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An overpass is under construction to provide FM 1774 drivers a direct route across the Union Pacific Corp. tracks north of FM 1488.

FM 1774 projects approach finish line in Magnolia

BY ANNA LOTZ

An end is in sight for two construction projects on FM 1774 in Magnolia that began as long as about 32 months ago, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT crews are working to build an FM 1774 overpass in the city of Magnolia as well as to widen part of FM 1774 to four lanes near FM 149, projects which officials said are expected to improve mobility and safety.

"Mobility ... has been one of the linchpins for what's going to help trigger the growth and prosperity for this end of the county," Magnolia ISD Superintendent Todd Stephens said.

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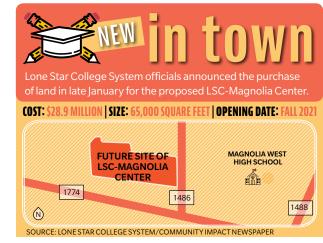
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Lone Star College to build Magnolia Center on FM 1486

BY KARA MCINTYRE

Magnolia residents can anticipate the opening of Lone Star College-Magnolia Center, a satellite of LSC-Montgomery, in fall 2021 after more than four years of planning.

Voters approved a \$485 million bond referendum for the Lone Star College System in November 2014, which included \$28.9 million for the LSC-Magnolia Center project. LSC-Montgomery President Rebecca Riley said officials had specific requirements for the new center's location,



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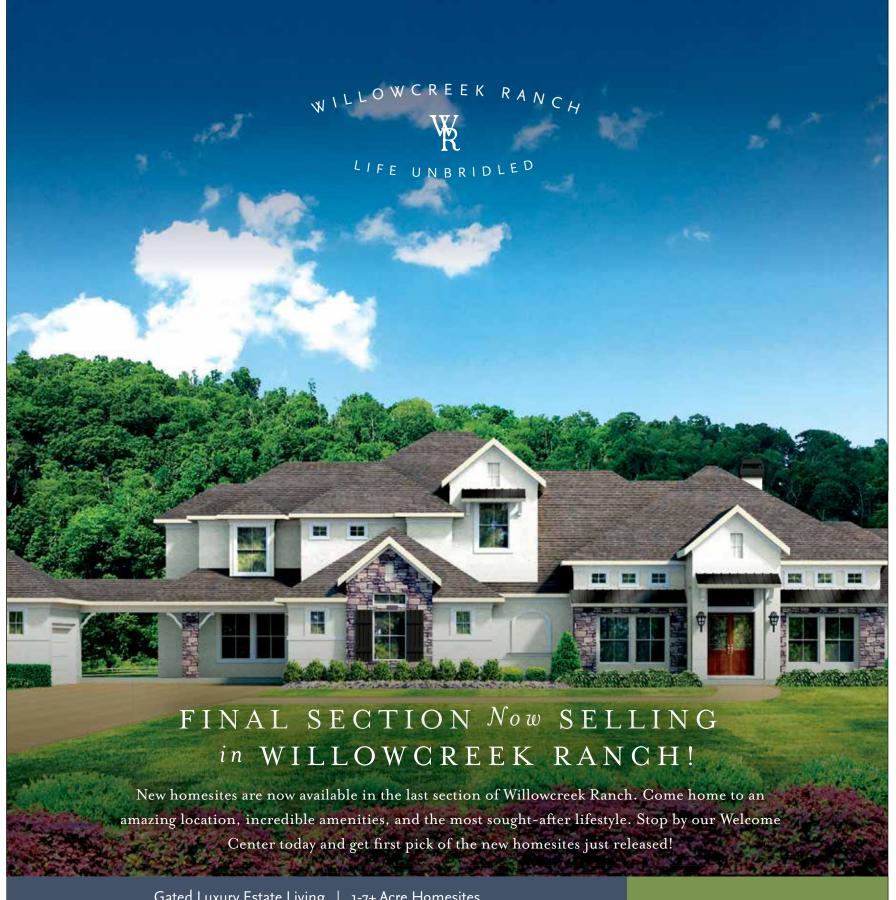








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Construction on FM 1774 in Magnolia nears completion, spring approaches

The saying "on the wrong side of the tracks" has a different meaning in Magnolia. If you are on one side trying to get to the other side, you are on the wrong side of the tracks. You sit in backed-up traffic, go through multiple lights and follow the unusual dog-leg pattern just to get to the other side. As you start making headway, it seems the sound of a train approaching brings traffic to a halt once more.

This railroad overpass at FM 1774 just north of FM 1488 is finally nearing completion since its start two years ago.

As the parent of a Magnolia West High School student, I drive through that area often but had not quite been able to visualize the finished project until looking over a map. Our cover story outlines the details of the overpass and an estimated completion date, and provides a map so you can see how this overpass and other nearby improvements may help alleviate some of the gridlock in the city of Magnolia.

Just as this overpass is wrapping up, spring is coming alive.

Everything seems to come back to life in the spring—including snakes coming out of hibernation. We have included a feature on Page 31 about common snakes in the area to show how to identify them. It may make some folks a bit jumpy, but it is good information to know in case you cross paths with a snake this time of year.

Happy spring!





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Is METRO coming to Tomball?

A draft plan by the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County addressing long-term public transportation needs includes plans for a park and ride near Boudreaux Road and Hwy. 249 in Tomball, according to METRO information. METRO released a draft of the first phase of its 2040 public transportation plan, METRONext, in late 2018.

In addition to the Boudreaux Road park and ride, METRONext proposes park and rides along Hwy. 249 in the Louetta Road and Willowbrook areas located to the south of Tomball. These park and ride stations would allow commuters to park their vehicles and carpool or travel on bus routes.

According to METRO officials, the transportation authority could call for a \$3.5 billion bond referendum election in November to fund the proposed METRONext improvements. However, a bond has not yet been formally called.

METRO began collecting public feedback on the METRONext plan in January. Comments can be submitted via www.metronext.com/participate.

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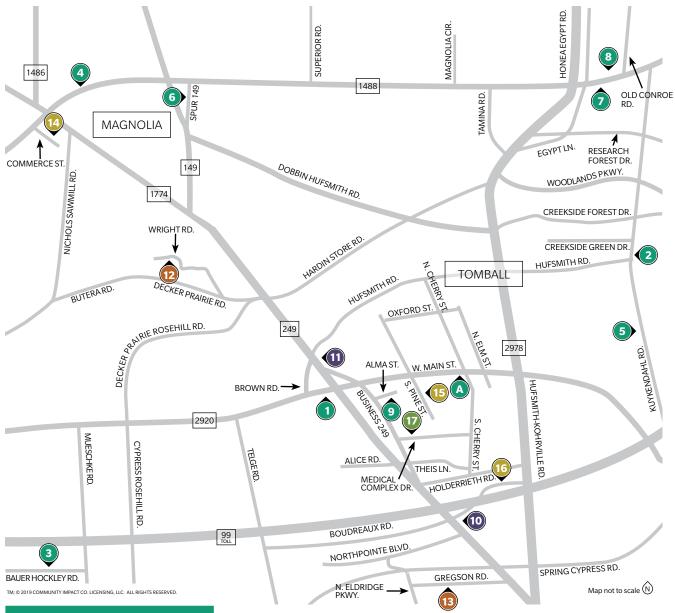
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NOW OPEN

1 Bath & Body Works opened Feb. 15 at 14333 FM 2920, Ste. 114, Tomball, according to store information. The store carries an assortment of body care products, hand soaps and home fragrances. The new store also includes a White Barn Candles shop, according to a Jan. 24 news release from Weingarten Realty, the leasing company. Bath & Body Works joins Academy, Kohl's, Ross Dress for Less and Marshalls in the Tomball Marketplace. 281-378-2524.

www.bathandbodyworks.com

2 Chick-fil-A opened its newest Tomball location Feb. 28 at 25630 Kuykendahl Road. The new restaurant brings 90 jobs to the Tomball area, according to a news release. Chick-fil-A offers fast-casual dining featuring chicken sandwiches, chicken

nuggets, salads and other menu options. 281-516-9500. www.chick-fil-a.com

New farmers market-style storefront Victoria's Natural Market opened in December at 20158 Bauer Hockley Road, Tomball. Open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, the market offers locally sourced products including milk, produce, meat, eggs, honey and bread. Officials said, following a grand opening

March 16, hours of operation will be extended to weekdays. 713-815-8513. www.facebook.com/victoriasnaturalmarket

4 Owner Jennifer Armentrout opened Threaded Lines on Jan. 1 in the Magnolia Landmark Building at 18230 FM 1488, Ste. 326, Magnolia. The business previously offered only online sales, Armentrout said. Threaded Lines specializes in modern fabrics and sewing items. Designer fabrics such as Tula Pink, Scion, Allison Glass, Kaffe Fassett, Natalie Barnes and Sue Penn are available for sale online with in-store pickup. Sewing classes are planned focusing on embroidery, wool and sashiko—a Japanese sewing technique, according to a Feb. 3 news release. 281-789-7899. www.threadedlines.com

5 Teora Music School opened in early December in the Creekside Park area. The school offers private and group lessons for children ages 6 months-12 years, teens ages 13-19 and adults age 20 and older in piano, guitar, bass, drums, voice and ukulele. The school is located at 24913 Kuykendahl Road, Stes. C-D, Tomball. 832-328-6080. www.teoramusic.com

6 Rigby Equine Medicine and Reproduction opened Feb. 11 at 38355 Spur 149, Magnolia. The business has monitored on-site foal-out facilities, a stallion collection area, a pasture turnout area and a hot walker and offers ultrasound and digital X-ray technology services. 832-702-5812. www.rigbyequine.com

7 Tropical Smoothie Cafe celebrated the grand reopening of its Magnolia store Feb. 9. The smoothie shop, located at 5417 FM 1488, Ste. A, first opened Dec. 15 and offers smoothies in addition to sandwiches, wraps, flatbreads, salads and breakfast items. 281-789-4595. www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com

8 Restaurant and craft beer bar **Tapped** Drafthouse & Kitchen opened its second location Jan. 25 at 525 Woodland Square Blvd., Ste. 100, Conroe. Tapped offers appetizers, salads, pizza and wings as well as a wine list and dozens of regional beers. 936-271-9488. www.tappedus.com

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9 Your Energy Studio, located at 1231 Alma St., Ste. M, Tomball, opened its doors in early January. The studio offers nutrition supplements, smoothies, meal planning guides and fitness training, as well as wellness assessments and body fat measurements. 816-622-2937. www.yourenergystudio.com

COMING SOON

10 Co-franchisees Andria Cain and Bruce Gingrich are in the process of opening Corky's Ribs & BBQ at 24550 Hwy. 249, Tomball, near Texas Roadhouse and Regal Lone Star. Officials said the restaurant will open in the first quarter of 2020. Launched in 1984 in Memphis, Tennessee, the menu features traditional pulled pork sandwiches, pork ribs, brisket, catfish, fried chicken, barbecue nachos, spaghetti, baked beans, loaded macaroni and cheese, fried okra and other Memphis-inspired dishes. Desserts are also on the menu. Cain said the restaurant also features catering services, live music, a full bar and a special late-night menu starting at 9 p.m. www.corkysbbq.com

Bayou City Fellowship will launch its third campus March 24 at 29510 Hwy. 249, Tomball. Two other campuses are located in Spring Branch and Cypress. The vision of the multi-campus church is to radically focus on Jesus, serve the city of Houston and the world through ministry partnerships, and start local churches across the Greater Houston area, said Allan McBrayer, executive pastor of the Tomball campus. The Tomball location will include a 10 a.m. Sunday service as well as children's ministry programs. www.bayoucityfellowship.com/tomball

RELOCATIONS

12 Inspiration Ranch, located at 25902 Glen Loch Drive, Spring, will relocate to 33029 Wright Road, Magnolia, with its new facility opening in June. The nonprofit organization offers equine therapy programs for children with disabilities, those with mental health disorders and survivors of human trafficking. Clients can receive lessons at the Spring location until the relocation is complete. 281-719-9322. www.inspirationranch.org

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Cypress Creek Family Dental will relocate from 6111 FM 1960, Houston, to 11803 Gregson Road, Tomball, across from Willow Wood Junior High School. The new office of Nick Camarata is anticipated to open this fall at its new location, offering state-of-the-art equipment and personalized care. The family dentistry practice has served patients of all ages in the northwest Houston area for more than 40 years. 281-440-1050. www.cypresscreekfamilydental.com

EXPANSIONS

Local brewery Lone Pint Brewery expanded to include a beer garden Feb. 14 at 507 Commerce St., Magnolia. The new outdoor venue offers more than eight different types of ales as well as food truck service on Saturdays and Sundays and live music on Saturdays. 281-731-5466. www.lonepint.com

15 New Haven Memory Care at 609 S. Pine St., Tomball, broke ground Feb. 13 on a 28-apartment assisted-living community next door, Executive Director Mark Bearden said. Construction is anticipated to be complete in September with reservations accepted beginning in mid-2019, he said. The assisted-living community will feature private suites with a bedroom and a bathroom in each unit as well as a kitchenette. Amenities will include three chef-prepared meals daily, an in-house beauty salon, sunrooms, a courtyard, TV, Wi-Fi, housekeeping services, transportation services, utilities and suite maintenance. Additionally, the community will feature a common area and a multi-purpose room. 832-554-9283. www.newhavenassistedliving.com/ locations/tomball-assisted-living

16 Tomball Grand Storage will finish an expansion of its location at 11714 Boudreaux Road, Tomball, in April to add about 400 more storage units. The storage facility offers both climate-controlled and ambient units from



Owner Bridget Gould opened **Terrarium** at 311 W. Main St., Tomball, on Feb. 12. Terrarium offers unique and hard-to-find plants and long-lasting arrangements for the home and patio. The shop also includes a collection of botanically inspired home decor and gift items, Gould said. Terrarium is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. www.terrariumliving.com

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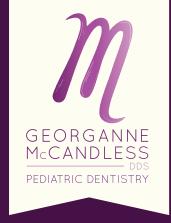
www.tomballgrandstorage.com

NAME CHANGES

17 Tomball Regional Medical Center was renamed HCA Houston Healthcare **Tomball** in late January as part of a larger rebranding effort by HCA Houston Healthcare, according to an announcement on the hospital's website. The hospital, located at 605 Holderrieth Blvd., Tomball, is one of 15 hospitals that make up HCA Houston Healthcare. HCA Houston Healthcare acquired the former TRMC and its associated Affinity Medical Associates facilities, including a freestanding emergency room in the city of Magnolia, in July 2017, Community Impact Newspaper previously reported. The hospital has served the Tomball community for more than 40 years. 281-401-7500. www.hcahoustonhealthcare.com/ locations/tomball







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MARCH 7-9

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MARCH 16

Two-step in Tomball

Dance to honky-tonk style music and sample chili at the city of Tomball's annual Honky Tonk Music Festival. This event also includes a chili cookoff and margarita pour-off. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free (admission, parking). 201 S. Elm St., Tomball. 281-351-5484. www.tomballtx.gov

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MARCH 22

Attend a local fundraiser

Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries hosts its second annual fundraiser and dinner featuring Jim McIngvale, "Mattress Mack," as guest speaker. 6 p.m. \$40. La Tranquila Ranch, 9418 FM 2920, Tomball. 517-648-4159. www.teamtomball.com

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MARCH 29-31

Celebrate the city of Tomball's German roots

The annual Tomball German Heritage Festival returns with four music stages, more than 200 vendors, a petting zoo, street performers and crafts. Times vary. Free (admission, shuttle, parking). 201 S. Elm St., Tomball. 281-379-6844. www.tomballgermanfest.org

MARCH 31

Golf for a Tomball charity

New Life Adoptions, a Tomball-based nonprofit, hosts a golf tournament fundraiser with a fajita dinner and dessert as well as a raffle and other games. No golfing experience required. Golfers and spectators are welcome. 2:45 p.m. \$55-\$700. Top Golf, 560 Spring Park Center Blvd., Spring. 281-955-1001. www.newlifeadopt.com

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MARCH 24

Go wine, beer tasting

Taste different kinds of wine and beer at Abandoned Animal Rescue's annual wine and beer tasting fundraiser. Guests can enjoy artwork, appetizers, music, a raffle and a cork pull. 4-7 p.m. \$40-\$75. Balmorhea Weddings and Events, 33400 Wright Road, Magnolia. 281-789-4142. www.aartexas.org

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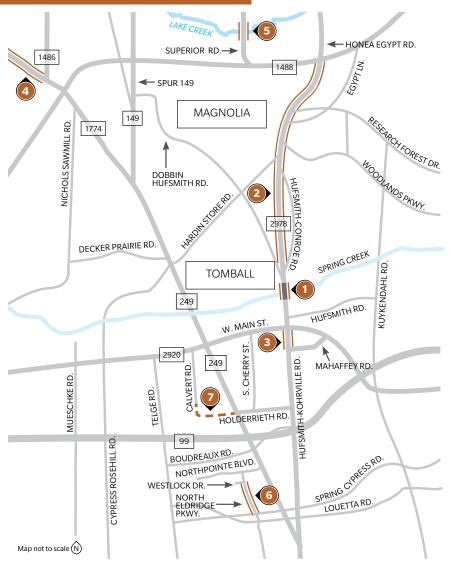
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ONGOING PROJECTS

Project description

Texas Department of Transportation crews are replacing the **Spring Creek bridge** and widening it from two lanes to four lanes. The \$7.6 million project was 12 percent complete in mid-February.

Crews are working on a two-phase project to widen **FM 2978** from two lanes to four lanes between FM 1488 and Hufsmith-Conroe Road in the Magnolia area. The \$33.8 million project is under construction by TxDOT.

The \$4.7 million widening of **Hufsmith-Kohrville Road** from two to four lanes between Mahaffey Road and FM 2920 in Tomball was expected to be complete March 1, Harris County Precinct 4 officials said. The project adds a traffic signal at Mahaffey Road.

Estimated timeline

October 2018third quarter 2020

January 2018second quarter 2021

January 2018first quarter 2019

PROJECT UPDATES

4 FM 1774 widening

James Construction Group is working to widen FM 1774 from two to four lanes from the Grimes County line to just north of FM 1486 in Magnolia. TxDOT officials said the project timeline was suspended due to an inadequate amount of dirt initially, but the project is still estimated to be complete in the third quarter of 2020. The project was 22 percent complete as of mid-February.

Timeline: July 2018-third quarter 2020

Cost: \$18.5 million
Funding source: TxDOT

Superior Road bridge improvements

This project replaces the Superior Road bridge and the approaches to the bridge, which provide proper transitions between the roadway pavement and bridge, TxDOT officials said. The project is under construction by Forde Construction Co. and was 31 percent complete as of mid-February.

Timeline: October 2018-fourth quarter 2019

Cost: \$1.1 million
Funding source: TxDOT

6 North Eldridge Parkway widening

Proposed improvements for the Harris County Precinct 4 project include widening North Eldridge Parkway between Spring Cypress Road and Westlock Drive from two asphalt lanes to a four-lane concrete boulevard with appropriate drainage. Precinct 4 officials said they plan to advertise this project for construction bids in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Timeline: TBD
Cost: TBD

Funding source: Harris County Precinct 4

Holderrieth Road extension

The Harris County project extends Holderrieth Road from Hwy. 249 to Calvert Road as a four-lane concrete pavement section. The project, originally set to be complete in the first quarter of 2019, is now slated to finish in the second quarter due to weather delays.

Timeline: January 2018-second quarter 2019

Cost: \$6 million

Funding source: Harris County Precinct 4



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Last year, more than 41,000 warnings and citations were issued for violations of the law, according to DPS.

Violations can result in a fine of up to \$200, or \$500 with property damage. The law includes more severe penalties, including jail time, if someone gets hurt, according to the law.

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Legislature eyes property tax reform

BY ZAC EZZONE AND ANNA LOTZ

Two years after the Texas Legislature failed to pass legislation reforming the state's property tax system, lawmakers have proposed similar bills in the 86th legislative session that would lower the cap on how much taxing entities can increase their property tax revenue from the previous year.

House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 2, known as the Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief Act, filed Jan. 31, would require taxing entities such as cities, counties and school districts to obtain voter approval for an annual property tax revenue increase of more than 2.5 percent from the previous year. Under existing state law, taxing entities can receive up to 8 percent more revenue from the prior year—referred to as the rollback rate—without needing voter approval. This cap does not include new property added to the tax rolls.

"If the local level needs more revenue, all they have to do is go to the public and sell the premise behind why they need to keep more revenue," said Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, who was a joint author of SB2. "If they don't need more revenue, then they will lower their tax rate to balance the new money coming in."

Creighton said in addition to property tax reform, the Legislature is focused on making changes to the home appraisal process and how the state funds public education. The three topics are intertwined in decreasing property taxes for homeowners, he said.

"[School finance] is an important and integral part of the discussion," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, who co-authored SB2. "Tax rates for the [school districts] must come down too. The only way you can do that is through school finance reform where the state picks up a bigger share."

PROPERTY TAX, APPRAISAL REFORM

Bettencourt said the bill is necessary because homeowners have seen their home appraisal values increase steadily over the past few years, which leads to homeowners paying more in property taxes even when a taxing entity's rate is unchanged.

According to data from the appraisal districts in Harris and Montgomery counties, average home values in Tomball and Magnolia grew 46 percent and 35 percent, respectively, from 2013-17.

Bettencourt said the amount of

property tax revenue being generated by these appraisal increases is not necessary for local entities to operate. According to data from the Texas comptroller, the amount of property tax revenue collected by Harris County increased almost 40 percent between 2013-17 while Montgomery County saw revenue increase nearly 25 percent.

Although the city of Tomball held its tax rate steady at \$0.341455 per \$100 valuation from 2013-17, the amount of property tax revenue collected grew about 5.4 percent from 2016-17, according to Texas comptroller data. The city of Magnolia increased its tax rate less than \$0.01 to \$0.4709 per \$100 valuation in 2017, but property tax revenue grew 1.8 percent from 2016-17.

"Even if we reduce taxes, sometimes we have a dollar more, but it's not because we're increasing taxes, it's because of growth in the city," Magnolia City Administrator Paul Mendes said.

Bettencourt said any revenue generated from new properties in a taxing entity's fiscal year are exempt from this 2.5 percent cap.

MISD Assistant Superintendent of Operations Erich Morris said new property generates one-third to one-half of the district's annual revenue growth.

"[Taxing entities] get new growth in the current tax year and a few other exemptions," Bettencourt said. "We're cranking down on the rollback rate, which has been the same [since 1981], to reflect a much lower inflationary time."

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

Some officials said they believe property tax reform will be difficult to achieve without first reforming the state's school finance system.

"Property tax reform needs to come from school finance reform," said Bennett Sandlin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, a non-profit that advocates for and provides services to Texas cities. "Sixty percent of your tax bill is school taxes, and they are going up dramatically because the state keeps putting up less money [for school funding]. ... [Cities are] just 16 percent of the tax bill."

However, it is unclear how the proposed legislation might affect school districts, Morris said.

"Until we see what the school finance bill looks like and how that might be interrelated with the property tax bill, it's difficult to have a

Tracking taxes **Counties** ■ Harris County REVENUE INCREASES* ■ Montgomery County IN TOMBALL AND MAGNOL 35% The Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief 30% Act would limit property tax revenue for 25% cities, counties and potentially school 20% districts from growing more than 15% 10% 2.5 percent over the previous year. Current-5% ly, the standard is 8 percent. This cap does 0% not include revenue generated by newly 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 developed properties. Year School Districts Cities Tomball ISD Tomball **REVENUE INCREASES* REVENUE INCREASES*** Magnolia 80% 35% 70% 30% 60% 25% 20% 40% 15% 30% 10% 20% 5% 10% roperty 0% 2013 2014 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2015 2016 2017

true guestimate in terms of the overall revenue effects for us," he said.

*Includes revenue from new property

TISD Chief Financial Officer Jim Ross said he believes the proposed property tax legislation would not affect TISD operations, as the state has already capped the amount of revenue per student a district can receive. The first dollars in are from local property tax revenue; state funding makes up the remaining share. If property tax revenue is limited, the state must pour more dollars in unless the school funding formula is revised, Ross said.

"We're capped as far as the maximum revenue per pupil we can receive. If our local taxes were to drop with this restriction, then the state has to make up that difference," he said.

Over the past few years, the state's share of public school funding has decreased for Tomball and Magnolia ISDs while the local share from property tax revenue has increased.

In 2011-12, state revenue made up 31 percent and 50 percent of total revenue for Tomball and Magnolia ISDs, respectively, while state funding dropped to about 14 percent and 35 percent, respectively, in 2018-19, *Community Impact Newspaper* reported.

"The only viable mechanism to give property tax relief and avoid defunding

our schools is for the state to take on a heavier burden of the revenue stream," Morris said.

SOURCE: TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

CITY, COUNTY EFFECTS

Some local officials are worried that the property tax reform measure would limit local ability to fund services. The primary source of county revenue is through property taxes.

"If the state passes an arbitrary cap on our growth, they will effectively place an arbitrary cap on the roads we can build and maintain and the law enforcement resources we can fund," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said in a letter to Bettencourt.

Unlike counties, sales tax revenue funds the largest share of daily city operations—about 53 percent in Tomball and 48 percent in Magnolia, according to FY 2017-18 budgets.

Still, property tax revenue makes up about 12-14 percent of total revenue in Magnolia and about 10 percent of revenue in Tomball, city officials said.

"Anything that ends up reducing our revenue will cause us to have to make tough decisions about where we give and where we take [in the budget]," Tomball City Manager Rob Hauck said. ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY

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Magnolia Ministries to file lawsuit against city of Magnolia for water, sewer rates

BY KARA MCINTYRE

A group of churches known as the Magnolia Ministries will file a lawsuit against the city of Magnolia regarding the water and wastewater rates Magnolia City Council members implemented last spring, Texas Pastor Council President Dave Welch said. The Magnolia Ministries—including the Texas Pastor Council, First Baptist Church of Magnolia, Magnolia Bible Church and Believers Fellowship—are represented by First Liberty Institute.

As of press time Feb. 26, the group did not provide a date for when a

lawsuit might be filed, but a lawsuit had not been officially filed.

Last March, Magnolia City Council members unanimously voted to adjust water and sewer rates, revise the rate structure and add a category for institutions, including tax-exempt, nonprofit or government entities, *Community Impact Newspaper* previously reported. Institutions were previously included in the commercial category and charged the same rate as businesses, but they are now charged a higher rate.

The Magnolia Ministries issued a letter to city officials Dec. 12, threatening

litigation if the city did not reverse the institutional rate. The city had until Feb. 15 to remedy the rates, but no response was given, Welch said.

Magnolia city officials declined to comment on the pending litigation, and City Council members did not publicly discuss the pending litigation during a Feb. 12 council meeting.

In addition to legal action, Welch said the Magnolia Ministries are working to draft a bill for the ongoing legislative session, sponsored by state Rep. Cecil Bell Jr., R-Magnolia; state Rep. Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands; and state Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe.

The three legislators could not be reached for comment before press time.

"The goal of this bill is to eliminate any confusion, opportunity or loopholes in state law that allows blatant water discrimination against nonprofits like the Magnolia City Council has done," Welch said.

Community Impact Newspaper previously reported the state does not regulate municipal utilities such as water rates because city council members elected by voters are the regulatory authority for such utilities.

Following the flow

A group of Magnolia churches and nonprofits said they will file a lawsuit against the city of Magnolia regarding water and sewer rates implemented last spring. City officials previously said the city last adjusted water and wastewater rates in 2005.

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MID-2017

Engineering firm Jones & Carter conducts water and sewer rate analysis for the city of Magnolia and suggests changes to rates.

2018

MARCH 2018

City Council members unanimously vote to adopt new water and sewer rates, revise the rate structure and add an institutional category for nonprofit and tax-exempt entities.

APRIL 2018

New water and wastewater rates as well as institutional charges take effect. SEPTEMBER 2018

Texas Pastor Council President Dave Welch submits a petition to City Council to reverse the institutional rate structure. DECEMBER 2018

Magnolia Ministries issue a letter to the city threatening litigation if the city does not remedy rates by Feb. 15.

FEBRUARY 2019

As city officials offer no response, the Magnolia Ministries plan to file a lawsuit.

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Magnolia ISD names JD Berna new athletic director

MAGNOLIA ISD The board of trustees unanimously voted to hire JD Berna, head football coach for Magnolia West High School, as Magnolia ISD's new athletic director during a Feb. 11 meeting. Berna, who began Feb. 12, replaces former athletic director Mike Spradlin, who was named the head football coach of Rockwall-Heath High School in Rockwall, Texas, in January.

Berna has served as the head football coach for Magnolia West since 2016 and was named District 20-5A coach of the year in 2017, according to a

MISD news release. He had a winning record of 25-9 in his three years at Magnolia West, bringing the team to be bi-district finalists each year and district champions in 2017, according to the release.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to continue to work toward being the best district in the state," Berna said in the release. "I am excited about being able to work alongside the staff and the young men and women in the district to develop well-rounded athletes and athletic programs."



ID Berna was named the new athletic director of Magnolia ISD at a Feb. 11 meeting.

www.tomballisd.net

Tomball ISD board of trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 5 at the John P. Neubauer Administration Building, 310 S. Cherry St., Tomball. 281-357-3100.

Magnolia ISD board of trustees will meet

at 6:30 p.m. April 8 at the Celeste Graves

31141 Nichols Sawmill Road, Magnolia.

281-356-3571. www.magnoliaisd.org

Trustee positions to be contested May 4

MAGNOLIA ISD Positions 1, 2 and 3 on the Magnolia ISD board of trustees are up for election May 4. The application period closed Feb. 15 for candidates to file for a place on the local ballot, and all three trustee positions up for election in MISD are contested, district officials said.

According to district information, incumbent Kelly McDonald and candidate Angie Smith have filed for Position 1. Incumbent Sonya Ebel and candidate Adrian Kaiser have filed for Position 2. Additionally, incumbent Gary Blizzard and candidate Sean Ricker have filed for Position 3.

April 4 is the last day to register to vote for the May election, according to the Texas Secretary of State's website.

Funding approved for security improvements at Tomball junior high schools

TOMBALL ISD The board of trustees unanimously approved an agreement with Custom Access & Integration LLC during a Feb. 12 meeting to implement safety and security upgrades at the district's three junior high schools.

With the vote, electronic access controls will be added to external doors at Creekside Park, Tomball and Willow Wood junior high schools to improve security at the campuses.

The board of trustees approved more than \$41,000 for upgrades to Creekside

Park Junior High School; \$46,610 for Tomball Junior High School: and \$83,575 for security upgrades to Willow Wood Junior High School. The improvements will be funded by the district's \$275 million bond referendum approved by voters in November 2017, according to meeting information.

"[The improvements] are additional external door locks," Superintendent Martha Salazar-Zamora said during the meeting.

Tomball ISD trustees also approved funding from the 2017

bond referendum Feb. 12 for Winning Way Services to review electrical. mechanical and other building codes as well as compliance of plans with the Texas Accessibility Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This review pertains to the district's proposed agricultural science project facility at Tomball High School as well as additions and a natatorium to Tomball Memorial High School. Costs are estimated to total \$48,200 from the bond referendum, according to meeting information.

Magnolia ISD students look to give back to Magnolia community with inaugural, one-day event March 23

MAGNOLIA ISD Students at the two Magnolia ISD high schools are looking to serve the Greater Magnolia-area community during a one-day event March 23. Volunteers are also needed to help with projects around the community.

MISD student leadership from Magnolia High School and Magnolia

West High School created the inaugural student-led service day, known as Magnolia Inspired Service Day, as a way to give back to the community, according to a Jan. 18 news release from the district. The event is inspired by the Big Event at Texas A&M University, where more than 20,000 students take part in

community projects, the release said.

Volunteers and those entities wishing to submit a community project for consideration can visit www.magnoliaisd.org to sign up or submit a project request. Volunteers must register by March 18, and each team of four to eight volunteers must include an adult, according to

district information.

Projects may include commercial, nonprofit and residential work and must be submitted by March 18 through a form on MISD's website.

The event will begin at the Magnolia Event Center, located at 11659 FM 1488, Magnolia, and will be held from 7:30 a.m. to noon March 23.



Firefighter monument to be placed at Tomball Station No. 1 pending donations

TOMBALL A firefighter monument may soon stand in front of the Tomball Fire Department's Station No. 1 on Rudel Road. As of early February, Chief Randy Parr said the department has raised all but about \$5,000 for funding construction of the bronze statue.

Parr presented an update on the proposed monument to Tomball City Council at a Feb. 4 meeting.

"It will serve to honor the volunteers and people that have come through the organization and made it what it is today—all the folks that have come before us is what the goal is and to be there for future firefighters to walk up, look at and go, 'Yeah, that'll be me in a couple years," Parr said in an interview.

According to meeting documents, the department has raised approximately \$34,500 of the \$40,000 needed since the project launched in 2013. Funding has been provided by residents and businesses in the community, as city funding has not been requested for the monument project, Parr said.

"We've been working on this for a little over five years now," he said.

Sculptor Shirley Scarpetta is working on the statue, Parr said. Scarpetta also designed the statue of former volunteer station agent Ken Walden, which is located at the Tomball Historic Depot Plaza.

Plans for the monument outline a 6-foot-tall statue of a firefighter carrying a mask and axe and clothed in firefighter gear, a helmet and an airpack, according to meeting information. The statue will be mounted in the circular concrete area in front of the entrance to Station No. 1 and mounted on a base. It will also be illuminated at night by spotlights, according to meeting information.

"Shirley has got a clay mockup. ... She's ready to take that to the foundry," Parr said during the meeting. "This could happen anytime within the next six to 12 months that we should be able to be finished with the project."

Interested community members



A clay mockup of the statue is created. The final statue will not include a mustache.

can donate to the project by contacting Parr or Fire Marshal Joe Sykora directly or calling the Tomball Fire Department at 281-351-7101.

"It's designed to honor the firefighters that started the organization and then to be there to be an inspiration for the current and future firefighters," Parr said.

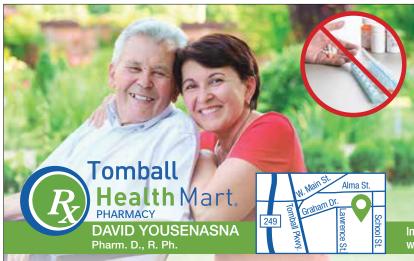
No action taken after investigation of **Precinct 2 commissioner**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY The public integrity division of the Montgomery County district attorney's office announced Feb. 14 in a news release no action was taken by a Montgomery County grand jury in regard to a November investigation of Precinct 2 Commissioner Charlie Riley.

According to the release, the public integrity division received complaints in November regarding alleged misuse of county resources by Riley and other Precinct 2 employees. This followed complaints in August 2017 of the same matter, after which a grand jury also found no criminal charges.

Last November, the Precinct 5 constable's office began an investigation of the alleged misconduct and provided information to the division for review.

A Montgomery County grand jury heard the information but issued no indictments and took no additional action, according to the Feb. 14 release.



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Commissioners Court proceeds with countywide polling place application

HARRIS COUNTY Harris County Commissioners Court opted Feb. 12 to proceed with the application process to participate in a countywide polling place program, which would allow Harris County voters to cast ballots at any of the 700 polling locations across the county.

While Harris County voters can currently vote at any polling location during the early voting period, election day voters are restricted to an assigned polling location based on the voting precinct in which they live.

The countywide polling place program is used in 52 other Texas counties, County Clerk Diane Trautman said.

The item was previously discussed at the Jan. 8 Commissioners Court meeting, at which roughly 30 residents and representatives from community groups signed up to speak on the proposed program during a public hearing. While several of those individuals were able to speak Jan. 8, the public hearing was recessed and reopened Feb. 12 for the remaining speakers.

During the continuation of the public hearing Feb. 12, supporters of the program touted anticipated increased voter participation in Harris County, stating that the program would eliminate confusion over assigned polling locations while making it more convenient for residents to complete their civic duties.

At the Jan. 8 meeting, Trautman proposed leaving all 700 election day polling locations open for the first few elections and then suggested the court look at voting patterns to determine if polling locations should be consolidated or relocated.

Opponents of the program shared concerns over the potential relocation or closure of longtime polling locations, as they believe it could hinder voter turnout for residents who are accustomed to voting at their preferred polling location.

After several hours of listening to public opinions both of support and concern regarding the implementation of the program, county commissioners unanimously authorized Trautman

A NEW POLLING PLACE

Harris County officials are pursuing a countywide polling place program.

The program would allow Harris County voters to cast ballots at any of

/00 polling locations in the county.

The program is

other Texas counties.

The countywide polling place program could be in effect for the

May 4 election

SOURCE: HARRIS COUNTY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

to submit an application to the Texas secretary of state to participate in the program, authorized by the Texas Election Code and subject to review by the county attorney.

Upon the application submission and pending approval from the Texas secretary of state, the countywide polling place program could be implemented in Harris County as early as the upcoming May 4 election, Trautman said during a community meeting Feb. 5.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

TOMBALL City Council approved a partnership with iChoosr, organizer of the Texas Power Switch, on Feb. 18 to offer Tomball residents energy bill savings via a program that aggregates residential electric power with other residents in the state.

MAGNOLIA NewGen Strategies and Solutions suggested Feb. 12 in a workshop that City Council members redo a study of water and sewer impact fees, as the increased fees adopted in October were based on a 2008 study.

MEETINGS

Tomball City Council meets at 6 p.m. March 18 and April 1 at 401 Market St., Tomball. 281-351-5484. www.tomballtx.gov

Magnolia City Council meets at 7 p.m. March 12 at 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd... Magnolia. 281-356-2266. www.cityofmagnolia.com

Harris County Commissioners Court meets at 10 a m. March 12 and 26 at 1001 Preston St., Ste. 934, Houston. www.harriscountytx.gov

Montgomery County Commissioners Court meets at 9:30 a.m. March 19 and 26 at 501 N. Thompson St., Conroe. www.mctx.org



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How will Texas help Harvey-ravaged areas?

BY KIAH COLLIER

In September 2017, weeks after the remnants of Hurricane Harvey ravaged his city, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner implored Gov. Greg Abbott to call legislators back to Austin to approve a withdrawal from the state's savings account to pay for recovery.

Since then, Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen have all said they support tapping the state's \$11 billion-and-growing Rainy Day, or Economic Stabilization, Fund for Harvey recovery and have repeatedly named storm recovery a top priority. However, no specifics have been shared about what that might look like.

Turner is again leading the charge in urging the state to help Harvey-ravaged communities with matching funds necessary to draw down billions in federal funding.

In a January letter, Turner and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo implored Abbott, Patrick and Bonnen to withdraw \$1.3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to cover the local match that communities in all 55 Harvey-hit counties must send to the federal government before it will release another \$11 billion. That money would go toward debris removal costs, the repair of storm-battered government facilities, and to harden public and private structures to better withstand future storms.

"Requiring a local match—on top of the financial obligations already borne by local governments since Harvey—will create an undue burden for these counties and municipalities," the letter said.

In February, Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, filed a bill that would withdraw \$3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to create an "infrastructure resiliency fund." The account would be overseen by a board that would dole out grants to cover local match, among other things. Another bill by state Sen.



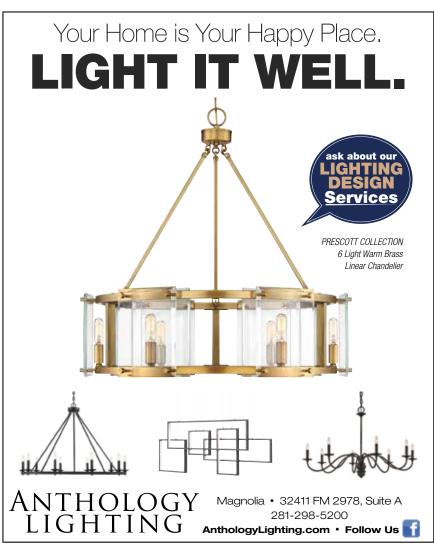
Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner is urging the state to tap the Rainy Day Fund for Harvey relief.

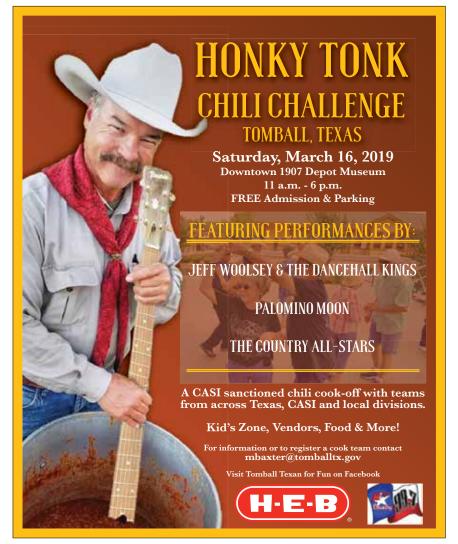
Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, would create a \$1.2 billion revolving fund with Rainy Day Fund money from which local communities could borrow to cover local match. It would require voter approval.

Still, other state officials have questioned the necessity of helping communities with matching funds because the

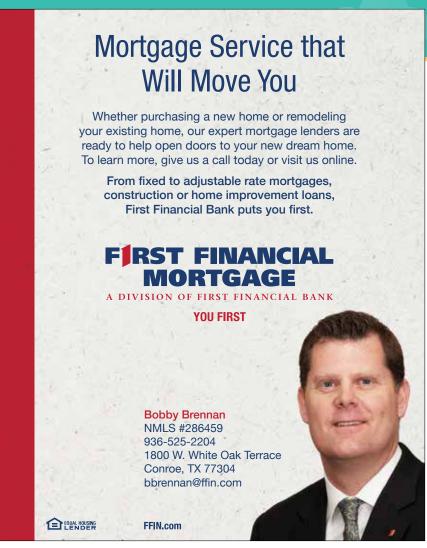
state does not usually do so.

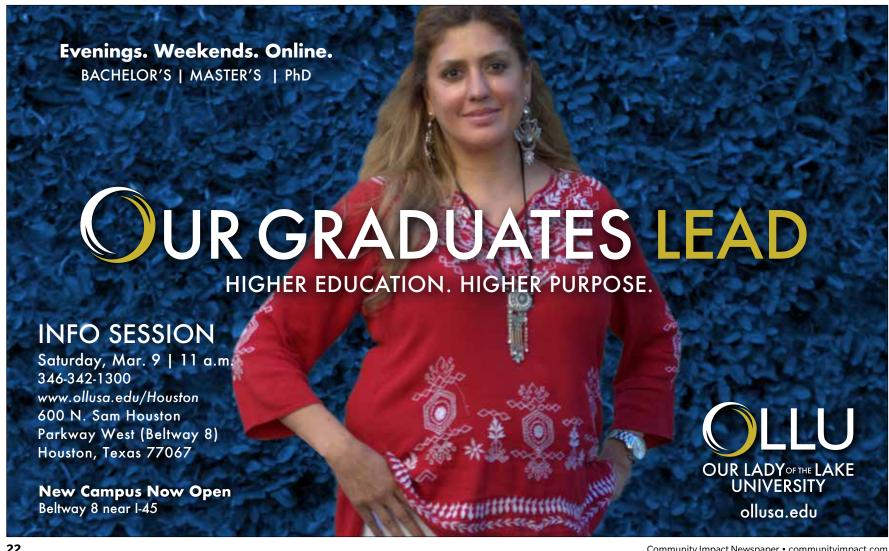
In a statement to the Tribune, state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said matching funds have typically been paid for by "the impacted governmental entity" and that the state helping with that "would constitute a major shift in disaster policy."











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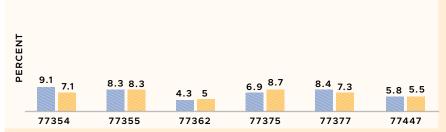
Higher education enrollment is anticipated to climb through 2030 in Tomball and Magnolia, state data shows. Additionally, the percent of local high school students enrolled in career and technical education programs has grown since 2013, according to the Texas Education Agency. The number of residents age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree has also grown from 2011-17 in most ZIP codes in Tomball and Magnolia, according to U.S. Census Bureau data for the six area ZIP codes.



POPULATION WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE

AGE 25 AND OLDER

Data shows how the percent of residents with associate degrees changed from 2011-17.



2017 POPULATION WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER **AGE 25 AND OLDER**

The percent of residents with a bachelor's degree grew from 2011-17 in most ZIP codes.



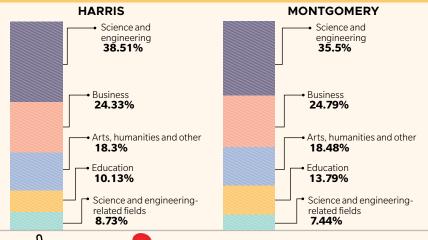
NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN 2017

About 84 percent and 81 percent, respectively, of higher education enrollment in Montgomery and Harris counties was in undergraduate studies in 2017.



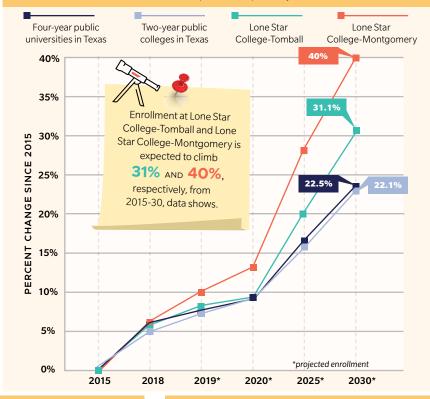
BREAKING DOWN BACHELOR'S DEGREES

The largest percentage of residents' first bachelor's degrees in Harris and Montgomery counties was in the science and engineering fields in 2017, according to census data



FORECASTING CHANGING ENROLLMENT FROM 2015-30

By 2030, four-year and two-year institutions statewide are projected to increase enrollment about 22 percent, respectively, from 2015.



The majority of students residing within Tomball and Magnolia ISDs enrolled in the Lone Star College System attend Tomball and Montgomery campuses.

In spring 2019, students within Tomball ISD

made up **7.8%**

and students within Magnolia ISD

made up **6.1%** of total enrollment at the two campuses.

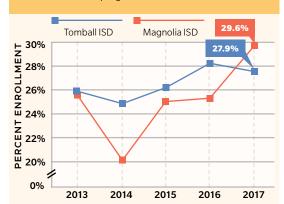
LOCAL GRADUATES ENROLLED AT LONE STAR COLLEGE

A percentage of spring 2017 graduates from high schools in Tomball and Magnolia ISDs attended LSCS campuses in fall 2017.

TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL	16.5%
TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	16.1%
ALPHA ACADEMY	10.3%
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A LOOK AT CAREER & **TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Enrollment in CTE programs has increased from 2013-17.



SOURCES: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU; TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY; LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM; TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD "ENROLLMENT FORECAST 2019-2030," JANUARY 2019/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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FEATURED PROGRAM

BY KARA MCINTYRE

lifePATH

Tomball program to graduate first class in May

aunched in 2015 at the Lone Star College-Tomball campus, lifePATH provides student services to individuals with a variety of executive functioning disabilities, such as autism, traumatic brain injuries and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Director Anne Ginnett, who founded the program with former Lone Star College-North Harris President Stephen Head—now LSCS chancellor—and LSC-Tomball President Lee Ann Nutt, said students with these disabilities were not being taken care of by the college.

"There were students that were very capable but weren't performing well in class because of all the other stuff getting in the way," Ginnett said.

Ginnett said lifePATH, which serves as an alternative higher education program for LSC-Tomball students with disabilities, is the first program of its kind in the Greater Houston area and one of few programs in the nation. The first class of students in lifePATH's history will graduate this May, she said.

LifePATH has grown from eight students to about 80 students, Program Manager Jim Engelke said. The need for the program outweighs the staff's ability, he said, because this community of students are typically underserved before entering college.

"The curriculum that these types of students are held to [prior to college] hasn't gotten up to speed with trends in knowing how well these students can actually perform," Engelke said. "We had the ability to create this program from a more

modern approach."

Although students do not earn a degree via lifePATH curriculum, they can earn certificates in foundational occupational studies, business operations or any certifications or licenses for a chosen field of study, he said.

Local legislators have invested in lifePATH, Engelke said. State Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, plans to introduce a bill this legislative session to provide more educational opportunities for students who have intellectual development disabilities, Oliverson's Chief of Staff Eiman Siddiqui said.

Engelke also coordinates internships for all students, he said, which is an additional program requirement.

"Employers love to be part of the community and feel like they're doing something good. It's a win-win for them because they're getting an employee who likes to do what they do," he said.

LSC-Montgomery will begin offering lifePATH this fall, Ginnett said, and the deadline to apply for the Tomball and Montgomery programs is May 2.

"Knowing that I get to be a small part of making a difference in these kids' lives and knowing the opportunities that we are creating for them, that means a lot to me," Engelke said.







The road to lifePATH

For students interested in becoming part of the lifePATH program this fall, applications are due by noon May 2. Applications can be mailed, emailed or hand-delivered.

To apply for the program, students must be accepted to LSC-Tomball and:

- RSVP and attend a lifePATH information session;
- complete a lifePATH admissions application
- have a full-scale IQ of 70 or above, 4th grade reading level and 3rd grade writing and math levels;
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which caused delays in choosing a site.

"We must've looked at 20 different pieces of land trying to find the right place," she said. "There was always one thing or another that just wasn't right—price, location, relation to flood plain."

LSCS officials announced purchasing land for the center in late January.

The new center—located on 35 acres and spanning 65,000 square feet—will be located at 505 FM 1486. The site is just north of Magnolia West High School and near the expected location of a Hwy. 249 toll road extension, a Texas Department of Transportation project slated to finish in early 2021.

Riley said traditional general education courses—including biology, English, math and government—will be offered to students who could then transfer to a four-year university or transfer to receive an associate degree. The center will also offer workforce certification programs, but details are not likely to be nailed down until summer 2020, Riley said.

In the meantime, officials with Magnolia ISD are already expressing optimism about potential partnerships.

"We think it's an exciting component for Magnolia and Magnolia ISD to have an actual center within the community," MISD Superintendent Todd Stephens said. "The Magnolia Center has been long-awaited."

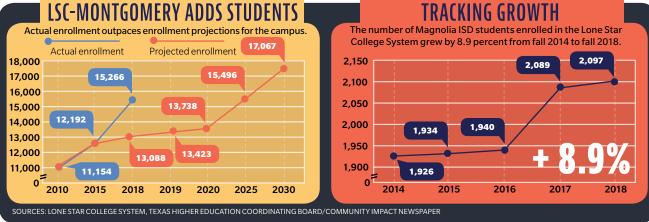
DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Plans for LSC-Magnolia Center were driven in part by Montgomery County's rapid growth, Riley said.

Montgomery County saw its population increase 10.5 percent from 2014-17, according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

Riley said LSCS has maintained plans for a Magnolia Center ever since voters in MISD elected to join the LSCS

SPRING ENROLLMENT **MAGNOLIA WEST** HIGH SCHOOL CITY OF Lone Star College-Magnolia Center will be a satellite of LSC-Mont-MAGNOLIA gomery as LSC-Creekside Center is an offshoot of LSC-Tomball. 14.541 STUDENTS enrolled at LSC-Montgomery in spring 2019. **FUTURE SITE OF** 8.299 STUDENTS LSC-MAGNOLIA enrolled at LSC-Tomball CENTER in spring 2019. 947 STUDENTS enrolled at LSC-Creekside Center* in spring 2019. *LSC-Creekside Center began enrolling students as a satellite campus of LSC-Tomball in spring 2016. **TODD MISSION** SOURCE: LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM/



taxing district in 1998. After that election, homeowners within MISD boundaries began contributing funds to the system through property taxes.

"They saw themselves as a growing community with the need for higher education because of the population growth around there," Riley said.

LSCS location stypically serve students

within a 10-mile radius, Riley said. The two LSCS campuses closest to Magnolia are LSC-Tomball and LSC-Montgomery, she said, but both are more than 10 miles away from Magnolia.

"[LSC-Magnolia Center] will provide access to higher education to a wider population because now it's convenient [for Magnolia residents]," Riley said.

LSCS centers are satellite campuses that serve as extensions of full campuses. Typically smaller than a full campus, centers provide classrooms and basic student services, according to LSCS information. The last center that opened in the Tomball and Magnolia areas was LSC-Creekside Center, which opened in January 2016.

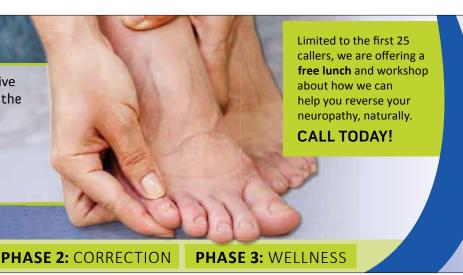
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Steve Hoffart was a member of a LSC-Montgomery community advisory group—made up of Magnolia residents and business and community leaders that met in 2015 to begin discussions on the center.

"For years, [Magnolia residents] have had to travel to Tomball and The Woodlands to take part in the Lone Star College System, including my own children," said Hoffart, owner of Magnolia Pharmacy. "Having that opportunity in Magnolia is a tremendous opportunity for young adults and older adults that want to further their education and open up new career pathways."

Systemwide enrollment growth has also contributed to the need for the center, Riley said. More than 89,000 students were enrolled at campuses in fall 2018, an 8 percent increase since 2013, LSCS data shows.

More than 15,000 students enrolled at LSC-Montgomery in fall 2018-a number not projected for the campus until 2025, according to a January report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which studied enrollment trends from fall 2013 to fall 2017.

In total, 1,865 students within MISD enrolled in LSCS campuses and centers this spring, according to LSCS data.

"The availability of that [LSCS] site to both of our high schools will be almost ideal. Having that proximity [to Magnolia West High School] enhances the site and allows more accessibility for our kids," Stephens said.

SKILLED WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Officials with LSCS and MISD plan to strengthen the already-existing partnership between the two entities when the new center opens, Riley said. MISD has offered dual-credit classes at LSC-Montgomery since 2016.

The center will also offer select

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	16	Massage therapists	+34.4%	UIJIU	
Eight middle-skills jobs ranked in the top 25 fastest-growing jobs,	20	Emergency medical technicians & paramedics	+33.8%	new jobs projected from 2014-24	
and two middle-skills jobs ranked in the top 25 occupations projected	22	Heating, AC, & refrigeration mechanics & installers	+33.4%		COMMERCIAL Truck drivers
to add the most jobs from 2014-24, according to projections for the	23	Surgical technologists	+32.9%		0 7/N
Gulf Coast region from the Texas Workforce Commission.	24	Licensed practical & licensed vocational nurses	+32.7%		140 new jobs projected
	25	Medical & clinical	+32 6 %		from 2014-24

workforce programs to address the skilled workforce shortage in Magnolia as well as general education courses, according to a Jan. 22 LSCS news release.

Middle-skills jobs are those that require some education and training beyond a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Riley said teaching these skills will be a priority at the center.

"There's a pretty big middle-skills gap in the labor force in the Houston region, including the Magnolia area," she said.

Riley serves on the Conroe Economic Development Council, which is expected to commission a middle-skills gap analysis for Montgomery County by 2020 to see where skills are lacking.

"[The analysis] will show where the job demands are, and we can serve to that [at LSC-Magnolia Center]," she said.

Eight middle-skills jobs were among the TWC's 25 fastest-growing occupations projected for the Gulf Coast region-which includes Magnoliafrom 2014-24. The number of medical assistants was projected to grow by 39 percent over that time, while the number of nursing assistants needed was projected to grow by 34.7 percent.

Additionally, commercial truck driving was among the occupations TWC projected to add the most jobs in the region from 2014-24, adding 9,740 jobs.

laboratory technicians

"Our business owners and managers in the community are reporting that they have difficulty filling skilled jobs," said Sandy Barton, president of the Greater Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce. "I believe Lone Star College is going to help us close that gap."

Society of Samaritans President Shirley Jensen said the nonprofit plans to partner with LSCS to offer GED classes, which would allow for technical training or certifications for more residents.

"[Our clients] will have easy, affordable access to get a better-paying job so they will need less assistance with their living expenses and basic needs," she said. "If they obtain marketable skills, training, and workforce degrees and certifications, doors will be open wide."

FUTURE COURSE PLANS

Each LSCS center usually has a focus, Riley said. For example, LSC-Conroe Center has a welding, machining and automotive focus. However, Magnolia's focus is still to be determined, she said.

"We can go in and say, 'We're building a welding lab,' or, 'We're building a





SOURCES: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

+32.6%

culinary lab,' but maybe that's not what the community needs," Riley said. "We want to help with whatever the community and school district decide are the priorities for them."

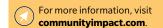
LSC-Montgomery officials plan to host listening sessions in Magnolia to gather public opinion on what types of workforce programs community members want to see offered at the center, Riley said. One session may be held this fall with two more in spring 2020.

Public opinion from these sessions will be combined with the middle-skills gap analysis to determine the best course offerings for Magnolia, she said.

"[A focus] really is driven by the community's desire and what the employment opportunities are," Riley said.

Although course programming is not final, Riley said she looks forward to giving Magnolia residents closer access to higher education.

"I think when it's all said and done, it's going to be something that the community will be very proud of," Riley said. "It's all about providing access to what people need where it's needed close to home."



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The Vault Executive Suites

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Tomball native brings collaborative office space to West Main Street

ammie Gibson, co-owner of The Vault Executive Suites, said she was looking to move back to her hometown of Tomball two years ago. She and her husband Joe began searching for a space for their law firm, she said, and found the space above Spirit of Texas Bank as an empty shell—just concrete floors and walls.

She said the couple did not need the full second floor, so they redesigned the space, opened The Vault Executive Suites and began subletting space to other tenants in early 2018.

"There's not really anything quite like this in Tomball. We're on the cusp of a lot of growth, so we felt like there would be a market for it," Tammie said.

The Vault, located on West Main

Street, offers upscale individual office spaces with barn door entry and laminate wood flooring. The facility also has shared amenities, including a kitchenette, reception area, and meeting and conference rooms, she said.

The business is home to 17 suites, each one occupied by a different tenant, including Post Oak Title and Digital Drilling Data Systems LLC, Tammie said. She said monthly rent varies from \$550 to \$1,000 by suite size with utilities included. Tenants are only responsible for providing phone service and furniture, she said.

"It's nice when you're on a budget as a business and you know what your bottom line is going to be every single month. It doesn't fluctuate," she said. Local business owners can also rent a conference room or meeting room for \$50-\$75 a day, Tammie said, even if they are not tenants at The Vault.

BY KARA MCINTYRE

Although the tenants' needs vary, she said the collaborative space has worked well.

"Everyone gets along really well. People will bring up lunch for the whole office, [or] they'll help put together furniture when we get a new tenant," she said. "It's kind of like a little family."

With only one vacant suite remaining, Tammie said she and Joe have toyed with the idea of opening another shared office space.

"We love the town of Tomball," Tammie said. "We're here because we love this place and this business."

FAST FACTS



Tammie Gibson is co-owner of The Vault, a collaborative office space that opened in early 2018.



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BY KARA MCINTYRE

Yummy Pho House

Local resident brings Vietnamese cuisine to Magnolia community

ummy Pho House owner Thao Huynh has worked in the restaurant industry for 18 years. Huynh said she stayed home for a few years to take care of her two children, but once they got a little older she wanted to go back to work.

"Now that they're [ages] two and four, I thought, 'OK, I can do something for myself,' so we opened up [Yummy Pho House]," Huynh said.

She and her husband, who is the restaurant's chef, opened the restaurant in June 2018 near the intersection of FM 1488 and FM 2978 in Magnolia.

Huynh said she has owned and operated restaurants serving Vietnamese and Thai cuisine in both Seattle and Austin before coming to Magnolia.

"I looked around the area and saw that they didn't have Vietnamese or Thai food nearby. We thought it would be a good opportunity for us," Huynh said.

Yummy Pho House serves pho—a Vietnamese rice noodle soup made with beef broth—as well as rice vermicelli bowls, pad thai, curry dishes, bubble tea—a Taiwanese tea-based drink—and Asian desserts, including mango sticky rice and fried banana in coconut milk.

Huynh said pho is the restaurant's best-seller and is available with various protein options including rib-eye steak, brisket, chicken breast, shrimp and tofu.

Huynh said everything is made to order with one exception: the beef

broth. Beef bones are cooked for at least 16 hours to get the proper broth flavor, she said.

"Pho is a popular dish [right] now, and I thought it would be a good idea to give people in Magnolia good Asian food because it's mostly Mexican and American food concepts [that are offered] up here," Huynh said. "We provide something different."

Since opening the restaurant several months ago, Huynh said she has had good support from the Magnolia community.

"Business took off faster than I thought. People were excited about having something new here," Huynh said. "Come try something new. We make authentic food with a taste that's always consistent."

THREE DISHES TO TRY

1 Pho tai (\$7.99)

Beef broth features rice noodles and sliced, raw rib-eye steak served with a side of bean sprouts, basil, cilantro, lime and jalapenos. Chicken broth and vegetarian broth are also available upon request.

2 Yellow curry (\$9.99)

The dish features potatoes, carrots, bell peppers and yellow onions in coconut milk. Chicken, beef, tofu or shrimp are available to add in.

3 Pork and eggroll vermicelli (\$9)

Grilled marinated pork and an eggroll are served on rice vermicelli with lettuce, bean sprouts, cucumber, homemade fish sauce, pickled daikon and carrots. The dish is topped with roasted peanuts and scallions.









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There is no one simple, hard-and-fast criterion a person can use to tell a venomous snake from a harmless one. None of the popular criteria such as a broad, triangular head, a heavy body, cat's eyes, a flat body or rough scales are safe since both harmless and dangerous snakes are known to share some or all of these traits.

-TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

FACT 1-2 people in Texas die each year from venomous snakebites.

SOURCE: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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BY KARA MCINTYRE

Snake season has arrived in the Tomball and Magnolia areas. Snakes cannot tolerate extreme cold and will emerge from hibernation starting in late February or early March in Texas, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Common snakes in the Greater Houston area



venomous (



nonvenomous





Size: 2-3 feet Color: brown- or salmon-colored with chestnut or reddish-brown crossbands in an hourglass shape

Cottonmouth Snake



Size: 2-3 feet Color: dark brown, olive brown, olive green or black with wide, dark bands; green-yellow colored tail when young

Timber Pattlesnake



Size: 3-5 feet Color: brown or tan with wide, dark crossbands and a black tail

Diamondback Water Snake

Size: 2.5-4 feet Color: black or dark brown with a diamond pattern down the back

Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake



Size: 1.5-2.5 feet Color: brown or olive brown with tan or yellow stripes down the back

Texas/ Western Rat Snake



Size: 5-7 feet Color: gray, dark brown or reddish-brown, blotched patterns down the body

Eastern Hognose Snake



Size: 20-30 inches **Color:** tan to brown, blotched patterns down the body

SOURCE: TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

ENVIRONMENTAL HELPER

As predators, snakes maintain the balance of nature by helping to keep populations of their prey in check—which consists of everything from earthworms to rabbits, as well as other snakes.

Snakes are especially important in the control of rodents, said Kelly Norrid, an urban wildlife program biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Greater Houston area is home to about

species of snakes.

-KELLY NORRID, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT URBAN WILDLIFE PROGRAM BIOLOGIST

What to do if bitten by a snake:

- Wash the bite area with a disinfectant soap.
- Remove jewelry such as rings and watches, as well as tight-fitting clothes, before the onset of swelling.
- Reduce or prevent movement of the bitten extremity and position it below the level of the heart.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible.

What NOT to do if bitten by a snake:

- Do not use a tourniquet or other constricting band unless provided by a trained professional.
 - Do not use cold compresses or ice packs.
 - Do not use aspirin or related medications to relieve pain. Only pain relievers not containing aspirin may be used.
 - Do not firmly wrap the entire limb with an elastic bandage and place a splint.

MAGNOLIA MOBILITY

The Texas Department of Transportation is constructing a railroad overpass on FM 1774 in the city of Magnolia and widening portions of FM 1774 just outside city limits. Two of the three road projects are slated to wrap up in the second quarter of 2019, TxDOT officials said.

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Construction has lasted for more than two years as groundwork began on the projects in 2016. The widening project was set for completion

in the third quarter of 2018 but hit a series of delays.

Both projects are now slated to wrap up in the second quarter of 2019, TxDOT officials said.

The longawaited overpass will be located just south of Magnolia West High School. Upon its opening later this year, the overpass is anticipated to relieve gridlock traffic throughout the city of Magnolia, particularly during the Texas Renaissance Festival season and peak hours during the school day, local officials said.

"We're really excited about [the overpass]," said Tana Ross, economic development coordinator and planning technician for the city. "I think what it will do most of all is stop the frustration of drivers, and we're all for that."

OVERPASS CONSTRUCTION

The intersection of FM 1774 and FM 1488 in Magnolia is divided by Union Pacific Corp. tracks. On the existing road, the pieces of FM 1774 north and south of FM 1488 are not aligned.

As a result, northbound vehicles on FM 1774 must travel through three traffic lights and over railroad tracks to cross FM 1488 and continue heading north. Southbound vehicles on FM 1774 follow a similar pattern.

"That's about a three-point intersection you do just to go in one direction," Montgomery County Precinct 2 Commissioner Charlie Riley said.

To lessen the number of vehicles

crossing the railroad tracks at ground level, TxDOT is constructing a \$23.2 million railroad overpass, Public Information Officer Emily Black said in an email.

The project extends FM 1774 to north of 10th Street on the west side of the railroad tracks and creates a flyover across the tracks, tying traffic into the existing FM 1774 lanes just south of FM 1486, according to TxDOT information.

The overpass will feature two lanes divided in each direction with the existing FM 1774 lanes serving as frontage roads to carry traffic to and from FM 1488, TxDOT information shows.

Nearly 13,000 vehicles traveled daily on FM 1774 in 2017 just south of FM 1488—a 30 percent increase from 2013, TxDOT data shows. Additionally, more than 21,000 vehicles traveled daily on FM 1488 in 2017 between the two intersecting points of FM 1774.

The thousands of vehicles passing through are paired with trains crossing 10-15 times each day, according to Union Pacific Corp. officials.

"That intersection is horrendous," said Sharon Haecker, Magnolia resident and parent of a Magnolia West student. "Sometimes it takes three light [cycles] to get through that [intersection]."

According to TxDOT data, vehicle crashes totaled 75 incidents from 2010-18 at the two intersections of FM 1774 and FM 1488.

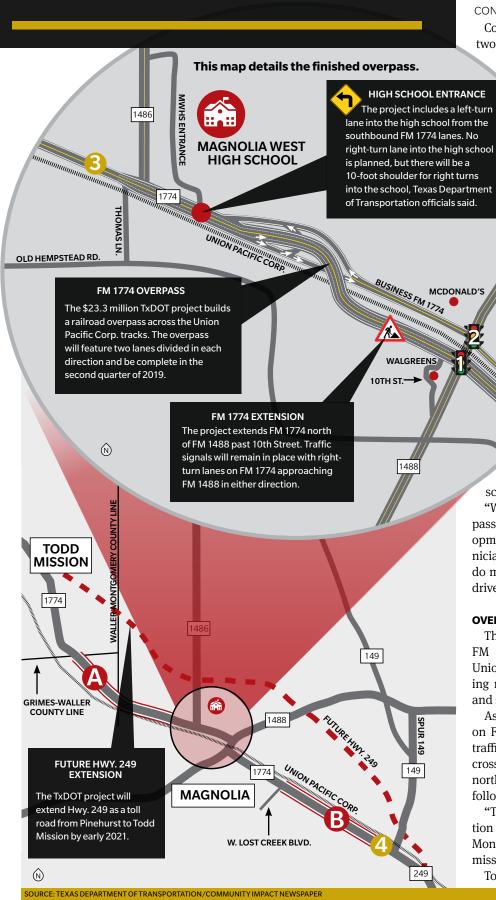
The location of the approaches to the overpass has some residents concerned.

"The way the overpass is coming up and down, it's going to be right there in front of the school where people are going to be getting on and off, and that is a little bit of a concern for me as a parent," Haecker said.

Stephens said the district worked with TxDOT in designing the overpass.

"We had a few reservations about an overpass coming down in proximity to a school drive, and [TxDOT was] sensitive to that ... and did some revisions to give us enough distance between that to where I think it [added] to the safety factor," Stephens said.

He said MISD will continue to work with Montgomery County Precinct 5's constable office to control peak traffic.



A NORTH OF FM1486

SCOPE: The Texas Department of Transportation is widening FM 1774 from two lanes to four lanes from north of FM 1486 to the Grimes-Waller County line.

COST: \$18.5 million

TIMELINE: July 2018-third quarter 2020

22% COMPLETE

NORTH OF FM149

SCOPE: TxDOT crews are widening FM 1774 from two lanes to four lanes with a center turn lane between FM 149 and West Lost Creek Boulevard.

COST: \$18 million

TIMELINE: July 2016-second quarter 2019

86% COMPLETE

"We'll continue to be out there directing traffic as long as we're needed," Constable Chris Jones said.

A traffic signal at the entrance of Magnolia West is not in the scope of the project, but Black said a signal could be added at a later time, pending a 10-12 week traffic study.

"As construction will end in August of 2019, we will have to do the study after school starts in the fall in order to get the proper traffic counts," she said.

WIDENING PROIECTS

In addition to overpass construction, TxDOT has two projects ongoing to widen portions of FM 1774.

Crews are widening FM 1774 between FM 149 and West Lost Creek Boulevard north of Pinehurst from two lanes to four lanes with a center turn lane. Black said the \$18 million project—which has been under construction since July 2016—is estimated to finish in the second quarter of 2019 after utility conflicts and design revisions delayed a previous timetable.

"TxDOT has also added some work to the project that was not in the original scope: a [traffic] signal at Tudor [Way] and modifications to the traffic control plans to keep left-turn lanes at major intersections," she said.

Daily traffic counts increased nearly 8.5 percent from 2013-17 on FM 1774 just north of FM 149, where the widening is ongoing, TxDOT data shows, while the number of daily vehicles grew 14 percent on FM 1774 just north of FM 1486.

This portion of FM 1774-from

FM 1486 to the Grimes County line—is also being widened from two lanes to four lanes, according to TxDOT information. The project—which began in July 2018—is slated for completion in the third quarter of 2020, Black said.

"This area has seen and is seeing growth and mobility through the area," Black said. "To keep up with that, [these projects] will increase capacity on the roadway so it can handle more vehicles and increase mobility."

MITIGATING SCHOOL, FESTIVAL TRAFFIC

The finished FM 1774 overpass is projected to alleviate traffic during peak school times and the renaissance festi-

Currently, the divided intersection

Each school day, 800 vehicles as well

State law mandates buses stop to check railroad crossings, exacerbating the already cluttered intersection of FM 1488 and FM 1774, Riley said.

"If we can get [buses] going straight across [FM] 1488 over the overpass ... to the school, I don't even know how to start to explain how much better I

think traffic is going to be," he said.

However, as traffic signals at the FM 1488 and FM 1774 intersections will remain, some residents question whether the overpass will have such drastic traffic improvements as hoped.

"The red light, the railroad tracks, all that is still going to be a nightmare," said Jarrod Murphy, Magnolia resident and parent of a Magnolia West student. "I understand it flows better once you get past, but unless they do something with the red light, the traffic's never going to flow there. The majority of the businesses are on the opposite side of the tracks from [FM 1774 coming from Pinehurst]."

Still, the overpass could alleviate gridlock from the renaissance festival, said Travis Bryant, marketing and communications director of the festival. He said he believes a smoother crossing at FM 1488 will make it easier, not only for festivalgoers, but for residents to get around.

Last year, the festival welcomed 640,000 attendees, according to festival

TRAFFIC DATA



30 vehicle crashes from 2010-18



45 vehicle crashes from 2010-18



Average daily traffic grew 14.13% from 2013-17

2013: 6,863 average daily vehicles 2017: 7,833 average daily vehicles



Average daily traffic grew 8.46% from 2013-17

2013: 18,824 average daily vehicles 2017: 20,417 average daily vehicles

SOURCE: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/ COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

> information. When road projects are complete, Bryant said he expects to see even more attendees, as the majority of festivalgoers travel north on FM 1774 from the Houston area.

> "Obviously, as the festival has grown ... traffic infrastructure has been one of the biggest challenges that we face," he said. "We know that there are people that [do not come] because they don't want to be stuck in all that traffic."

> With fewer traffic challenges to avoid, Larry Leggett, Magnolia resident and Realtor with EXP Realty, said he believes residents will frequent Magnolia businesses more during the festival season and see additional development begin around town, he said.

> "[The FM 1774 projects are] going to improve the traffic flow for people trying to get outside of Magnolia proper," he said. "I'm excited about it because the more road infrastructure that's here is going to enable our town to grow."

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val this fall, Riley said.

"It's going to be like night and day," he said. "I don't see how this can do anything but help tremendously."

creates a domino effect of traffic holdups across the city, Ross said. With drivers more free to move about, the FM 1774 projects position Magnolia as a more desirable place to live, she said.

"It's all about mobility; it's all about moving people. If you don't have that, then you don't have a desirable area to live." she said.

as buses and visitors pass through the high school campus, Stephens said.

"When we finally get the whole project opened up, it's going to be a real blessing, and it should add to our ability to be in and out of that building in a safe and effective manner," he said.

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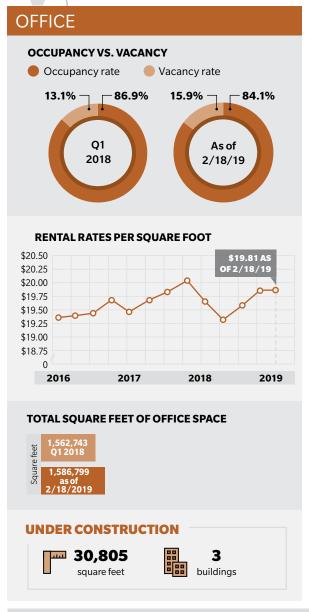


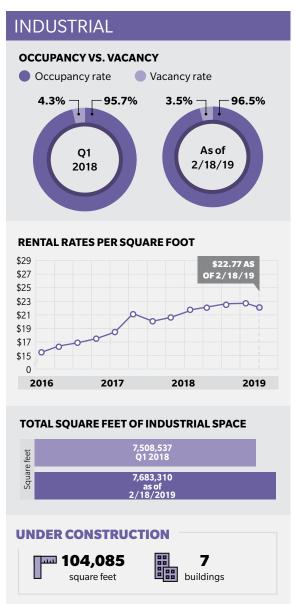
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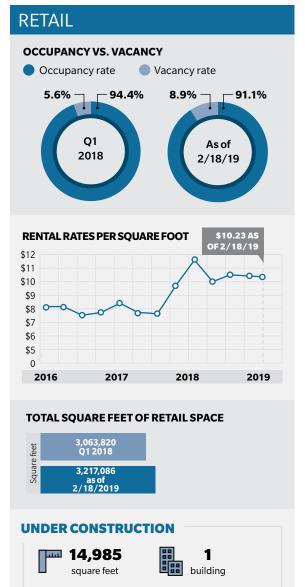


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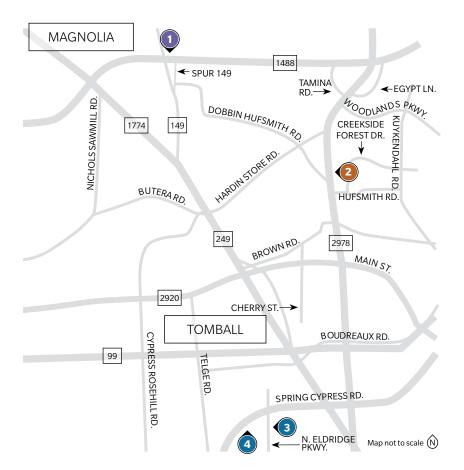
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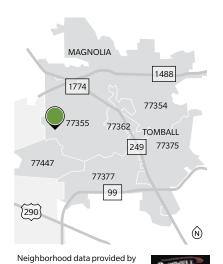
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Median

home value

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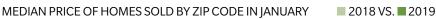


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\$149,999 or less	3/73	7/47	-	2/34	-	
\$150,000-\$199,999	4/165	5/92	3/19	15/34	4/29	
\$200,000-\$299,999	11/237	3/53	1/51	23/78	11/100	
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\$400,000-\$499,999	7/187	2/273	-	8/224	2/109	
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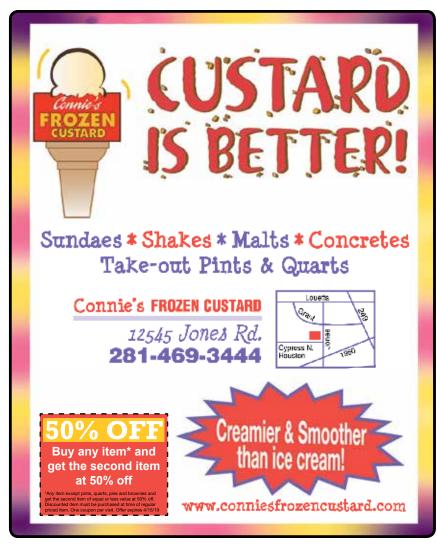






















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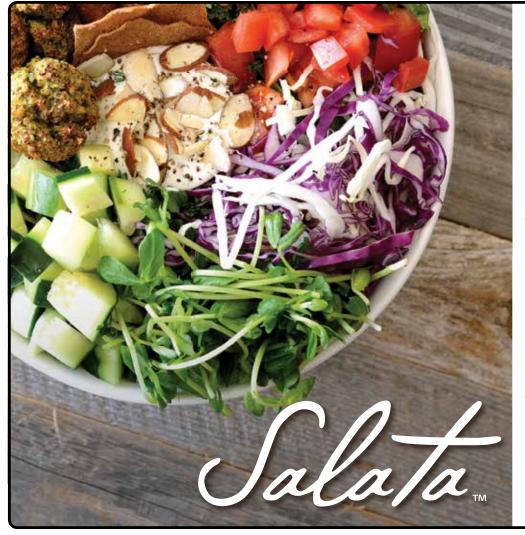
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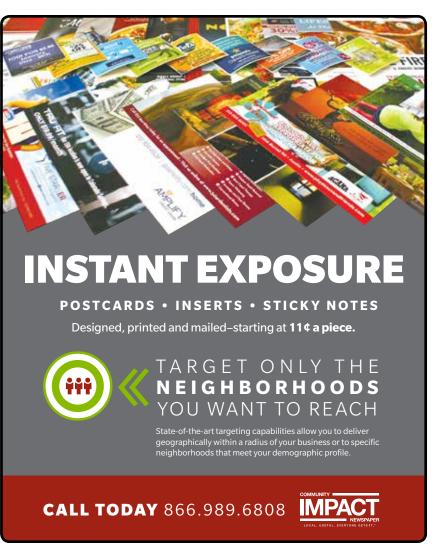


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