



## DECEMBER 2022 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

In February, we will be hosting Pearland Day in Austin 2023, and we invite you to sponsor and join us in Austin. This annual event is an opportunity for the Chamber to share our legislative priorities with our state officials. Grand Parkway Segment B is moving along with both Brazoria County recently entering into a Toll Project Agreement with TxDOT. The Pearland Chamber has supported the Grand Parkway Segment B project. Lastly, in the Fall, the Chamber attended TxDOT's Commissioner Court Meeting to discuss the I-45 Expansion on the northside of Houston. The Chamber has historically supported regional projects that improve transportation in our region. On Monday, December 19, the City of Houston, and Harris County announced an agreement on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (I-45 expansion) which will allow the project to proceed.

[Click Here for Sponsorship Information and Schedule of Events.](#)

[Click Here for Toll Project Agreement](#)

[Click Here for Houston Chronicle article on I-45 Expansion](#)

### **Development in Pearland**

The City of Pearland's OpenCounter is a great tool which allows businesses and individuals to better understand which permits you might need for your project. This is a key step to ensuring your project goes smoothly. The Pearland Economic Development Corporation's Fall Newsletter highlighted Sueba breaking ground on lofts in Pearland's Lower Kirby. This project includes a 4-story, 335-unit retail and multi-family development. Also, a tool that businesses can use is the crime map. The City of Pearland Police Department maintains a map of criminal incidents.

[Click Here for the OpenCounter link](#)

[Click Here for the PEDC Fall Newsletter](#)

[Click Here for the Crime Map](#)

### **Employment Situation – Pearland has lowest unemployment in region**

The November 2022 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still has the lowest unemployment percentage in the region (3.2% down same as the 3.2% from last month). The report highlights industries that had job growth this past month including Leisure and Hospitality.

[Click Here for full report](#)

### **Sales Tax Update**

The City of Pearland receives updates on sales tax collection from the state. Sales Tax collections is a great tool to evaluate the local economy. The report is always from two months prior, so in December, the City receives October numbers. The total net collections increased compared to October 2021 by \$313,204 or 7.6% and 7.6% over Fiscal Year 2022.

[Click here for the full report](#)

### **City of Pearland City Hires SGR for the City Manager Search**

The City of Pearland hired SGR to assist with the search for a new City Manager. We will continue to update you on this process.

### **Chamber Report**

The Chamber welcomed 170+ new members in 2022 and our total membership is nearly 700. We want to thank all of our members for your ongoing support this year. The Chamber's offices will be closed the week of December 26 and will reopen January 3. The entire staff and board wish you a safe holiday season and a wonderful 2023. Additionally, our Annual Banquet, presented by Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, is scheduled for January 26, 2023.

[Click Here for Full Calendar of Events](#)

[Click Here for Annual Banquet and Meeting](#)