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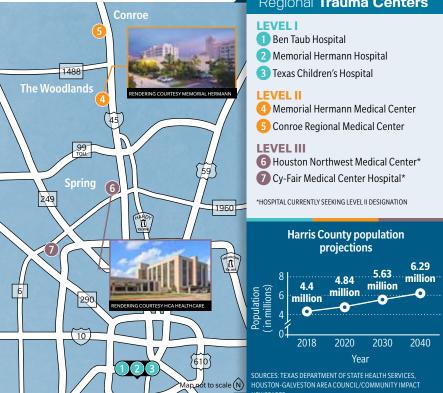


#### Need for trauma centers



The American College of Surgeons recommends that a Level I trauma center is needed for every 1 million residents. Harris County has about 4.4 million residents and three Level I trauma centers. However, all three of Harris County's Level I trauma centers are on the same block in downtown Houston. A fourth

Greater Houston area center is in Galveston Regional Trauma Centers



## Lack of trauma centers felt in Spring, Klein

**INSIDE 14-23** 

## **Houston Northwest Medical** Center seeks Level II status

#### BY VANESSA HOLT

A fall, a car accident or a gunshot wound can instantly change a person's life, requiring immediate medical aid to keep a patient from dying.

Experts have said demand for hospitals with advanced trauma care capability is growing in rapidly developing areas like Harris County because of the need for immediate response to traumatic injuries.

The American College of Surgeons recommends at least one Level I trauma facility-the highest level of state-certified trauma care—for every 1 million residents.

Residents of Spring and Klein who experience traumatic injuries currently require transport to Memorial CONTINUED ON 22

## Klein ISD asks voters for tax increase amid funding pressure

## Growing districts face tough budget choices

#### BY VANESSA HOLT

Klein ISD has joined more than 500 Texas school districts that have called Tax Ratification Elections since 2006 to raise their property tax rates to help accommodate enrollment growth without incurring significant layoffs.

The election, scheduled for June 16, calls for a 9 cent tax rate increase that would raise the maintenance and operations portion of the district's tax rate above the \$1.04 permitted by state law. It would increase the overall KISD tax rate to \$1.52 per \$100 valuation.

If approved by voters, the owner of a house valued at

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## Calculating CO

Klein ISD will ask voters to approve a 9 cent tax rate increase on June 16 to raise the maintenance and operations portion of the district tax rate. An election is required by state law to increase the tax rate above \$1.04 per \$100 valuation.

Current M&O tax rate:

\$1.04

Proposed increase: \$0.09

Proposed M&O tax rate:

A home valued at \$200,000\* in KISD

IF TAX RATE IS APPROVED Average annual tax bill

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#### Use our health care guide to learn about resources

Our health is one of the most important blessings we have. We sometimes lead such busy lives that we don't prioritize what is really important—our physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

In this month's edition we share information for you and your loved ones in our annual Health Care Directory. Whether you are new to the Spring and Klein area or have been a longtime resident, you will find this guide an important health care resource.

We have compiled listings of local physicians and area hospitals to help you find a local doctor or facility providing the services you need (see Pages

Additionally, our cover story examines the need for trauma care in area hospitals. As our population continues to grow, emergency calls also increase in the area. Faster transport times to trauma facilities are needed to save lives.

Another issue we explore this month is the upcoming Tax Ratification Election. We explain why Klein ISD is asking voters to approve a 9-cent tax rate increase in an election on June 16 to continue to fund staffing needs amid enrollment growth (see Pages 28-29).

We hope you enjoy this issue and find the directory useful. As always we would love to hear your feedback and ideas. Thank you for being a valued reader.





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#### **ASK THE EDITOR**



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Do you have a question about how local government works or something going on in town? Send it to skl@communityimpact.com.

#### What is a Tax Ratification Election?

On June 16, voters in Klein ISD will decide through a Tax Ratification Election whether to increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate by 9 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, from \$1.04 to \$1.13. The state requires voter approval for a M&O tax rate above \$1.04.

Property owners who reside in the district receive a tax bill based in part on this rate. The current total tax rate in KISD is \$1.43. That means if you own a house with a \$100,000 valuation, your annual school tax bill is \$1,430. However, that is only one part of the tax bill; you might also pay taxes to an emergency services district, a college district, municipal utility district or other entities.

The state has placed a limit on the amount a school district can set as its tax levy. The state limit is \$1.17 per \$100 valuation for the M&O portion of the tax bill and 50 cents for debt, such as paying down bonds, which is known as the interest and sinking portion of the rate. Since KISD is asking for a new M&O tax rate of \$1.13, it cannot seek more than another 4 cents in the future.

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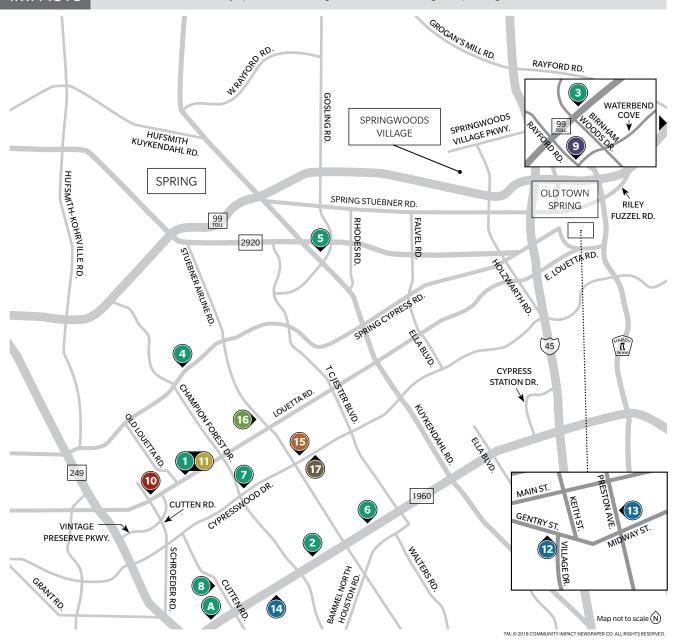
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#### **NOW OPEN**

1 Alwadi Mediterranean Sandwiches, which has operated for 12 years on John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Houston, opened a second location at 9222 Louetta Road, Ste. 100, Spring, in May. The new location offers a menu similar to that at the Houston location, which includes gyros, chicken

and beef kabobs, shawarma, falafel, soups, salads, hummus and other Mediterranean specialties. 832-639-8863. www.alwadicuisine.com

**2** JINYA Ramen Bar opened May 15 at 5050 FM 1960 W., Ste. 121, Houston. The Japanese restaurant chain focuses on ramen noodle soup, offering 13 signature varieties and five kinds of broth. The soups

include options for more than 20 toppings. The restaurant also serves other appetizers and side dishes. 832-666-2178. www.jinya-ramenbar.com

A Marble Slab Creamery & Great American Cookies location opened in Birnham Woods Marketplace, located at 3779 Riley Fuzzel Road, Ste. 600, Spring, in mid-May. The cobranded dessert shop offers cookie cakes, gourmet cookies and brownies, and Double Doozies—or cookie sandwiches—made from Great American Cookies. From Marble Slab Creamery the shop features more than 75 flavors of ice cream, mix-ins, cakes, cupcakes, sundaes, shakes and smoothies. 832-585-1819. www.marbleslab.com www.greatamericancookies.com

4 Chick-fil-A opened a new restaurant May 24 at 8510 Spring Cypress Road, Spring. The fast-food franchise is known for its chicken sandwiches and strips. The location includes a vintage-inspired interior, a two-story indoor play area and a drive-thru with two ordering lanes. 281-251-0996. www.chick-fil-a.com

**5 Deka Lash** opened at 20706 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, in late March, and the business will hold a grand opening celebration June 2. The studio offers eyelash extensions in a variety of styles. 281-624-5113. www.dekalash.com

6 Bayou Counseling and Consulting opened May 1 at 3934 FM 1960 W., Ste. 368, Houston, in the shopping center near Prosperity Bank. The facility offers counseling and psychotherapy for individuals, married couples, families and groups as well as consultation services. 281-577-6363. www.bayoucounseling.com

opened in April at 15816 Champion Forest Drive, Spring, offering hard-surface flooring materials such as wood, laminate, vinyl and tile as well as carpet. The location also offers supplies for remodeling kitchens, bathrooms, fireplaces, walls and ceilings. 832-717-6565

8 New Sights Eyecare opened in late April at 13455 Cutten Road, Ste. 1H, Houston. The private optometry practice of Dr. Shanzida H. Alam offers eye exams, glasses, contact lenses and other optometry services for adults and children. 281-469-3400

#### **COMING SOON**

**9 Best in Class** will open in June at 2885 Waterbend Cove Drive, Spring, providing supplemental education in mathematics, reading and writing for



prekindergarten through 12th grade in the Spring-Harmony area. Best in Class offers programs such as tutoring and test preparation. The franchise is located at The Children's Lighthouse. 832-422-9398. www.bestinclasseducation.com/harmony

#### **RELOCATION**

Medcare Clinics, previously located in Willow Center at FM 1960 and Cutten Road, relocated to 10130 Louetta Road, Ste. E, Houston, in February. The facility treats patients with mood, behavioral and developmental disorders as well as opioid addiction. 281-893-3656. www.medcareclinics.net

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Barbarossa Coffee marked its oneyear anniversary May 8 at 9222 Louetta Road, Ste. 106, Spring. The business offers more than 20 single-origin coffee bean varieties as well as five different brewing methods. Breakfast, lunch and snack items are also available at the location. 832-559-7684.

www.barbarossacoffee.com

#### **EXPANSIONS**

12 Envy Wine Room, located at 317 Gentry St., Ste. D1, Spring, plans to double the size of its space and open the Envy Wine Room Bistro on June 1. The bistro will serve hand-tossed pizzas and other items that pair well with wine. Envy Wine Room, which opened in 2014, serves more than 200 wines by the bottle and 90 wines by the glass. 281-528-9868. www.envywineroom.com

March 2 in Old Town Spring at 26420 Preston Ave., Spring, opened its upstairs cigar lounge, The Vault, in May. The lounge is for cigar-club members, and day memberships are available. The bar features cocktails made with local juices, fruits, herbs and purees. The bar is open Wednesday through Sunday. 832-585-1438. www.prohibitiontexas.com

14 New Season Catering has expanded its facility at 6159 FM 1960 W., Houston,

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and now offers a 100-seat grand dining room as well as a meeting room and private dining area. The facility includes a screen with a projector and a 50-inch TV for use in meetings. The location will also offer lunch on weekdays, breakfast and lunch on Saturdays as well as brunch on Sundays when it fully opens to the public this spring. 281-583-6500.

www.newseasoncatering.com

#### **RENOVATION**

The **Mellow Mushroom** location at 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring, reopened April 30 after renovations following Hurricane Harvey-related flood damage. The location will resume its regular hours and menu. The restaurant specializes in handmade stone-baked pizza. It also offers sandwiches, salads, chicken wings and a variety of craft beer. The restaurant celebrated its fifth anniversary in Spring in September. 346-808-7320. www.mellowmushroom.com

#### NAME CHANGE

Moo Moo Sweet House, located at 7306 Louetta Road, Ste., A120, Spring, changed its name to **Moo House Cafe** on April 25. The location will continue to offer drinks and cold desserts but now offers a new menu that includes hot dogs and baked potatoes in a variety of styles such as Korean and Mexican. Elotes, popcorn chicken and fries are also available. 346-808-7182. www.moohousecafe.com

#### IN THE NEWS

Barbara Bush Branch Library, located at 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, reopened May 14 after months of renovations from flood damage due to Hurricane Harvey. The library has a new phone number, but its hours have not changed. The library is accepting book donations from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily for its bookstore, which is maintained by Barbara Bush Library Friends. 832-927-7800. www.hcpl.net

#### **FEATURED IMPACT** — NOW OPEN



**Glowzone** opened May 12 at 13150 Breton Ridge St., Houston. The indoor play park features go-karts, a ninja obstacle course, soft jungle gym, laser maze, ropes course, miniature golf, arcade games and other amusements. The facility offers party room rentals for birthdays and other special occasions. A bar with pub-style food is also available. 832-220-9222. https://wb.glowzone.us











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#### Area school boards hold regular lune meetings

June 11 Spring ISD meets at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center. Agendas are posted on the district website. 7 p.m. 16717 Ella Blvd., Houston. 281-891-6000. www.springisd.org

June 12 Klein ISD meets at the KISD Central Office building. Agendas are posted on the district website. 7 p.m. 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Spring. 832-249-4000. www.kleinisd.net

JUNE 12

#### Attend a talk on human trafficking in Houston

A speaker from Arrow Child and Family Ministries and representatives from law enforcement speak on the topic of human trafficking in the Houston area and answer questions from residents. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Prince of Peace Catholic Community, St. Andrew Discipleship Center, 19222 Hwy. 249, Houston. 832-585-3241. 713-494-5668. www.pophouston.org

**JUNE 18-22** 

#### **Enroll children in a string** instrument music camp

Students entering sixth grade make music at the Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts & Community Enrichment camp for violin, viola, cello and bass. Middle school orchestra specialists teach the camp. The one-week camp culminates in a performance. 9 a.m. \$125. Klein Cain High School, 10201 Spring Cypress Road, Houston. 281-440-4850. www.cypresscreekface.org

**IUNE 23** 

#### Run or walk 5K for a local nonprofit safety campaign

The Kailee Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by the family of a Klein ISD student who died in a car crash in 2017 while not wearing a seat belt, plans a 5K run/walk to raise money for its seat belt awareness campaign. The event include a DJ, food trucks and a raffle. Participants receive a T-shirt and glow bracelet. 5-9:30 p.m. \$25-\$40. Klein Oak High School, 22603 Northcrest Drive, Spring, www.kaileemillsfoundation.org

#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS



#### **BARBARA BUSH BRANCH** LIBRARY

6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring

Programs are free and begin at 3 p.m. at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring.

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#### Fundraiser to benefit inaugural Pride Festival

OTS Border Haus, BlackHouse Cigars and Rockin My Gypsy Style host a fundraiser to benefit The Woodlands Pride inaugural Pride Festival. The event will include live music, a silent auction and a raffle. Tickets are required until 8 p.m., and the event is open to the public after 8 p.m. Noon-10:30 p.m. \$55-\$65. OTS Border Haus, 26510 Border St., Spring. 832-904-5029. www.facebook.com/ thewoodlandspride

**IULY 4** 

#### See fireworks at several area locations

Spring Wet 'n' Wild SplashTown holds a fireworks display at dusk. Free with park admission. 21300 I-45 N., Spring. 281-355-3300.

www.wetnwildsplashtown.com

Tomball A festival features live music. food and fireworks at Four Corners. 5-11 p.m. Free. Hwy. 249 and FM 2920, Tomball. 281-222-4775. www.ci.tomball.tx.us



**IULY 9-13** 

#### Attend a fine art camp at **Pearl Fincher museum**

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts offers one-week art camps to students ages 8-18. The camps emphasize the structure, elements and principals of art. Tuition includes instruction, supplies, a T-shirt and snacks. 9 a.m.-noon. \$140 per week (museum members), \$175 per week (nonmembers). Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, 6815 Cypresswood Drive, Spring. 281-376-6322. www.pearlmfa.org

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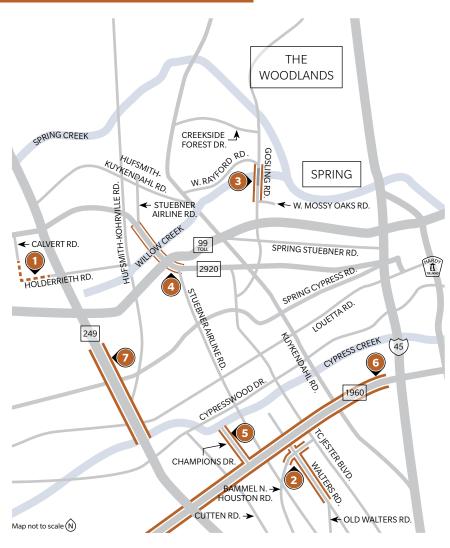
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#### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

	Project description	Estimated timeline
1	Construction on the extension of Holderrieth Road between <b>Calvert Road and Hwy. 249</b> began Jan. 29. The \$6 million project funded by Harris County Precinct 4 includes extending the four-lane concrete boulevard with appropriate drainage.	Jan. 29- Nov. 25
2	Harris County Precinct 1 is widening <b>Walters Road</b> between FM 1960 and Old Walters Road from two to four lanes as well as installing a new traffic signal and a left-turn lane at Bammel North Houston Road. The cost of the project is \$11 million.	April 2017- June
3	Harris County Precinct 4 issued a notice for Allgood Construction to begin construction on a \$9.4 million project on March 21 to widen the <b>Gosling Road</b> bridge across Willow Creek and upgrade the two-lane asphalt road to four concrete lanes	March 21- Aug. 13

between West Mossy Oaks and West Rayford roads in Spring.

#### **RECENT UPDATES**

#### 4 Stuebner Airline Road extension

The study and design phase of a project to extend Stuebner Airline Road between FM 2920 and the Grand Parkway as a fourlane concrete pavement will begin in June. The project will also upgrade the existing two-lane roadway to four-lane concrete pavement between the Grand Parkway and 1,500 feet north of the Grand Parkway.

**Timeline:** TBD **Cost:** \$2.6 million

Funding source: Harris County Precinct 4



A joint participation project between Champions Municipal Utility District and Spring | Klein edition • June 2018 Harris County Precinct 4 to upgrade the two-lane asphalt roadway to a two-lane concrete pavement between FM 1960 and Cypress Creek is in the design phase.

**Timeline:** third quarter of 2018-TBD

Cost: \$11 million

**Funding sources:** Champions Municipal Utility District, Harris County Precinct 4

#### 6 FM 1960 curb ramp installation

The Texas Department of Transportation's Statewide Curb Ramp Program, implemented to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, has been delayed by several utility conflicts. The project was 60 percent complete in May. The project limits from Windermere Lakes Boulevard to St. Edward's Lane include the portion of FM



#### **HOW IT WORKS**

## Buyer beware: How to know if a vehicle has flood damage

As many as 250,000 vehicles were affected by Hurricane Harvey, according to estimates by the Insurance Council of Texas. Many were auctioned off, refurbished and put on used car lots.

State law requires flooded vehicles that receive a salvage title—a designation given for a total loss under an insurance claim—also carry a "flood damage" notice, but there are situations where this might not be apparent. The Federal Trade Commission offers these tips for checking out a used car to make sure it is not flood-damaged:

**Look closely.** Stains, mildew, sand and silt, especially in small spaces and cracks in the consoles and between seats, could be signs of water damage.

**Do a smell test.** A heavy aroma of cleaners and disinfectants could be masking a mold or odor problem.

**Do some research.** The National Insurance Crime Bureau offers a free vehicle identification number lookup that lists flood damage and other information.

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1960 between Hwy. 249 and I-45.

Timeline: October 2016-early 2019

Cost: \$2.3 million

**Funding sources**: TxDOT, U.S. Department of Transportation

#### 7 Hwy. 249 restriping

A project to increase the number of lanes on Hwy. 249 from six to eight lanes between Chasewood Park Drive and Gregson Road in Tomball will be sent out for bids in June. The project will convert the inside shoulders on both sides to fourth lanes.

**Timeline:** June-TBD **Cost:** \$450,000

Funding source: TxDOT



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## County to seek bond for flood control projects

#### BY ZAC EZZONE

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett said he expects Commissioners Court to vote June 12 to hold a multibillion bond election Aug. 25 to fund flood mitigation projects throughout the county through Harris County Flood Control District.

The exact amount will be decided at the meeting. However, in past meetings commissioners have discussed the amount to be about \$2.5 billion.

Although the county currently has a list of 150 projects that could receive funding, Emmett said at a May 30 press conference that the list may be adjusted depending on the feedback county officials receive over the next two months. He said the county hopes to have a final list of projects by Aug. 1.

Some of the possible projects include the construction of regional storm water detention basins and home buyouts, HCFCD Executive Director Russ Poppe said.

According to a county press release, most homeowners would see a 1.4 percent or smaller increase to the property taxes they pay to HCFCD as a result of the bond. Currently Harris County residents pay about 3 cents per \$100 valuation to HCFCD annually.

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# Primary runoff elections yield candidates for November elections in two congressional races

#### BY VANESSA HOLT

Dan Crenshaw will be the Republican candidate in the November election for U.S. District 2 representative, defeating Kevin Roberts by a margin of 20,322 votes to 8,760 in the May 22 primary runoff. The district includes most of the Spring and Klein area.

Crenshaw received 69.88 percent of the vote, and Roberts received 30.12 percent of the vote.

Crenshaw is a retired Navy SEAL, and Roberts is state representative for District 126. He did not seek re-election to the post in order to run for the U.S. Congress seat.

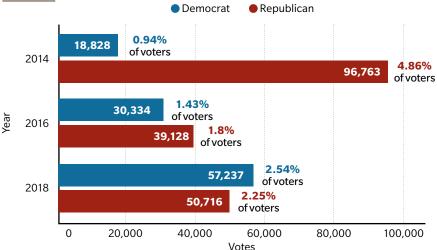
In U.S. District 10, which includes a small portion of north Spring, Mike Siegel claimed the Democratic primary runoff race for U.S. District 10 representative with 12,274 votes—69.90 percent of the votes.

Siegel's runoff opponent, Tawana Walter-Cadien, received 5,285 votes—30.10 percent of the vote.

This November, Siegel will challenge incumbent Michael McCaul, who won the Republican primary race with 80 percent of the votes in March.

Turnout for voters in the two primary runoff races was just over 2 percent of registered voters in each party's election. Voter turnout in primary runoff race in May 2016 was slightly lower, and in May 2014 Republican turnout was almost 5 percent, according to the Harris County Clerk's website.

According to the Harris County Clerk's website, voter turnout for the May primary runoff election was less than 5 percent of registered voters.



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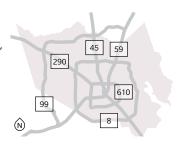
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There were **43,487** registered nurses in Harris County in 2017. That means there are 983.5 registered nurses in Harris County for every 100,000 residents, which ranks No. 27 statewide.



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## Klein ISD, Lone Star College-Tomball partner for nursing pathway program

#### BY TIERRA SMITH

Klein ISD in partnership with Lone Star College-Tomball completed its inaugural year of the Advanced Nursing Pathway, a dual enrollment program, in May. The program provides KISD high school students an accelerated pathway to a nursing certification.

The program offers students a cheaper and faster route to pursue a nursing degree, said Catherine Gray, director of nursing at LSC-Tomball, as KISD students can earn a high school diploma and an associate of arts degree in general studies at the same time. Additionally, students graduate from high school ready to take the certificated nursing assistant licensing exam. Seventeen students enrolled in the program in 2017-18, she said.

The program plans to admit 20 students in the fall cohort.

"It has been a learning process for both the students and the facility," Gray said.

According to an April statement from LSC-Tomball, the nursing pathway program is the first of its kind in Texas.

"I'm really excited about this program," LSC-Tomball President Lee Ann Nutt said in a statement. "The success of this program will likely be the model for nursing pathway programs for [Texas]."

Students take one introductory nursing class during their sophomore year and then complete coursework the following two years at the LSC-Tomball Health Science Building, receiving their clinical learning experience at partnering hospitals, Gray said.

After graduating from high school, students can take the CNA licensing exam and enroll in LSC-Tomball's vocational

nursing program, Gray said.

"For a student who wants to become a nurse, this program guarantees them a seat—as long as they keep their grades up—in a nursing program, which is extremely competitive," she said.

Within a year of becoming a licensed vocational nurse, a student can complete the Associate Nursing Degree Transition Program, earn an associate degree in applied science and sit for the registered nursing exam, Gray said. A student may then pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Gray said the KISD program allows students the opportunity to experience the life of a nurse before they fully commit.

"The only thing I did harder than nursing school was boot camp in the Navy," she said. "[It] takes the desire and heart."

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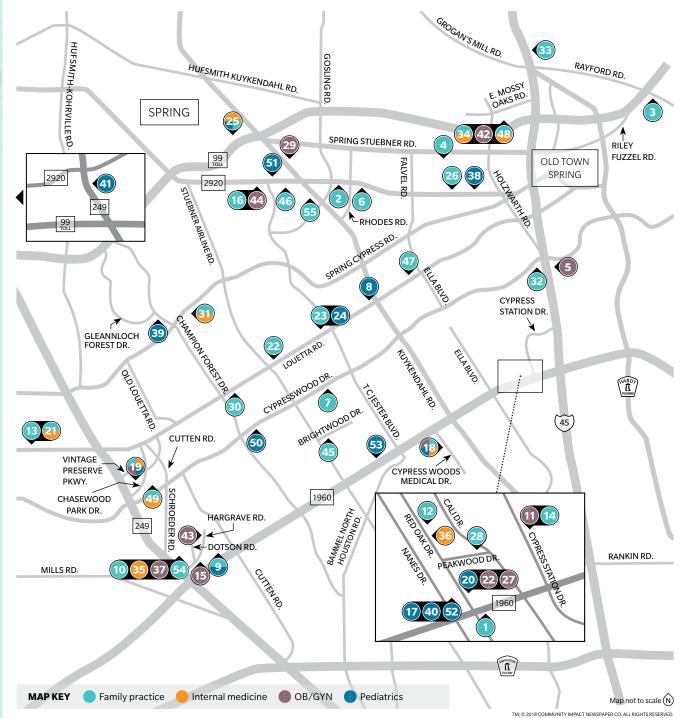


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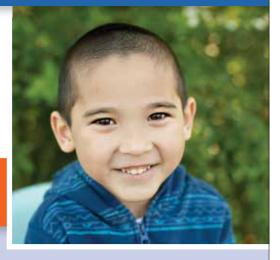


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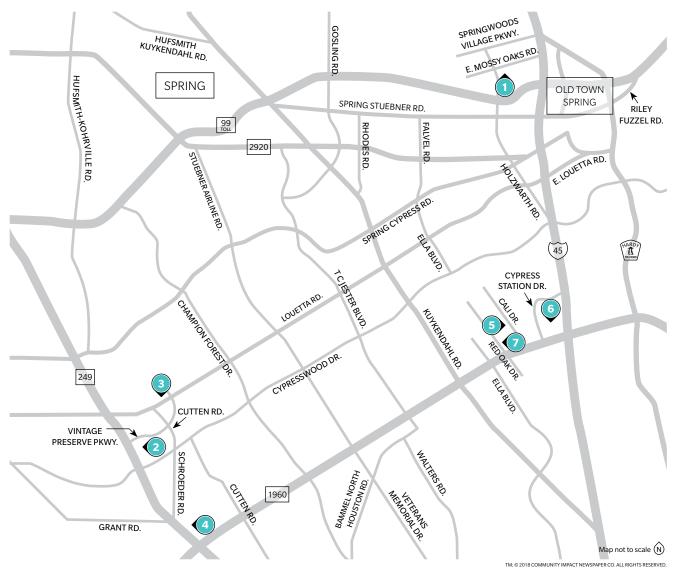
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AsSalam Clinic

BY KATHLEEN SISON

## Community clinic offers low-cost health care to families

ree, preventive medical care is the goal of a bevy of physicians at AsSalam Clinic. Nearly 25 medical professionals volunteer their weekends and medical expertise to attend to a growing community of immigrant families in Spring and Klein and other patients who need their services.

The nonprofit organization helps residents who otherwise might not get treated for health conditions because they have no health insurance, the physicians said.

"Our No. 1 goal is to provide primary care to the indigent population. Preventive health care will minimize the need for expensive and major treatments later on," said Dr. Imran Nathani, whose focus is internal medicine. "Our clinic keeps electronic medical records and has a contract with an outside medical lab that charges minimal fees per test, such as

for blood work," Nathani said.

AsSalam Clinic started in 2006 in a trailer on the campus of the Masjid Al Salam mosque at 16700 Old Louetta Road, Spring, which helps to support the clinic.

Success in fulfilling the mosque families' need for preventive care spurred the team to find a permanent site to expand service to the general community. The doctors picked a 1,800-square-foot facility on Louetta Road that was more visible and accessible to Spring residents. Clinic physicians have been seeing patients there since October 2017.

The physicians bring a range of experience to the group and expect to offer more services in the future such as dental care, Nathani said.

Booking an appointment requires a deposit of \$20 that is refunded to the patient at the appointment.

Information about which medical specialties are available on specific dates can be found on AsSalam Clinic's Facebook page. Volunteers can communicate in English and Spanish as well as the Indian languages Urdu and Guiarati.

The team said AsSalam Clinic's next goal is to raise enough funds in steady donations to hire a full-time general physician and expand services to a seven-day clinic by early 2019.

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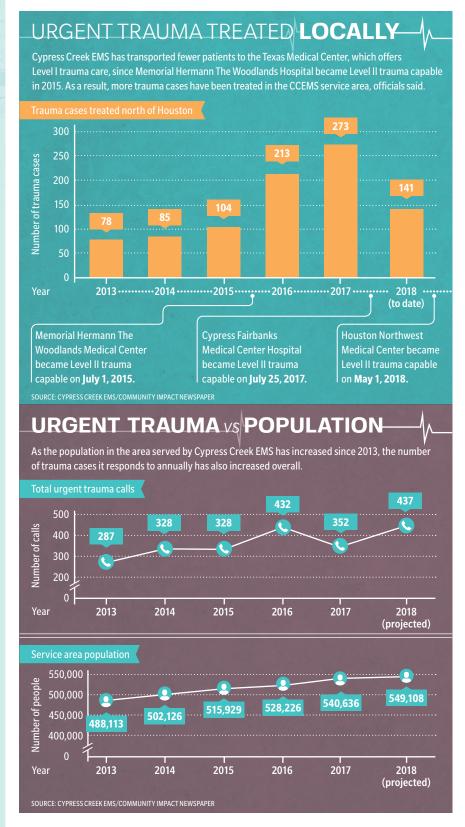
Several types of medical care are available at no cost to individuals who cannot pay. Donations are accepted, and medical students are invited to volunteer at the clinic during its operating hours.

- General medical care
- Preventive gynecological care
- Rheumatology clinic
- Chiropractic clinic

1: From left: Sidra Tai, Dr. Imran Nathani, Dr. Muhammad Hanif, Dr. Imran Khan, Sohail Mall and Mohammad Kasim are among the volunteers at the clinic.
2: From left: Jackie Montgomery Khalil, Tai and Shameem Taufiq assist with services at the clinic. 3: Khan meets with a patient at a weekend clinic.







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Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center in Montgomery County or downtown Houston for high-level care. Although the population in Harris County exceeds 4 million, including about 280,000 residents in the Spring and Klein area, no hospitals in the county north of the Texas Medical Center have yet received the highest trauma center ratings—Levels I and II—designated by the ACS.

As of May 1, Houston Northwest Medical Center became the first Harris County hospital in the Spring and Klein area to begin seeking the Level II designation to fill that North Houston gap in service, CEO Tim Puthoff said.

"When you look at our community, [HNMC is] situated in the geographic center of North Houston, right on I-45, halfway between Beltway 8 and the Grand Parkway," Puthoff said. "Our EMS partners have been wanting to advance our trauma capabilities so they don't have to drive patients up to The Woodlands or down to the [Texas]

Medical Center, so it made perfect sense for our community, and it made sense for our hospital."

Darrell Pile, CEO of the state-contracted Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council, which coordinates the provision of trauma services, said he predicts in the next two years the nine-county region covered by SETRAC will be served by eight or more Level II hospitals, which provide nearly the same services as Level I facilities, but require a faster rate of response and more surgical specialities than Level III facilities.

"The region has seen a tremendous growth," Pile said. "Those factors have justified business decisions by multiple hospitals to seek Level II trauma designation."

#### **REGIONAL NEED**

The number of regional trauma cases reported to local emergency responders has increased alongside Spring and Klein's growing population. Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services, which serves Spring and Klein, reported urgent trauma calls increased by 52 percent from 2013 to 2018, while population in the area has increased 12.5 percent in that time, CCEMS Public Information Officer Norm Uhl said.

However, CCEMS has seen a drop in the number of patients it has transported to Texas Medical Center since Level II trauma facilities began opening north of Houston, Uhl said.

"Since Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center began operating as a Level II [trauma center] in summer of 2017, we've seen an 18 percent drop in transports to hospitals in the Texas Medical Center," Uhl said. "Now that Houston Northwest Medical Center is operating as a Level II, it will likely have a major impact, especially since it is right in the middle of the CCEMS coverage area."

One difference between a Level II and a Level III facility is the availability of trauma surgeons, Puthoff said.

"The biggest change operationally is that we will have trauma surgeons 24/7," Puthoff said. "Before, they were on call [and] they would have to drive in. We will [now] have immediate response from a surgical standpoint."

Other changes include improving response times. For example, a Level III facility normally provides trauma surgeons within 30 minutes, but a Level II facility requires a response within a 15-minute window, HNMC Trauma Program Manager Leanne Beaudet said. Level II hospitals

also must also have surgeons available in a variety of fields within that 15-minute window, she said.

Surgeons specializing in fields including orthopedics, neurosurgery, urology, obstetricians, cardiovascular surgery and hand surgery are available at a Level II facility, Beaudet said.

A study carried out by the ACS Trauma System Consultation program in 2009 provided a recommendation for the number and distribution of Level I and Level II trauma centers in the state.

The study concluded that, even assuming a ratio of one Level I trauma center per 1 million in population, the Greater Houston area came up short because the city's actual population—2.2 million at the time—was much smaller than the population served by the center. In 2009, the Greater Houston area included about 5 million people, according to the study. Today, that number is much greater, Beaudet said.

"We have 6 to 8 million people ... so we should have six to eight trauma centers," she said.

#### **REACHING LEVEL II**

The process of achieving a higher level trauma center designation begins with increasing response capabilities, said Dr. Shiree A. Berry, interim trauma medical director for HNMC.

Berry said the facility has hired an additional 12 surgeons this year, and it will need to make additional hires to fulfill the Level II requirements of having surgeons available 24/7.

The process of achieving certification takes about 18 months, Puthoff said.

ACS conducts a site survey after a year and makes recommendations for improvements before submitting its findings to the DSHS for final approval, said Dr. David Persse, EMS director for the Houston Fire Department.

During that year, the hospital functions at the higher level designation.

"Once the hospital says, 'This is what we want to do,' they apply to the state, the state gives you this conditional permit [stating that] you're in pursuit of becoming a level II," Persse said. "That means EMS can treat you like you are verified."

Several other regional hospitals with locations in Spring and Klein are not currently trauma designated and have not announced an intention to do so, hospital officials said. There are no other Level III or Level IV facilities in Spring and Klein.

CHI St. Luke's Health, which operates

two hospitals in Spring and Klein—in The Vintage and Springwoods Village—does not intend to seek trauma designations immediately, said Jim Parisi, president of The Woodlands, Lakeside and Springwoods Village hospitals.

"We are always evaluating where we can better serve our patients and may pursue the opportunity at our Woodlands facility in the future," Parisi said.

#### **COORDINATING RESPONSE**

The purpose of increasing trauma care capabilities and reducing response times is ultimately to save more lives, health care professionals said.

"What happens when other trauma centers come on board is that we rely on our EMS partners to take the most appropriate patients to the most appropriate centers," said Robin Garza, trauma program manager at Ben Taub Hospital, the downtown Houston hospital funded by Harris Health System through Harris County taxpayer dollars.

The addition of more Level II-IV trauma hospitals can help keep the Level I hospitals available to respond to the most severe trauma cases, she said.

"We rely on our EMS community to

use a very developed triage schematic to take the patient to the right location," Garza said.

Proximity can be key for survival rates in instances when external bleeding is the issue, Persse said.

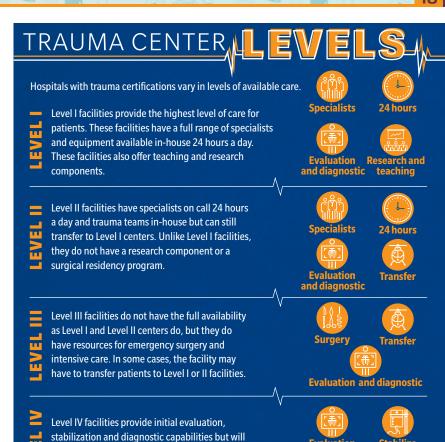
"There are cases where the person's chances of survival are directly proportional to how quickly we can get the bleeding to stop," Persse said.

Uhl said some cases will still require transport to Texas Medical Center by ambulance. Burn and pediatric cases are examples of trauma that would require transport to the Level I facilities downtown, he said.

In Spring and Klein, response times to transfer patients to hospitals have improved by as much as 50 percent since hospitals north of Houston in Tomball, the Cypress-Fairbanks area and The Woodlands began operating as Level II facilities in the past three years, he said.

"As more Level IIs come online transport times continue to drop, and that's great news for our patients," Uhl said.



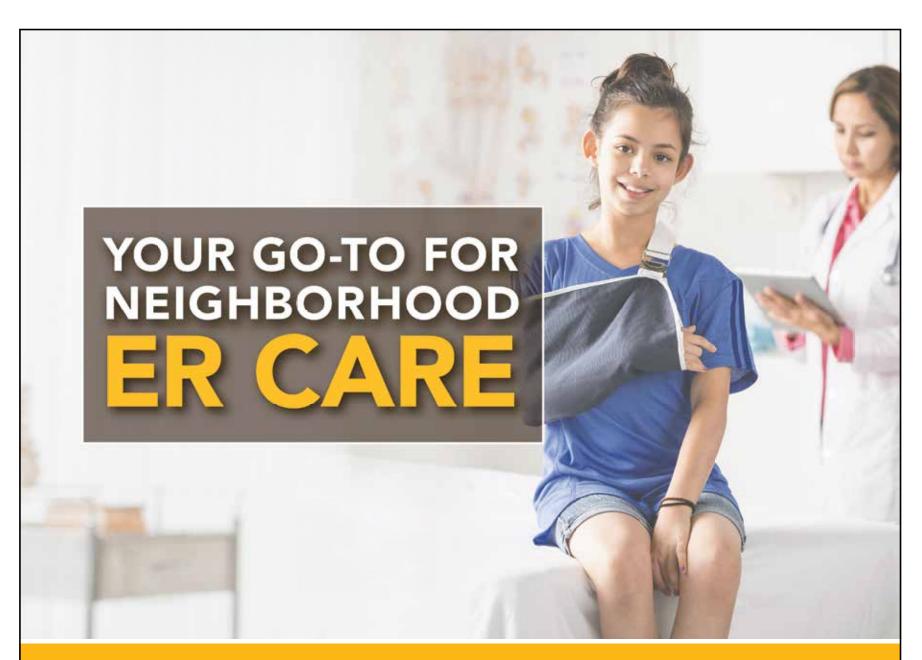


likely have to transfer the patient to a trauma

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## **Don Quixote's Home Decor**

#### Shop provides custom art and furnishings from Mexico

mar and Sharon Cortes met in Old Town Spring in 2009, wed and combined their creative efforts in the home decor business they began in 2011 on Midway Street.

Don Quixote's business has thrived through word-of-mouth recommendations despite economic slumps to help customers and businesses decorate with furniture, and window and metal door designs, Sharon said.

Many of the items sold in the store are handmade in the city of Tepeaca in Puebla, Mexico, where Omar moved from California. Glass wall art, onyx lamps, clay pottery and statues displayed at the store are also made by hand and imported from Mexico, Sharon said.

"Omar got his artistic gift from his father; Omar's an artist, a leader and

a dreamer—which is why we chose the name Don Quixote," she said.

Sharon's daughter, Stephanie Rojas, coordinates the online sales orders and social media. The shop's team of creative consultants and craftsmen have all worked from five to 14 years at the store, Sharon said.

"All of our trained workers rotate to keep the store open every day. We have a guy that will drive your furniture to your doorstep," Sharon said.

The products can be shipped in the Spring area or anywhere in the world, but the store's prices are low because furniture sets and decor are all handmade and transported directly from the manufacturer, she said.

"We go into the [customers'] homes and consult, and we have all of our work custom built at a manufacturer in BY **KATHLEEN SISON** 

Guadalajara, [Mexico] or handcrafted in Puebla." Sharon said.

Part of the Cortes family's business challenge is transportation delays at the border, but customers find when their orders arrive that it is worth the wait. Sharon said.

"It's solid metal; it's awesome and beautiful work," she said.

#### ORIGINAL CREATIONS

Don Quixote's Home Decor owner, Omar Cortes, travels to Mexico regularly to obtain custom-made furnishings for his store.

1 Sharon Cortes makes measurements with the customer.

2 Customers consult with Omar to create a custom design for a gate, window or wall niche covering.

3 Omar travels to Puebla, Mexico, every month to retrieve handmade items.

1: The store provides custom-made heavy metal gates, front doors, furniture, and window and wall niche coverings. 2: Owners Omar and Sharon Cortes opened the Old Town Spring shop in 2011. 3: The handcrafted furniture and art at Don Quixote's Home Decor is made to the customer's specifications in a town near Puebla, Mexico.

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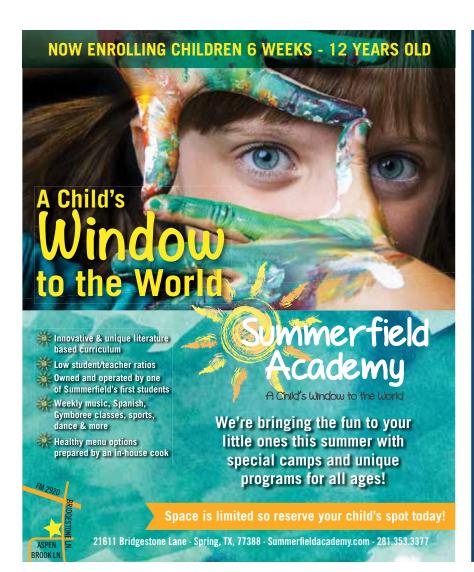
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## **Barbarossa Coffee**

Shop's waffles, bruschettas complement the morning cup

guzhan Guragac said he has traveled the world taking pictures of coffee shops and brewing his idea of the perfect nook in which to enjoy a cup of joe. In May 2017, he found a spot on Louetta Road in Spring and opened Barbarossa Coffee. The name refers to the Ottoman Admiral Redbeard, and it is a nod to Guragac's years as a Turkish naval officer.

Barbarossa Coffee is a 1,290-square-foot shop where java aficionados can select from 20 different single-source coffee beans and one of five brewing processes to create their morning brews.

"This experience is one of a kind here in Houston," said owner Guragac, a Spring resident whose customers call him "coffeeman."

The shop includes handmade nautical decor, and it features both sweet and savory dishes on the food menu. Among the sweet dishes are Belgian waffles, which come in classic and chocolate varieties. Also available are Biscoff macarons and Barbarossa espresso-laced tiramisu, which are made by his wife, a pastry chef. The savory menu features bruschettas-breakfast, avocado, caprese and lox. And the health-minded flock to smoothie bowls topped with fruit, nuts and seeds.

"In the summer, the Vibrant Greens smoothie bowl is a refreshing vegan dish," Guragac said.

He said he expects to swap out new dishes over the next few months but will always offer four bruschetta options on the menu.

Guragac said most of his customers come for the coffee, but almost half of them also have breakfast or a snack in the shop.

Barbarossa Coffee employs five different brewing methods. Starting in June, Cuban and Vietnamese brewing methods will be added. Guragac trains the baristas and manages every aspect of the shop. Since September 2017, he has also taught two-hour brewing workshops there.

"I plan to open a coffee school after I build two or three more Barbarossa Coffee shops in Houston," Guragac said.



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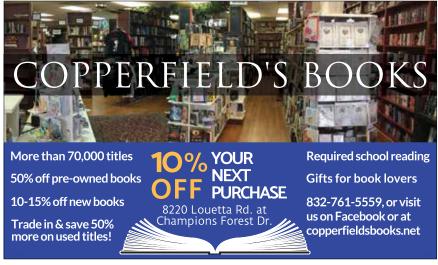
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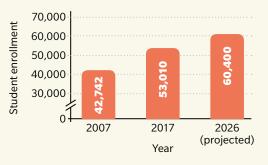


# The path to ELECTION

More than 500 Texas school districts facing enrollment growth and reductions in state aid have gone to voters to ask to increase their tax rates so they can continue to support services without incurring layoffs.



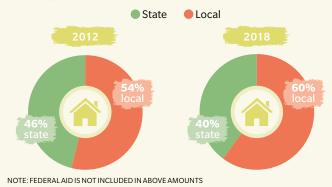
Klein ISD is projected to add more than 7,000 students by 2026, an increase of more than 40 percent from its 2007 student population.



## 2 Smaller STATE SHARE



As property values have increased in Klein ISD, generating more tax revenue for the district, the state has contributed less, leaving relatively flat revenue amounts for the district.



## Additional COSTS

Among the new recurring expenses in the KISD budget are staffing and maintenance costs for two new schools. The schools were built with funds from the district's 2015 bond referendum for \$498.1 million, but bond money cannot be used for ongoing annual operation costs.

#### Klein Cain High School (opened 2017)



\$7.5 million

Annual maintenance and operations costs

#### Hofius Intermediate School (opening 2019)



\$3.2 million

Annual maintenance and operations costs



On June 16, Klein ISD will ask voters to approve a 9 cent tax rate increase. How the measure performs will determine what cuts the district has to make in the next three years.

#### — IF IT PASSES

The state public school funding mechanism provides additional state aid for each of the first 2 cents above \$1.04 in a district's tax rate—termed "super pennies" by KISD. If the TRE is approved, \$28.8 million in additional revenue will be available to fund current programs and accelerate district security projects.



SOURCE: KLEIN ISD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

#### - IF IT FAILS -

If the measure is not approved, the district will need to make more substantial cuts to programs and personnel.



- Attrition (not replacing vacant positions)
- Nonclassroom expenditures
- Increasing student-to-teacher ratios
- Reducing personnel through layoffs
- Will not fund  $$5\ million\ in\ security\ needs$

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#### CONTINUED FROM 1

the district average, \$200,000, would see an increase of \$157.56 in his or her annual tax bill next year, KISD Chief Financial Officer Dan Schaefer said.

Local taxpayers have shouldered an increasing portion of the tax burden in public school districts under state funding formulas that took effect in 2006, said Dax Gonzalez, division director for governmental relations with the Texas Association of School Boards.

"What districts are contending with is they are having to choose which programs and services to start cutting as their budgets are starting to contract," Gonzalez said.

Total additional

revenue

\$28.8

million

While KISD has used bond referendums to fund new construction—the most recent being a \$498.1 million referendum passed by voters in 2015—the cost of daily operations, such as staff payroll and general operating expenses are funded by the maintenance and operations portion of the

budget, Schaefer said.

Rising property values in the district result in a higher amount of local revenue each year, but the state contributes less to the district's budget as a result and the overall revenue remains flat, Schaefer said.

"As property values rise, it contributes to the pot of public education money," Gonzalez said. "The problem is that there hasn't been an increase in the amount districts are entitled to per student."

#### DISTRICT NEEDS

KISD officials said the election is needed because the district's fund balance has reached a critical low point, while district expenses continue to increase because of enrollment growth and new facilities that have opened or will open in the next year.

KISD enrollment has grown by more than 10,000 students since 2007 and is projected to grow by almost another 10,000 students in the next 10 years, Schaefer said.

The district has built several new schools with funds from the 2015 bond referendum in response to this growth.

Klein Cain High School, which opened in August, costs the district \$7.5 million in additional annual maintenance and operations costs, and Hofius Intermediate School will cost the district \$3.2 million in new annual operating costs once it opens in 2019, Schaefer said. Despite these new expenses, the amount the district receives in state aid is not increasing, and the amount of funding per student in the district has dropped as a result, he said.

"It's always a balancing act," Schaefer said. "We have seen a major shift in share of cost [from state to local funding] ... so is important to bring it back into balance."

KISD's fund balance—the amount it keeps in reserve to support operating expenses at the end of each calendar year—is projected to be \$117 million, or 26 percent of annual operating expenses, at the end of the 2017-18 school year, KISD Superintendent Bret Champion said. District policy requires the fund balance to be more than 25 percent of expenditures to cover 2 1/2 months worth of operating expenses, but that balance will continue to diminish to 9 percent in the next three years unless the district can add \$30.2 million in revenue during that time, he said.

If the election is successful, Schaefer said the district will be able to maintain a healthy fund balance through 2021 as well as fund an additional \$5 million in security projects. Those projects include secure vestibules, or entryways, at intermediate and high schools, entrance screening at intermediate school campuses and elementary school perimeter fencing that would otherwise have to be funded through a future school bond, Schaefer said.

The district will still need to make about \$8 million in cuts to shore up its reserve, mostly through attrition—not replacing positions that become vacant—or cuts to programs that will not affect classrooms, Champion said.

The last resort would be layoffs, which would increase the student-to-teacher

ratios in classrooms, he said.

Under the tax rate proposed in the election, the district would raise an additional \$28.8 million in revenue through state and local sources. A portion of that is possible because the first two cents of the tax rate above \$1.04 are designated by the state as "super pennies," Schaefer said, meaning they generate more than twice the usual amount of state aid—\$9.2 million in this case.

If voters reject the increase, the district will make \$30.2 million in cutsan amount equivalent to more than 500 staff positions, Champion said.

"We would be looking at everything," he said. "That is not a threatening statement, [but] 90 percent of our budget is personnel. We believe we are committed to prioritizing reductions that least impact the classroom."

#### **STATEWIDE ISSUE**

The major metropolitan areas in Texas are home to many fast-growth school districts like KISD, said Guy Sconzo, executive director of the Fast Growth School Coalition, which advocates for funding in these districts.

Fast-growth districts have more than 2,500 students in total enrollment and have grown in enrollment by at least 10 percent over the past five years. Klein is among those districts, Sconzo said.

Because of this rapid growth, the mechanisms currently in place at the state level cannot keep up with the staffing and facility needs that such growth entails, he said.

"The state funding systems for [maintenance and operations] and for facilities are severely broken and have been for some time," Sconzo said.

State funding accounts for about 38 percent of school district M&O revenue statewide, he said.

"For a fast-growth district the problem and challenge is exacerbated, because they're having to serve more children, hire more teachers and support staff, and the revenue doesn't come near to keeping up with the cost," Sconzo said.

State education funding since 2008 increased from \$18.2 billion to \$19.6 billion statewide through 2017, according to data from the Legislative Budget Board. However, local revenue for public schools in that time has increased from \$18.2 billion to \$26.2 billion, while attendance statewide rose from 4.3 million to 5 million, according to LBB statistics.

Champion said he hopes next year's legislative session brings solutions that will relieve districts struggling to maintain services.

"Between now and 2021, there are two legislative sessions," Champion

said. "I am eternally hopeful that they will take a look at true school finance reform."

#### **REGIONAL CHALLENGES**

Budget challenges are not unique to KISD. Spring ISD Chief Financial Officer Ann Westbrooks said she expects state aid to SISD to continue to fall in line with an anticipated 1.6 percent drop in enrollment in the 2018-19 school year.

However, the district does not plan to hold a Tax Ratification Election this year, she said.

"We plan to use the provision in the tax code, which due to Hurricane Harvey allows us to raise our M&O tax rate for one year without a ratification election," Westbrooks said.

She said the district will propose a M&O tax rate of \$1.06 per \$100 valuation, but the total tax rate will remain the same because the other portion of the tax rate-interest and sinking-will be decreased to 45 cents, allowing the total tax rate to remain \$1.51.

Growth in the SISD tax base may not be significant this year, she said, further limiting the amount of revenue the district can raise through taxes. The tax base grew by 4.61 percent in 2018 based on estimated values received by the Harris County Appraisal District, but Westbrooks said that number could

drop after property value protest hearings are completed this summer.

Westbrook said SISD does not anticipate considering any layoffs in the immediate future.

"With the anticipated decrease in enrollment, our staffing allocations must be adjusted," Westbrooks said. "We are closing positions via attrition where possible."



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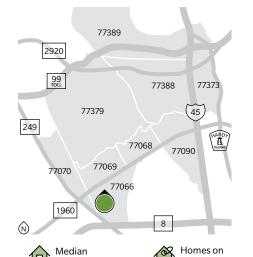


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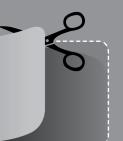
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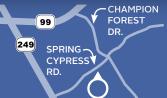
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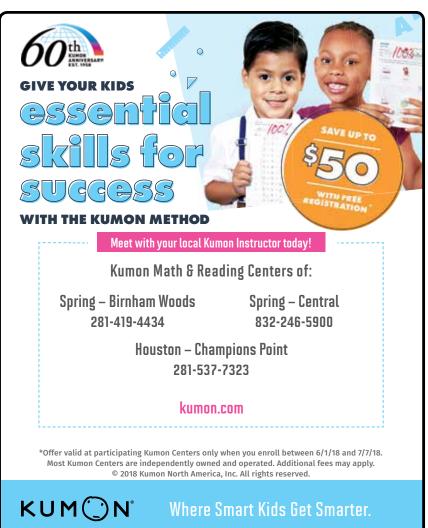
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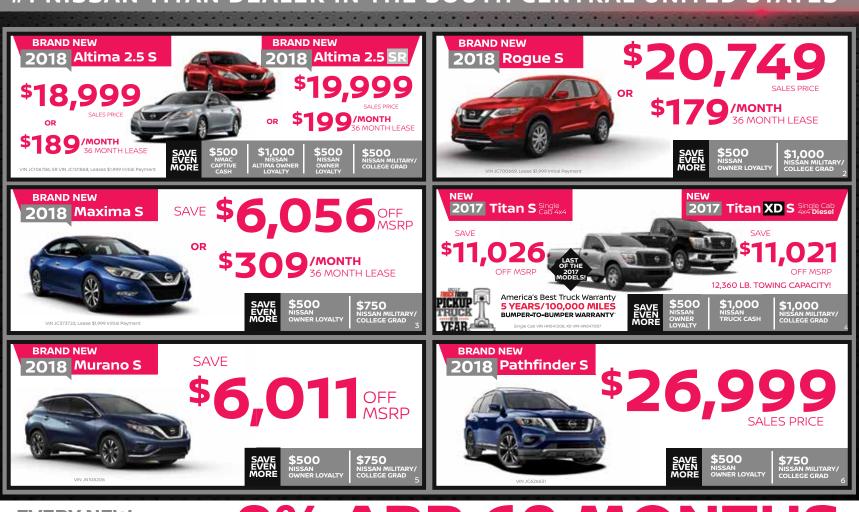


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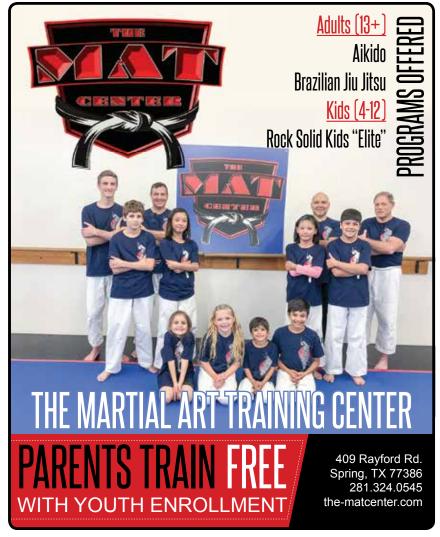




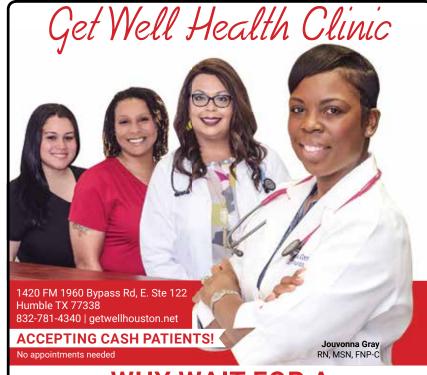












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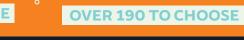
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