

16TH ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT-TRAIL

Wednesday, October 31 | 5:30-8:00PM | Recreation Center & Natatorium

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Join us at the 16th Annual Trick or Treat Trail! Trick-or-Treaters of all ages are invited out to this FREE community-wide event. The first 500 participants get a free Trick or Treat Bag for their treats. Local businesses and organizations will line the "trail" to pass out candy and other goodies.

All parking is located at Turner Career & College High School, 4719 Bailey Road.

Activities:

- Trick or Treating
- Costume Contest on the Westside Veterinary Stage

- Inflatables
- Strolling dinosaurs
- Music and dancing
- Food Trucks

Event Information:

- For health and safety reasons, pets are not allowed at this event with the exception of service animals
- Smoking and alcohol prohibited
- Strollers and wagons are welcome.

For more information, email events@pearlandtx.gov.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor, Shadow Creek Ranch Current

I wish every Pearland resident would take the time to see what I saw.

I don't recall what exactly drove me to apply to be a commissioner on the Pearland Planning & Zoning committee. Maybe it was to learn more about Pearland and the people who lead it, maybe it was to understand how decisions are made regarding the growth of our city, maybe I just wanted to participate rather than watch, or maybe a government "by the people, for the people" means that I am supposed to step up. Regardless of whatever it was that moved me, my application was accepted, I interviewed with city council, and soon after I received a letter from the mayor inviting me to be a Pearland Planning & Zoning Commissioner.

Professionally speaking, I am a corporate officer in a global company with over 30,000 employees so I am accustomed to tackling complex problems and working collaboratively with stakeholders worldwide toward effective solutions. I approached this volunteer role with the same zest, often driving to properties to get a better understanding of resident needs, and getting opinions from the occasional resident that might wonder what I was doing when I visited a particular property. I took the role seriously, knowing that Pearland residents are counting on thoughtful decisions from their Planning and Zoning Commissioners.

My first meeting with the other Planning & Zoning commissioners was challenging for me. I had studied the comprehensive pre-reads but still wasn't familiar with the multitude of acronyms, jargon, process, and protocol that shot across the meeting table as I did my best to follow the dialogue. The primary thing I learned that first day was that I had a lot to learn. This is when I began to learn about the best of the City of Pearland – the city staff.

I called the head of the planning department and was invited in to spend time with different staff members to learn about the planning department, the elements of zoning, platting, the UDC, CUP's, PD's, and other areas. I got to spend time with some of our city employees and, having gotten to know some of these professionals, developed a

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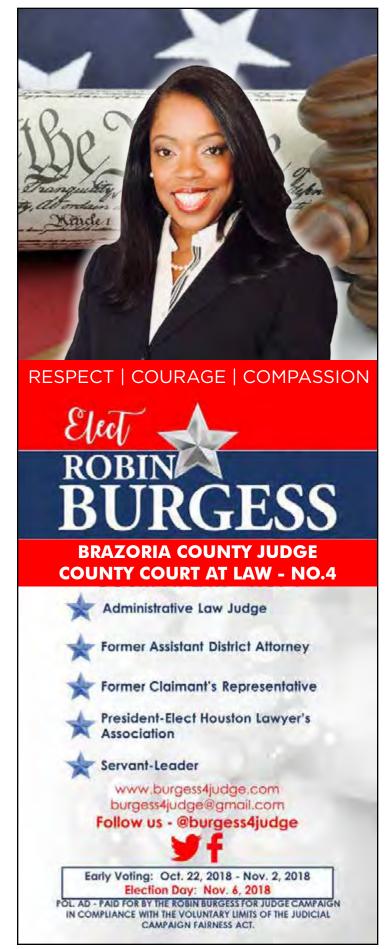
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Alvin ISD Board of Trustees Calls for November School Bond Election and Tax Ratification Election with No Increase to the Current School Tax Rate

During the August 14 Alvin ISD School Board Meeting, the Alvin ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call for two propositions to appear on the November 6 ballot. Proposition A calls for a \$480.5 million school bond package, largely focused on constructing new schools, and Proposition B calls for a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), or penny swap authorization. With voter approval of both propositions, there would be no increase to the current Alvin ISD tax rate.

"Alvin ISD is growing by approximately 1,200 students a year and our student population is projected to climb above 30,000 students in the next five years," Superintendent Buck Gilcrease said. "Knowing this, the Board of Trustees tasked a Citizens' Advisory Committee with analyzing student enrollment and campus capacity data and developing a fiscally responsible plan to address our rapidly growing student population."

The District's Citizens' Advisory Committee, comprised of Alvin ISD taxpayers, including parents and community leaders, recommended the Bond package and TRE "Penny Swap" to the Trustees during the June Board Meeting.

Committee Co-Chair Travis McGuire commented, "This bond is focused on adding classroom seats, and our recommendation includes two new elementary schools, two new junior high schools and high school No. 4."

After extensive consideration at both the Board's August workshop and regular monthly meeting, the Trustees unanimously moved to adopt the CAC's recommendations and called for the two propositions to appear on the November 6 ballot.

The election is broken into two separate propositions.

Proposition A:

Proposition A, or the \$480.5 million bond, addresses the District's current growth both by constructing new schools and purchasing land for future school sites. The package also provides funding to improve safety and security measures. Finally, the package includes rebuilding Alvin Primary and EC Mason Elementary (Manvel), along with a complete renovation of Harby Junior High (Alvin).

A complete list of the Bond projects is provided below

New Construction:

- New Elementary Schools #21 and #22
- New Junior High Schools #8 and #9
- New High School #4

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strong confidence in their abilities and dedication. With regular frequency, I sat with staff to understand issues and learn how I could better collaborate to have a positive impact.

As a result of this journey, I've formed a strong opinion regarding our city which I am compelled to share. We have many reasons to trust our City of Pearland government. City staff works very hard, very smart, and is eager to deliver to residents a quality product. This is something I got to see through my experience interacting with them. It's easy to point out the challenges of managing a business as complex as a city, find fault at every turn, develop a mistrust of government, and voice discontent on social media. It's considerably more difficult to get involved, learn the issues, know elected officials and city staff on a personal level, and come to appreciate that our city is well managed by committed people with the most honorable of intentions.

To my mind, government "by the people, for the people" suggests to me the way we view our local government may be a reflection of ourselves. With that in mind, I'm glad I took the opportunity to participate in our local government and know

that my own values are shared robustly within the business of managing our city.

And I wish every Pearland resident would take the time to see what I saw.

David Selsky

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Safety, Security:

- Upgrade to Police Department Equipment
- Security Camaras
- Campus Fencing, Access Control, and Emergency Response Systems

Land:

• Aquiring Future School Sites

Aging Campuses & Equity:

- EC Mason Elementary School Replacement
- Alvin Primary School Replacement
- Harby Junior High School Expansion & Renovation

Proposition B:

If approved by voters, Proposition B, the TRE "penny swap," would provide increased state funding, which would cover the payment for the proposed bond projects, with no tax rate increase for our local community.

When asked how this works, Alvin ISD Superintendent Buck Gilcrease shared, "This is one of the limited provisions in school finance to ensure equity for school districts across the state. If a school district has a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate above \$1.04, the state ensures the district will receive a guaranteed amount

of money per student. For Alvin ISD, that means the District would receive additional state revenue, approximately \$8.4M annually. By maintaining the same overall Alvin ISD tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 of valuation, but shifting 13 cents from the I&S rate to the M&O rate, the state contributes the additional funding, but our local tax payers do not experience an increase in their overall tax rate."

For this provision to be applied, even when a tax rate increase does not occur, state law requires voter approval of a tax ratification election anytime the M&O portion of the tax rate is set above \$1.04.

Citizen's Advisory Committee member and local real estate investor Richard Keck shared, "I feel that our committee developed a recommendation that provides Alvin ISD with a way to address the rapidly growing student enrollment growth. We also felt that providing voters with the option to consider funding bond projects with a TRE 'penny swap', as opposed to a traditional tax rate increase, was something our voters would appreciate.

The proposed Bond and TRE election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 6. Early voting begins on October 22 and will conclude on November 2.

Please visit www.alvinisd.net/BondTRE, where you can find more detailed information about the propositions.



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- Service Project Group



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Kids' Fall Allergies

By Aaron Williams, Pharmacist



School is in session, and just like clockwork your 8-year-old starts sneezing, sniffling, and snorting—not to mention clearing her throat and blowing her nose like there's no tomorrow. Chances are it's allergies—the immune system's reaction to a substance that would normally be quite harmless. Up to 40% of children in the U.S. have nasal allergies.

Outdoor allergens, also known as hay fever or seasonal allergies often bring images of springtime sufferers. In the fall, however, outdoor allergens such as ragweed and tumbleweed may also release tiny pollen and wreak major havoc—especially in the morning.

But that's not all. In the fall, your child begins spending more time inside at school and friends' homes. That's when many indoor allergens may also rear their ugly heads such as: Dust mites, Mold, Animal allergens, clothing and toys made or stuffed with animal hair or latex in rubber gloves, toys, balloons or elastic in clothing.

You don't have a lot of control over indoor allergens at school. But there certainly are some things you can do to protect your child. Here's a small sample of steps you can take:

- Use air conditioners and keep windows closed in your car and at home and change HVAC filters regularly to reduce exposure to pollen.
- Have your child avoid playing in piles of dead leaves to avoid mold allergies.
- Reduce mold growth in the home by fixing leaky plumbing, removing bathroom carpets and control indoor humidity.
- Vacuum upholstered furniture and wash linens weekly and other bedding every 1 to 2 weeks in hot water.
- Limit stuffed animals in the bedroom.
- Replace pillows every 2 to 3 years.
- Encase pillows, mattresses, and comforters in special covers that keep dust mites out

Avoiding triggers is the best way to prevent the symptoms of allergies. But keep in mind that it can take 3-6 months to see an improvement in symptoms once indoor triggers are removed.

Sometimes avoiding triggers is not enough to control symptoms. Before you stock up on loads of over-the-counter medicine, however, swing by and have a talk with me. I can point you to products in our store and guide you on their use. Also, make sure to have a conversation with your child's pediatrician. Sometimes allergy testing or prescription medications are sometimes needed to bring relief.

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HALLOWEEN HEALTH AND SAFETY TYPS

by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.

Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING?

- Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

EXPECTING TRICK-OR-TREATERS OR PARTY GUESTS??

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

 Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as lowcalorie treats and drinks. For guests, offer a variety of fruits and vegetables.

- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could cause someone to fall.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.



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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

From WhatHealth.com

The First Event

In 1985, the first Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) was observed in the United States. In the US this event is referred to as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM).

Initially, the aim of this event was to increase the early detection of breast cancer by encouraging women to have mammograms.

As many women know, a mammogram is an x-ray of the breast used to detect abnormalities in breast tissue.

Early detection means that cancer can be more effectively treated and prevented from spreading to other areas of the body.

The Rise In Popularity

The US National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Website went online in 1998, and lists the organizations which are on the board of sponsors for this event. Over the years, the focus of this event has widened. A number of organizations based in the US and in other countries now support this international health awareness event.

Given the large number of organizations involved, and the huge sums of money raised, breast cancer awareness has grown into an industry in its own right; this campaign can almost be described as a year long event.

Today, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is as much about raising funds for breast cancer research and support, as it is about raising awareness.

The Color Pink & The Pink Ribbon

With the founding of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation in 1993, the pink ribbon, which had previously been used to symbolize breast cancer, was chosen as the symbol for breast cancer awareness.

The color pink itself, at times, has been used to striking effect in raising breast cancer awareness. Many famous buildings and landmarks across the globe have been illuminated in pink light during this event; Sydney's Harbour Bridge, Japan's Tokyo Tower and Canada's Niagara Falls to name a few.

Due to the success of this awareness event, for many people, the color pink and breast cancer awareness ribbons are now associated with breast cancer awareness.

Activities

To sustain momentum of this awareness campaign & gather maximum support, daily events and activities are often held throughout the month of October. For example, a company may designate a day as 'Pink Day' in which employees wear pink at work.

The numerous awareness activities which take place may include

sponsored walks, golf events, seminars and breast cancer screening days.

Background To This Event

Breast cancer is a disease which begins in the breast tissue; it's the second most common type of cancer and mainly affects women (breast cancer is rare in men).

During 2005, over 185 000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer (see incidence of breast cancer). Left undetected and untreated, breast cancer can spread to other areas of the body. Where breast cancer has to spread to other areas, it is referred to as metastatic breast cancer and classed as stage 4.

The prognosis for stage 4 breast cancer is not good; the 5 year survival rate is only 16 percent. Given the high incidence and destructive nature of breast cancer, early prevention and treatment of this disease is a high priority.

To find more about breast cancer, you may visit www.whathealth.com/breastcancer or the World Health Organization (WHO)'s website http://www.who.int/cancer/prevention/diagnosis-screening/breast-cancer/en/



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