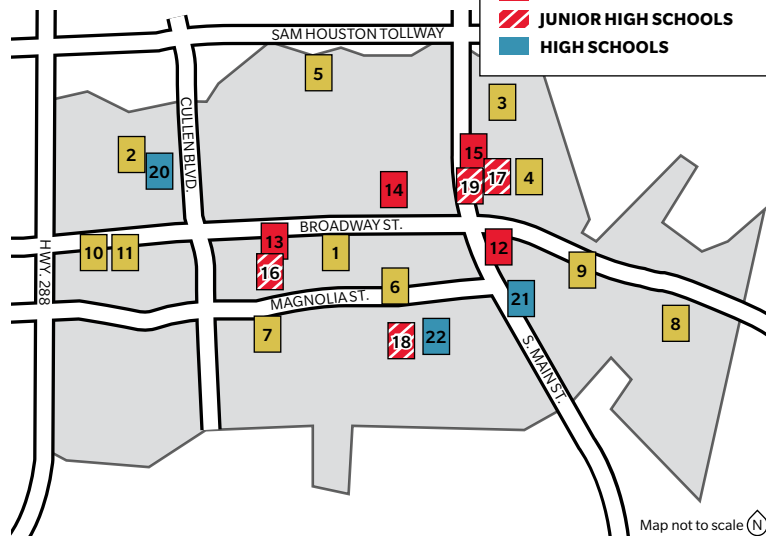
TOTAL STUDENTS
FOR 2016-17

21,539

SOURCES: TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY,
PEARLAND ISD/COMMUNITY
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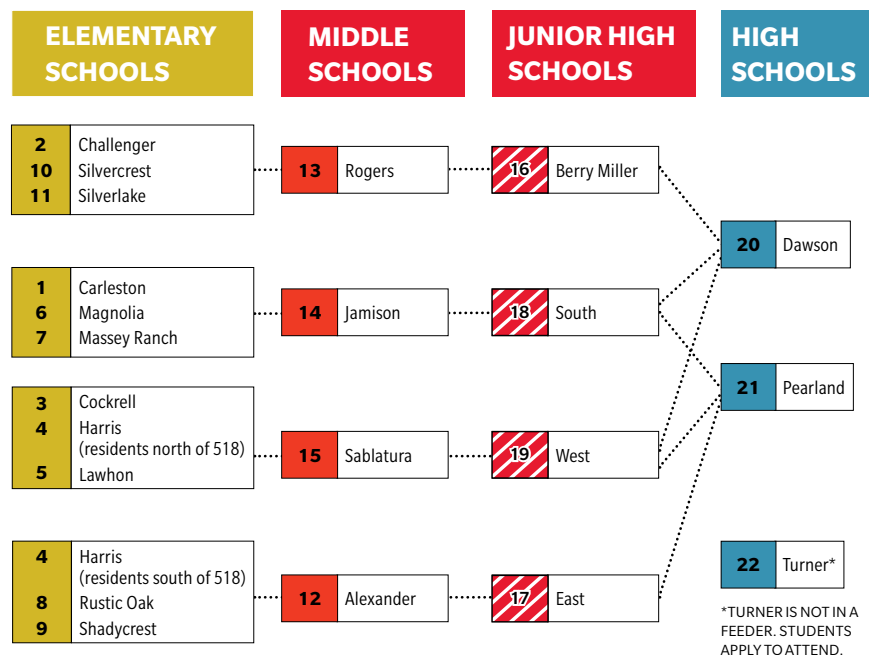
2017-18 CAMPUS MAP

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**
- MIDDLE SCHOOLS**
- JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**
- HIGH SCHOOLS**



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2017-18 FEEDER PATTERNS



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FEEDER. STUDENTS
APPLY TO ATTEND.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade					TEA ratings
		3rd		4th			
		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	
★	State average	72%	76%	70%	75%	63%	N/A
1	Carleston	71%	74%	76%	90%	63%	Y Y Y Y
2	Challenger	84%	87%	81%	82%	70%	Y Y Y Y
3	Cockrell	87%	92%	76%	82%	68%	Y Y Y Y
4	Harris	87%	84%	81%	91%	76%	Y Y Y Y
5	Lawhon	79%	84%	75%	85%	63%	Y Y Y Y
6	Magnolia	84%	95%	89%	94%	78%	Y Y Y Y
7	Massey Ranch	80%	87%	82%	88%	66%	Y Y Y Y
8	Rustic Oak	85%	84%	90%	89%	85%	Y Y Y Y
9	Shadycrest	91%	88%	90%	95%	86%	Y Y Y Y
10	Silvercrest	96%	96%	96%	99%	94%	Y Y Y Y
11	Silverlake	92%	91%	91%	95%	89%	Y Y Y Y

MIDDLE SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade					TEA ratings
		5th			6th		
		Reading	Math	Science	Reading	Math	
★	State average	71%	81%	73%	67%	75%	N/A
12	Alexander	89%	95%	91%	89%	91%	Y Y Y Y
13	Rogers	89%	94%	92%	87%	92%	Y Y Y Y
14	Jamison	81%	89%	81%	80%	95%	Y Y Y Y
15	Sablatura	80%	91%	87%	81%	74%	Y Y Y Y

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by grade							TEA ratings			
		7th			8th							
		Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science	Social studies				
★	State average	72%	68%	68%	76%	74%	74%	62%	N/A			
16	Berry Miller	90%	76%	89%	93%	96%	92%	90%	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	East	89%	84%	84%	88%	91%	85%	79%	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	South	85%	80%	77%	84%	87%	84%	73%	Y	Y	Y	Y
19	West	86%	67%	79%	86%	88%	90%	76%	Y	Y	Y	Y

HIGH SCHOOLS		2016-17 STAAR passing results by subject					TEA ratings
		End-of-course—all students					
		Algebra I	Biology	English I	English II	U.S. history	
★	State average	82%	85%	60%	62%	92%	N/A
20	Dawson	88%	95%	83%	83%	98%	Y Y Y Y
21	Pearland	87%	93%	71%	70%	95%	Y Y Y Y
22	Turner	93%	96%	77%	75%	97%	Y Y Y Y

PEARLAND ISD BY THE NUMBERS 2016-17

ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

Met standard

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT**
**STUDENT
PROGRESS**

Y

**CLOSING
PERFORMANCE GAPS**
**POST-SECONDARY
READINESS**

Y

28.43%
of students are
economically
disadvantaged

8.36%
of students are
English Language
Learners (ELL)

DISTRICT STAAR SCORES BY GRADE

Reading

GRADE 3: 85%
GRADE 4: 84%
GRADE 5: 84%

GRADE 6: 84%
GRADE 7: 87%
GRADE 8: 88%

Math

GRADE 3: 88%
GRADE 4: 90%
GRADE 5: 92%

GRADE 6: 88%
GRADE 7: 86%
GRADE 8: 91%

END-OF-COURSE, ALL STUDENTS:
English I: 77%, English II: 75%,
algebra I: 93%, biology: 95%,
U.S. history: 96%

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enrollment at a steady rate of about 400-500 students a year, PISD Superintendent John Kelly said.

PISD ended the 2016-17 school year with 21,539 students. Although 2017-18 enrollment numbers were not available as of press time, PISD estimated it has roughly 22,000 students this year, according to the district.

Kelly attributes the growth at PISD to the reputation of the district.

"PISD was just a few days ago rated as the second-greatest school district in the Houston area [by education analytic company Niche.com]," Kelly said.

PISD's growth has many schools above 92 percent of student capacity,

according to the district. Although a \$220 million bond referendum was approved last year, no new campuses were part of the plan. Some existing campuses will undergo classroom renovations and expansions.

On the other hand, AISD is adding more campuses to keep up with growth. The 2015 bond paid for four new schools, two of which opened this school year.

"Alvin ISD has been experiencing rapid student enrollment growth for the better part of 10 years," said Daniel Combs, assistant superintendent of professional learning and student and community engagement.

AISD had 23,650 students during the

2016-17 school year and has enrolled about 1,000 new students annually.

According to Combs, the majority of the district's growth is taking place along the Hwy. 288 corridor.

"This has been our fastest-growing area [in AISD] for a number of years," Combs said.

While PISD and AISD are dealing with consistent growth, Friendswood's ISD's growth has been relatively stagnant for the past few years. The district finished out the 2016-17 school year with 6,046 students.

"The other districts are having to deal with large amounts of [enrollment] growth," FISD Superintendent Thad Roher said. "The growth isn't present [in FISD]."

are competitive, health insurance benefit packages have eroded with the skyrocketing cost of health care.

"About 60 percent of our employees are on health insurance, and 40 percent are not," Kelly said. "Although we would like to do more for health insurance, it benefits more people to put that into salaries. Insurance rates are skyrocketing."

AISD has been able to stay competitive with both salaries and benefits, Combs said. Although AISD's teacher turnover rate climbed to a high of 15.2 percent during the 2014-15 school year, nearing the state average of 16.6 percent over the same time, it has trickled back down to 12.8 percent for the 2015-16 school year, according to TEA data.

The starting salary at AISD for teachers with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience is \$53,200.

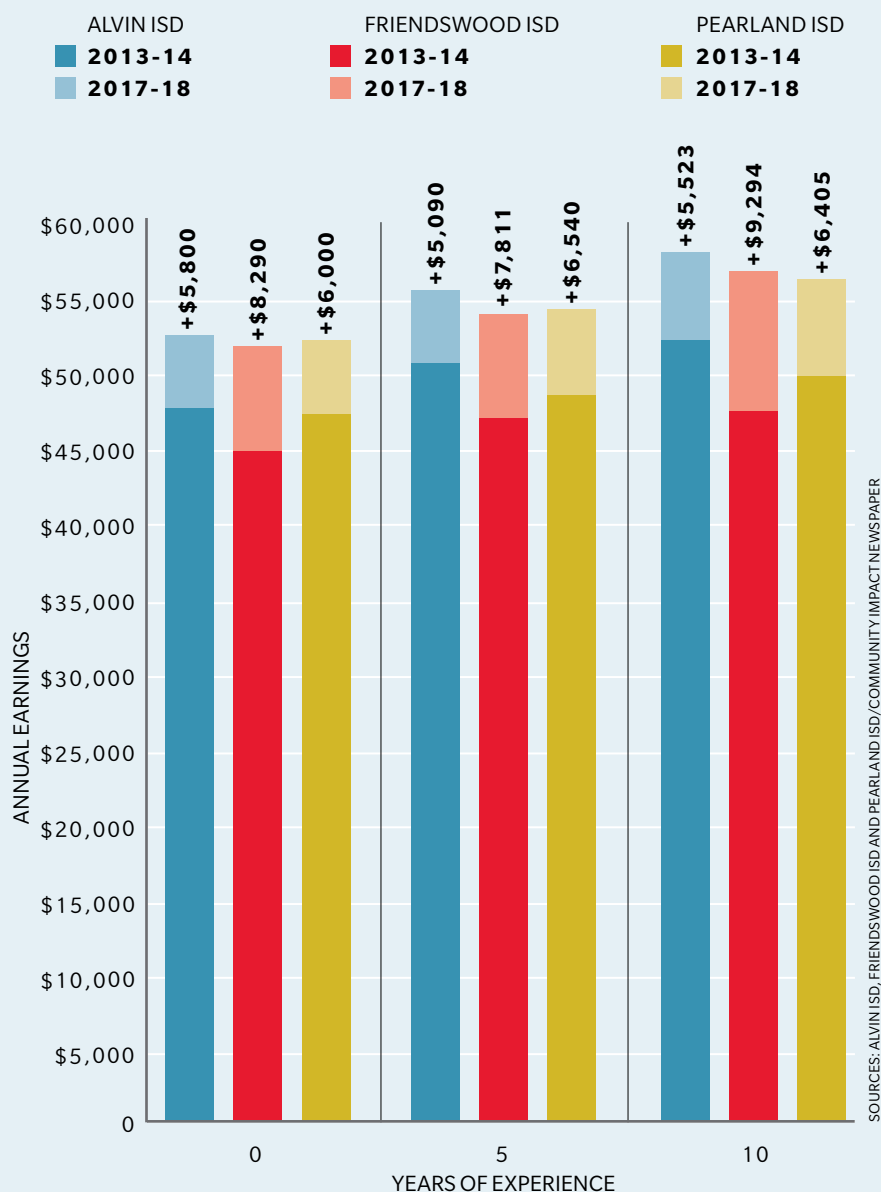
"Alvin ISD is mindful that as new school facilities are constructed, it is more critical to ensure students have top-quality teachers that are committed to the success of each child they serve," Combs said.

In recent years, FISD has struggled with retention rates. The starting salary for a FISD teacher with no prior experience and a bachelor's degree was \$52,750 for the 2017-18 school year, which is lower but comparable to neighboring districts. The district has made huge strides in raising its base salary for teachers. As early as the

PAYING TEACHERS TOP DOLLAR



Base salaries for teachers with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience have soared over the past few years as school districts attempt to stay competitive and attract talent.



BOOSTING PAY AND RETENTION

With all three districts in a different place in terms of growth, each district has used different tactics in order to recruit and retain teachers to avoid poaching.

PISD had a turnover rate of 13.6 percent for the 2015-16 school year, according to the latest TEA data.

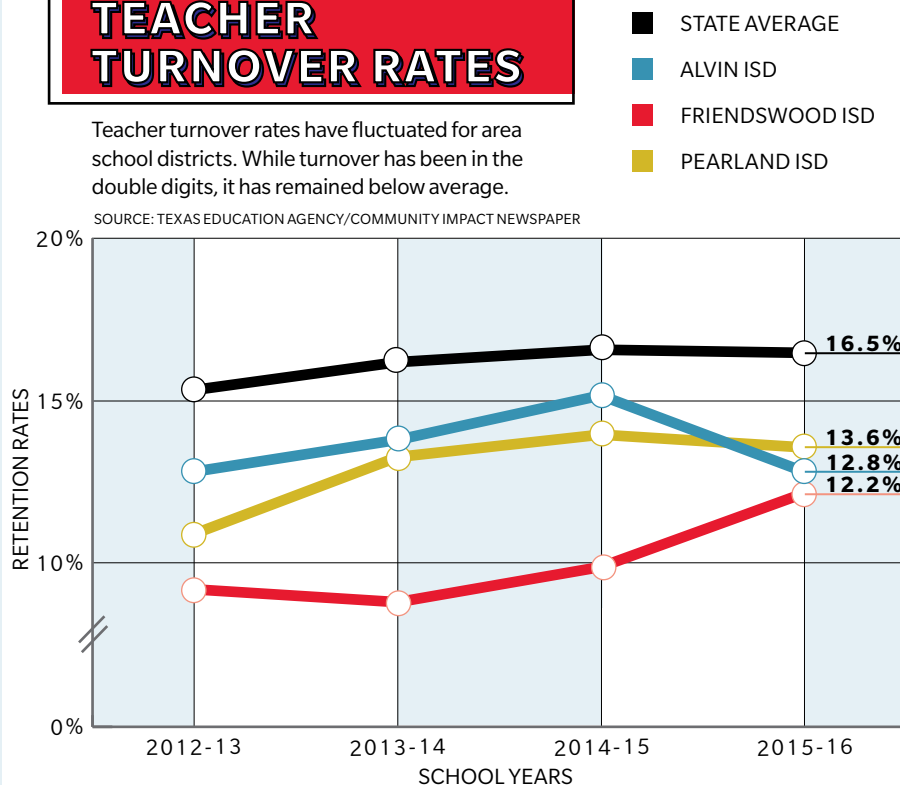
One of the greatest challenges for PISD is maintaining a competitive salary and benefits package to attract new educators and retain existing ones.

The base teacher salary for an educator with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience was \$53,000 for the 2017-18 school year. Although salaries

TEACHER TURNOVER RATES

Teacher turnover rates have fluctuated for area school districts. While turnover has been in the double digits, it has remained below average.

SOURCE: TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER





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2014-15 school year, FISD's base salary was \$47,000, which was thousands of dollars behind nearby districts at the time, according to FISD officials.

FISD's teacher retention rate was just above 12 percent during the 2015-16 school year. In 2014-15, the teacher retention rate was just under 9 percent, according to TEA data.

"We really reconfigured our salary structure," said Connie Morgenroth, assistant superintendent of business and operations. "We have really strived to maintain being competitive with [surrounding districts]."

RECRUITMENT AND FUNDING WOES

FISD's stagnant growth has caused some difficult financial decisions that, ultimately, affect teacher retention and recruitment, Roher said.

"The only way you get new money is the number of students increasing," Roher said. "In terms of teacher retention, when you don't have a growing student population, then you have a challenge with how do we pay more money when the districts around you are growing."

FISD began raising teacher salaries in the 2015-16 school year. In 2016, FISD voters approved a tax ratification election to increase the district's maintenance and operation tax rate by 9 cents, which allowed for salary increases for teachers, Roher said.

"If our TRE had failed, ... we would not have been able to give salary increases without [dipping into] the fund balance," Morgenroth said.

This legislative session, state lawmakers approved a school funding bill

that stripped \$1.5 billion of new funding and removed reforms to the state's outdated funding formula, which is used to allocate state dollars to local school districts.

"We were very disappointed with the Texas Senate," Kelly said. "Basically, it provides no new help."

While AISD also hoped to receive more state funding, the district has used more local dollars to remain competitive in the tight market.

"The state's current school funding

system increasingly shifts the burden of school finance from the state level to the local community," Combs said.

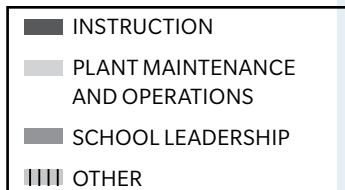
Funding from the 2017 Texas Legislature was less than anticipated.

"We are out of magic tricks, really," Roher said. "We will have to make some really hard decisions if things don't change in this next biennium."

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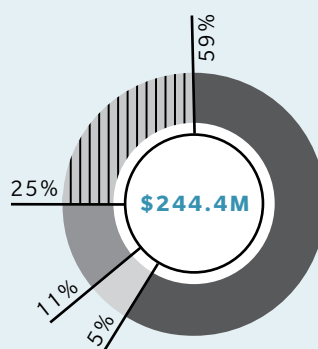
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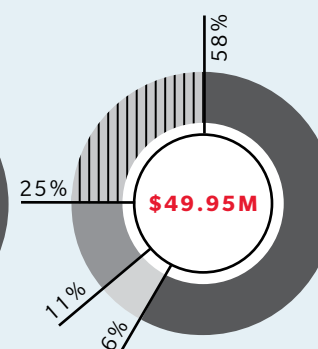


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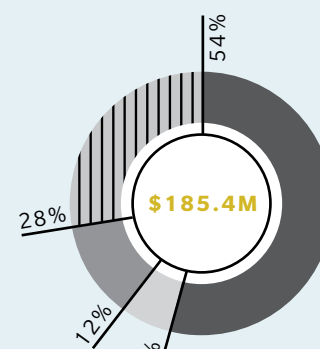
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Friendswood Hardware

Shop has sold American-made tools for 45 years

Friendswood Hardware's iconic red hammer stands tall near the edge of downtown Friendswood off FM 521, where it has drawn locals for more than 40 years.

Owner Pat Robinson and her late husband initially opened the storefront as a hardware and feed supply store in 1972. That was when most residents owned horses and even traveled on horseback around the city.

"We went out and counted horses. In a 5-mile radius, there were 500 horses," Pat said. "Everyone had horses. Things have changed."

Friendswood Hardware has since shifted with the times. It stopped selling feed in the '80s as horse ownership declined and the city grew into an attractive suburb for NASA employees.

Friendswood Hardware sells the typical selection of products, including electrical, glass, hardware, lumber and plumbing, with an emphasis on American-made, nontoxic and, when possible, organic products.

Over the years, Pat added houseware, lawn care and garden supplies, such as organic and non-genetically modified seeds for gardens, natural herbicides, essential oil pest repellants, nontoxic rat poison, and locally sourced soils and mulch.

"It's like with the times," Pat said. "When we started, hardware was it."

Now, everyone sells hardware, so you have to do more than hardware. Our strength is our lawn and gardening."

Even with the proliferation of major home improvement stores, the Robinsons are not concerned. They have a loyal customer base, especially DIYers, who are dedicated to shopping local and preserving the city's hometown feel.

"People come here for the help. We always have someone here who is really knowledgeable and can spend time with you. We'll spend an hour talking about the dot on your leaf," Joanna Robinson, Pat's daughter, said.

Pat's granddaughter and an employee completed a three-month expansion of Friendswood Hardware in August. The new indoor barn added a children's area with books and toys.

"We were trying to find things you can't find at Toys R Us—something that was kind of different," Joanna said. "We get so many families, so many kids."

While the store is supporting the construction needs of the community, Friendswood Hardware will have to undergo a renovation of its own.

The hardware store was inundated with several inches of water that left the floors in disrepair after Hurricane Harvey dropped up to 50 inches of water in Friendswood.



1: Friendswood Hardware's iconic red hammer draws locals into the shop, which has stood since 1972. **2:** The shop is owned by the Robinson family. From left, Carol Robinson, Pat Robinson, Joanna Robinson and Austen Weymueller.

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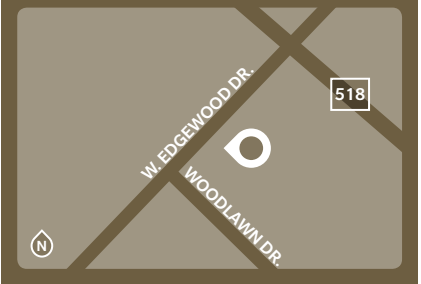
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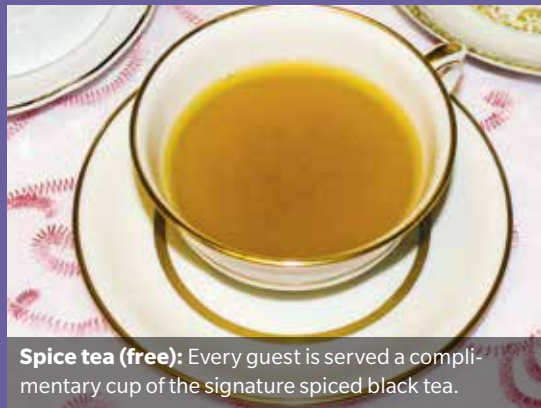
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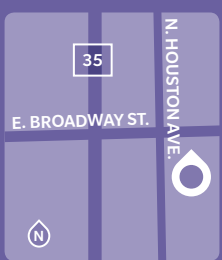
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Sherrie Kirby purchased longtime Pearland business Four Friends Tea Room & Gifts in 2013.

DINING FEATURE

Four Friends Tea Room & Gifts

Longtime Pearland teahouse maintains roots in historic home

BY **HALEY MORRISON**

Four Friends Tea Room & Gifts was established 20 years ago in Pearland's historic Old Townsite.

While the business has changed hands over the years, it has retained its roots and some of its original recipes, including the traditional spice tea that greets each guest who comes through the door.

The latest owner of Four Friends Tea Room is Sherrie Kirby, a stay-at-home mom turned small-business owner who purchased the business four years ago.

"I was here having lunch with my family, and I had older kids getting ready to go to college. They told me it was for sale, so I decided it was time to jump in and have a business and try to get my kids through college," Kirby said.

What started as a calculated financial decision to support her children's college aspirations grew to become Kirby's passion. She runs the business with the help of her sister, Joy, who manages the business, and husband, who helps with the bookkeeping. Kirby's children also wait tables in the summertime.

"One of the things I have enjoyed the most is meeting people and having my regulars literally become like my friends and family to me," Kirby said.

Kirby continues to serve several of the tea room's traditional dishes, including its pumpkin bread cream cheese dessert. Kirby has also made her mark on the business by adding new menu items, such as tomato basil soup and white chocolate bread pudding.

The tea room is located in the heart of Pearland just a couple blocks away from Killen's Barbecue.

"I rent this house, and the man I rent it from lived in it as a child," Kirby said.

In addition to its historical home, Kirby keeps the tea room stocked with unique porcelain and ceramic tea sets, including bone china and fine china cups. Tea sets are gifted by friends, family and patrons from all over the U.S.

"One of the things that really makes our tea room unique ... is the old, historic house and the beautiful china," Kirby said. "We use beautiful, eclectic china."



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individual in our community,” Pearland Mayor Tom Reid said. “Our businesses have stepped up. Our churches, our organizations have made such fabulous contributions to our community.”

ASSESSING THE DAMAGE

The deluge of rainfall caused 500-year flood events along Clear Creek at Hwy. 288 in Pearland, all through Friendswood and into League City, wreaking

widespread devastation and pushing people out of their homes. Structures within a 500-year flood plain have a 0.2 percent chance of flooding in any given year, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Local police departments as well as complete strangers steered boats around the area rescuing people from high water. The U.S. Marines brought in an assault amphibious battalion to assist in rescues across Galveston County, including in Friendswood.

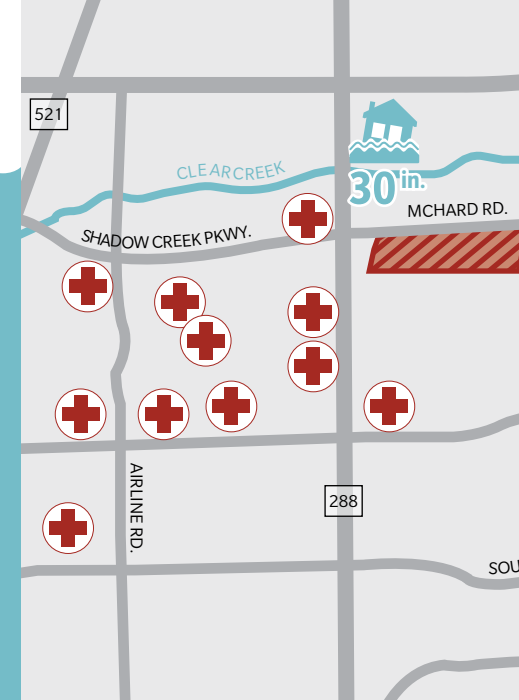
“Many people have put their lives in danger to help others,” Holland said. “Neighbors are helping neighbors. People of all ages are doing what they can do to clean up. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.”

Roughly 1,000 Friendswood residents and 205 Pearland residents were rescued from their homes by boat.

Although exact numbers were not readily available, 440 Friendswood residents were housed at four shelters in the city at the peak of the storm on Aug. 29, Friendswood communications specialist Jeff Newpher said. Two flood-related deaths were also confirmed in Friendswood, according to the Friendswood Police Department.

In Pearland, officials transitioned 1,000 people from the recreation center off Bailey Road to permanent shelters and facilities in the region. The center was not a public walk-in shelter.

Pearland High School sheltered 298 residents between Aug. 29 and Sept. 5. Residents who needed to take shelter



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during the storm went to an American Red Cross shelter at Dobie High School.

“It’s pretty stark in terms of the impact on people,” Pearland City Manager Clay Pearson said. “We’re not being complacent. We’ve been around and seen the places that have been heavily impacted.”

Now that the waters have receded, thousands have returned to flooded homes. Hurricane Harvey left an estimated 3,000 homes in Friendswood and 1,000 homes in Pearland inundated by floodwaters, according to preliminary estimates.

Officials began the process of assessing every commercial, public

and residential building within city limits to piece together the damage. The reports, which were unavailable as of press time, are a prerequisite to solicit FEMA reimbursements.

Hurricane Harvey caused an estimated \$35 million in home damage alone in Friendswood, according to preliminary estimates.

Damage assessments for public facilities and businesses were not completed as of press time. However, the city reported total losses to several city vehicles as well as significant damage to both the public works and parks and recreation buildings on Deep Wood Drive. A couple lift stations were also damaged in the storm.

“At the end of the day, it’s the grace of God and good fortune that it wasn’t worse,” Friendswood City Manager Roger Roecker said.

In Pearland, damage estimates were not available as of press time. However, the city did incur damage to two wastewater treatment facilities.

The Barry Rose Wastewater Treatment Plant took on water in its electrical room and temporarily lost functionality of a pump station. A second facility, Longwood Wastewater Treatment Plant, was inundated by several feet of floodwater. During the storm,

TIPS FOR PICKING A CONTRACTOR

1. Get at least three estimates
2. Ask for credentials
 - a. How long has the contractor been in business?
 - b. What is the best way to communicate with the contractor?
 - c. What insurance does the contractor carry?
3. Check the Better Business Bureau
4. Ask for references
5. Call city permitting department to check if contractor is registered
6. Draw up a contract that includes:
 - a. How change orders are processed
 - b. Warranty for contractors and subcontractors
 - c. Payment schedule
 - d. Completion date
7. Never pay for total job upfront or in cash

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APPLYING FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

FEMA funds are available to assist those with damaged homes. FEMA anticipates more than 450,000 claims for disaster assistance across the Gulf Coast due to Hurricane Harvey. Here is how to apply before the Oct. 23 deadline.

- Social Security number
- Address of damaged property
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Insurance information
- Household annual income
- Bank routing and account number, if applicable
- Description of disaster

SOURCE: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

TYPES OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE



Home repair



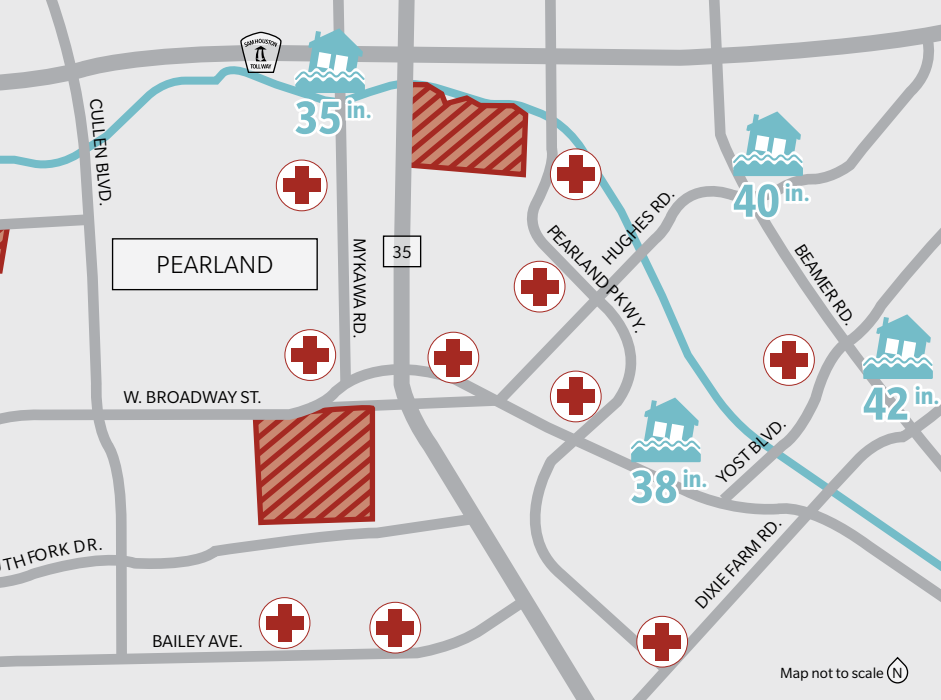
Home replacement



Permanent construction



Temporary housing



the facility lost 60 percent of capacity, which caused significant drainage issues for residents.

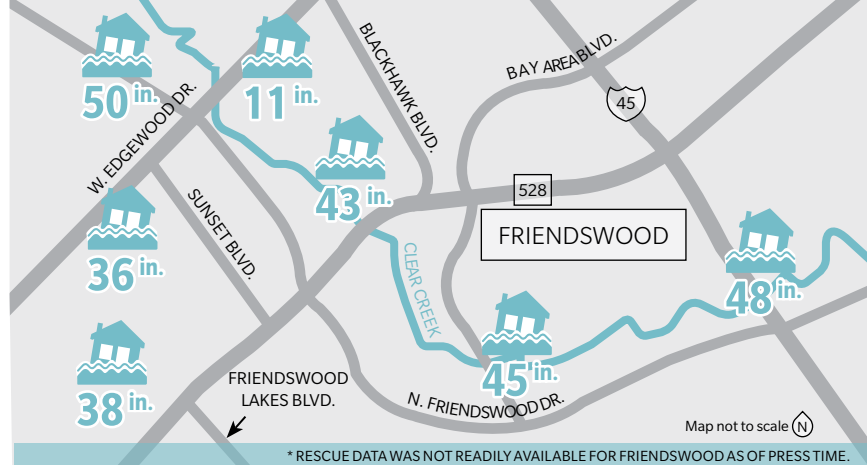
Both plants were restored to 100 percent capacity, but damage at the two treatment plants alone will cost several million dollars, officials said.

"I don't have a good number on what we've spent at this point in the emergency response mode," Pearland Assistant City Manager Trent Epperson said. "We're accounting for it."

PICKING UP THE PIECES

Debris removal trucks began sweeping through Friendswood neighborhoods Sept. 5, but it could take up to two months to complete the work. A debris removal schedule was unavailable as of press time.

Pearland implemented its debris removal contract Sept. 6. A timeline was not available, but officials expect it could take at least a month to remove debris from the city. A schedule was



unavailable as of press time.

The first Pearland neighborhood to see debris removed was Clear Creek Estates. Residents are encouraged to report property damage to the city online, which will be used to gauge debris removal needs.

"It's just heartbreaking to see some of the loss out there," Epperson said. "We want to do what we can to help them put things back to normal."

Debris should not be in plastic bags and it must be separated into the following categories: appliances and white goods, construction and demolition waste, electronics, household hazardous waste and vegetative debris.

Debris should be placed at the curb and away from gas meters, mailboxes, intersections, poles and traffic signage.

Contractors may not pick up debris that is not separated. Debris collection could be delayed if trucks are unable to pass through neighborhoods, so street parking is discouraged.

Both Friendswood and Pearland permitting departments have waived fees for permitted construction activity.

Those struggling with the FEMA application process are encouraged to contact their congressional representative. U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, R-Pearland, has encouraged residents who are struggling to maneuver the federal process to work with his staff.

"We're expecting to ramp up the D.C. staff here," Olson said.

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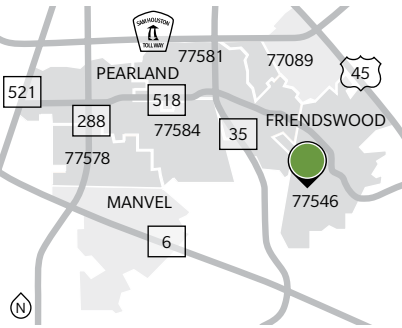
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HOA dues (estimated): \$100 annually
Schools: (Friendswood ISD) Cline Elementary School, Friendswood Junior High School, Friendswood High School
Property taxes (in dollars):
Galveston County 0.546
City of Friendswood 0.546
Friendswood ISD 1.387
Galveston County Road & Flood 0.006
Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District 0.112
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\$269,90

Homes on the market*
5

Homes under contract*
1

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\$6,245

Median price per square foot
\$100.29

Average days on the market*
68

*As of 9/4/2017
Neighborhood data provided by Alina Rogers
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MARKET DATA

OFF THE MARKET (AUGUST 2017)

Number of homes for sale/average days on the market				
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\$149,999 or less	1/33	1/3	0/0	2/92
\$150,000-\$199,999	2/18	6/19	1/20	9/16
\$200,000-\$299,999	29/57/	51/60	13/144	15/29
\$300,000-\$399,999	17/55	45/60	16/27	11/63
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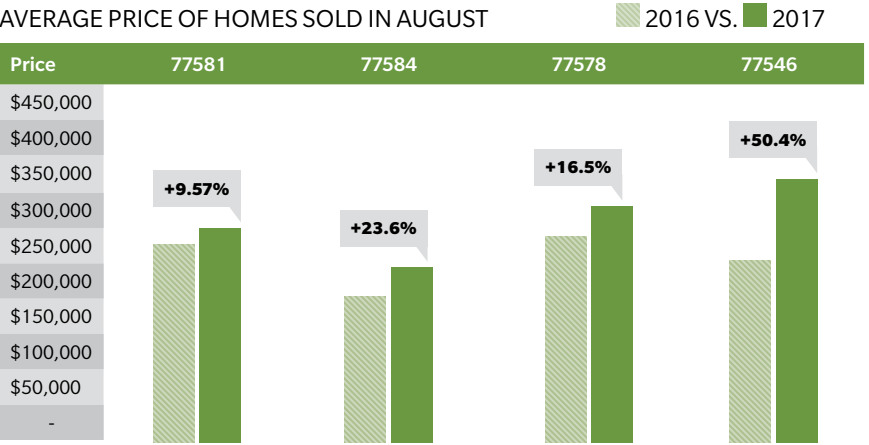
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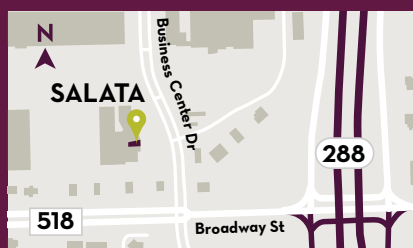


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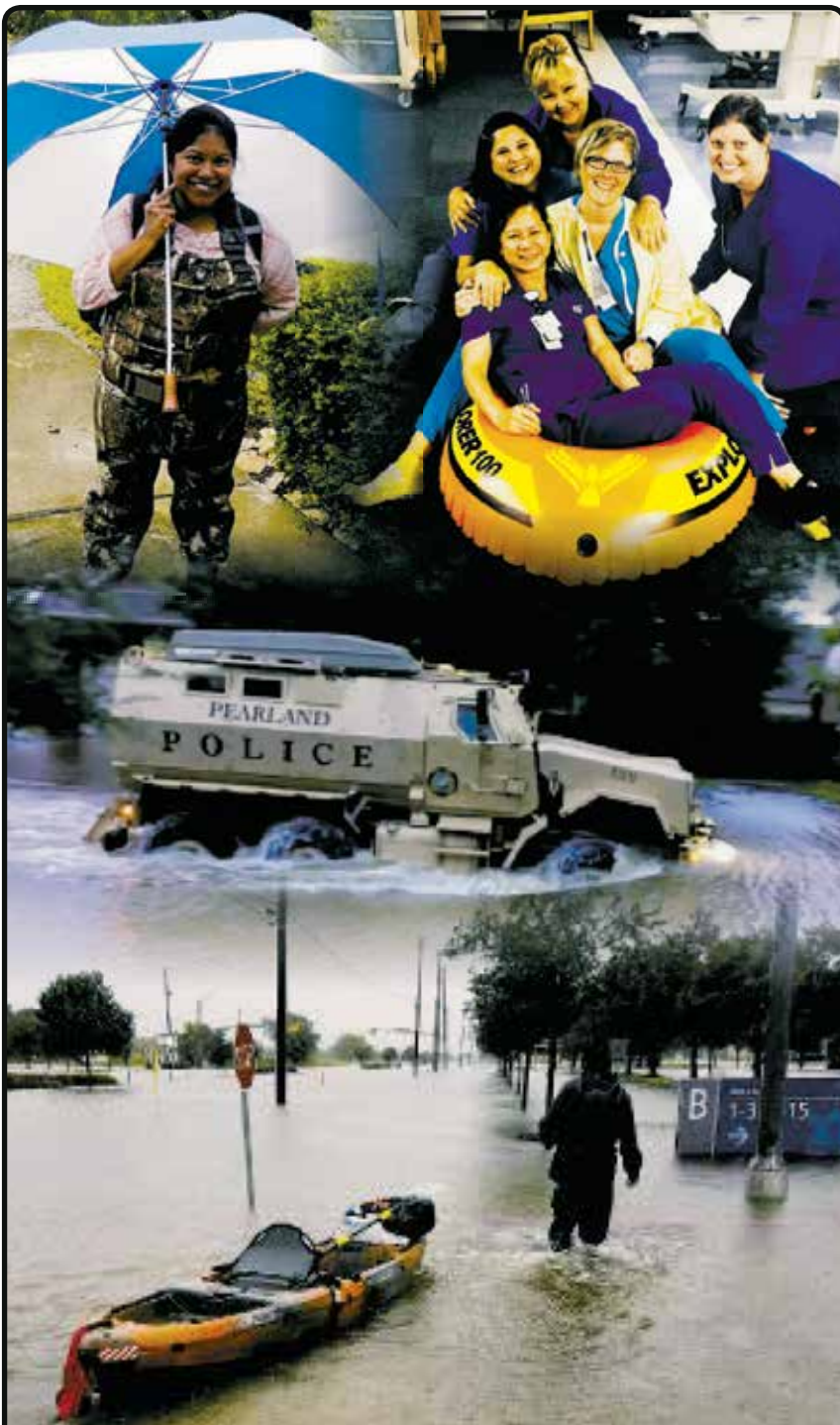
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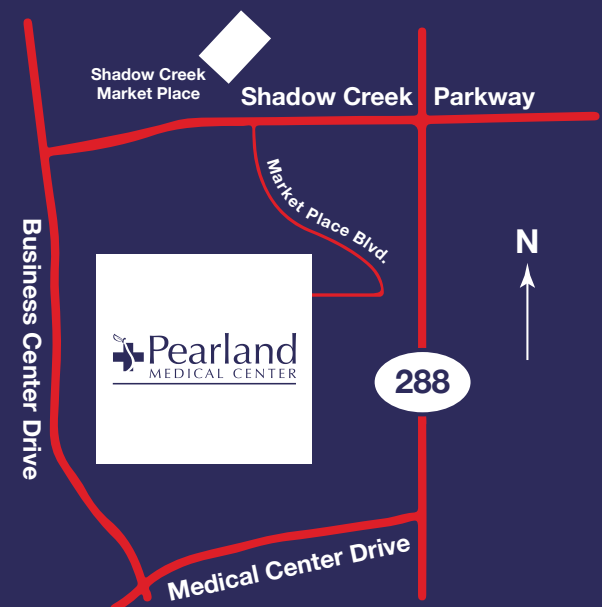
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