



## OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce recently hosted two conversations with candidates running for Brazoria County Judge and Brazoria Drainage District 4. These conversations allowed our business community to learn about two key races in the upcoming November election. Our Elected Officials Meet and Greet had over 30 elected officials attend. This annual event is designed to engage business with our elected officials. Lastly, the Chamber invited Fire Chief Jack “J” Taylor to a meet and greet on September 29. This was an excellent opportunity for businesses to get to know our new Fire Chief.

[Click Here for questionnaires and videos from both conversations](#)

[Click Here for Pearland Fire Department’s Dashboard](#)

### **Development in Pearland**

The City of Pearland Community Development released their quarterly update for April – June. The report indicated that permits were issued for 13 new commercial projects, 31 for additions, alterations, or accessory, and 12 for tenant finish / build outs. There were also 58 single-family home permits for this quarter. The Pearland Economic Development Corporation recently announced that Syzygy Plasmonics selected Pearland for their new headquarters, R&D and manufacturing facility.

[Click Here for the full report from Community Development](#)

[Click Here for Press Release on Syzygy Plasmonics](#)

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

The September 2022 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still has the lowest unemployment percentage in the region (3.4% down from 3.7% last month). The report highlights industries that had job growth this past month including Professional and Business Services and Financial Activities.

[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 October, the City receives August numbers. The total net collections increased compared to August by \$340,421 or 10.8%. Pearland in October accounted for 33.4% of the total sales

tax collected in Brazoria County. Businesses who want to participate in Small Business Saturday can now submit their information for the event on Saturday, November 26.

[Click here for the full report](#)

[Click here to participate in Small Business Saturday](#)

### **Chamber Report**

The Chamber is hosting an in-person educational event called In the Know: Knowledge Series: Inclusive Leadership. This in-depth training is a great way to start your morning and come back a stronger leader. Taste of the Town, featuring over 35 food establishments will take place on November 9 at 5pm and tickets are on sale.

[Click here to register for the Knowledge Series](#)

[Click here to purchase tickets for Taste of the Town](#)