



## NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the 2023 Legislative Session. At our October Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved our 2023 Public Policy Guide which will be key for our legislative agenda in 2023. A letter was sent to the University of Houston-Clear Lake in support of funding for their Masters of Science in Nursing. In February, we will be hosting Pearland Day in Austin 2023, and we invite you to sponsor and join us in Austin! Also, State Senator Elect Mayes Middleton and State Representative Ed Thompson will be our luncheon speakers as they give us a preview of the legislative session.

[Click Here for the 2023 Public Policy Guide](#)

[Click Here for Chamber's Letter of Support for UHCL](#)

[Click Here to email for more information on Pearland Day in Austin](#)

[Click Here to register for the December Luncheon](#)

### **Development in Pearland**

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation recently released their Fall Newsletter. The newsletter highlights the Levey Group's industrial buildings coming into Pearland's Lower Kirby District and improvements in Pearland's Old Townsite. We also want to welcome the Levey Group as a new Gold Investor for the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and thank them for their investment in Pearland. Also, Alvin ISD's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Demographic Report was released and is a great resource for this fast-growing district.

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

[Click Here for Alvin ISD's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Demographic Report](#)

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

The October 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 from 3.4% last month). The report highlights industries that had job growth this past month including Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

[Click Here for full report](#)

### **Sales Tax Update**

The City of Pearland receives updates on sales tax collection from the state. The report is always from two months prior, so in November, the City receives September numbers. The total net collections increased compared to September 2021 by \$113,611 or 3% and is 6.5% over Fiscal Year 2022.

[Click here for the full report](#)

### **City of Pearland City Council Ends Employment Agreement with City Manager**

The City of Pearland recently ended their employment agreement with City Manager Clay Pearson. Trent Epperson has been appointed as Interim City Manager.

[Click here for City of Pearland's Press Release](#)

### **Chamber Report**

The Chamber is gearing up for 2023 and is excited to introduce key educational programs in the next year. The Houston Business Journal's 2022 Largest Houston-area Chamber of Commerce list was released, and the Pearland Chamber of Commerce was ranked the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in the Houston region. Before we move to 2023, we still have some great events like Speed Networking, First Friday, Cereal Conversations, and our Christmas Open House. 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 Houston Business Journal List \(subscription required\)](#)

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