



## SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce recently hosted staff from the City of Pearland to discuss Backflow Compliance. The City has been conducting inspections to ensure compliance by businesses and the Chamber wanted to ensure businesses were aware of the rules and timeline for inspections. Regarding the upcoming elections, the last day to register to vote in the November elections is on October 11. The Chamber will host two conversations with the candidates for Brazoria Drainage District 4 and Brazoria County Judge and encourage members to attend and get educated on these races and races impacting you.

[Click Here for more information Backflow Prevention Inspections](#)

[Click Here for Information on Registering to Vote](#)

[Click Here for Date and Time for Brazoria Drainage District 4 Conversation](#)

[Click Here for Date and Time for Brazoria County Judge Conversation](#)

### **Development in Pearland**

The Chamber is regularly asked what new developments are coming into Pearland. We recently added the City of Pearland's Active Commercial Permits to the resource section of our website. This link will show active permits across the city including alterations, interior tenant finishes and new construction. Also, our medical community continues to expand in Pearland. Kelsey-Seybold announced the expansion of their clinic on 288 by 27,000 square. Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital announced an expansion project to add 33 beds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Across the region, the Texas Medical Center announced their new 500-acre biomanufacturing center that will bring 100,000 jobs to Houston.

[Click Here for the Active Commercial Permits Website](#)

[Click Here for Houston Chronicle Story on Kelsey-Seybold Expansion](#)

[Click Here for Press Release on Memorial Hermann Expansion](#)

[Click Here for Greater Houston Partnership story on Texas Medical Center Expansion](#)

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

The August 2022 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still has the lowest unemployment percentage in the region (3.7%). Leisure and travel had the largest over-the-month net change for the Houston region. Also, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, Pearland Economic Development Corporation and Workforce Solutions are hosting a Job Fair this Thursday (September 29) from 10am to 2pm.

[Click Here for full report](#)

[Click Here for Information on Job Fair](#)

### **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 September, the City receives July numbers. The total net collections increased compared to September 2021 by \$319,228 or 10%. 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](#)

### **Enrollment in Education Institutions in Our Region**

Our two largest school districts began their school year in August. Pearland ISD's enrollment is currently 21,196. The district is the largest employer in Pearland, with approximately 2,736 full-time employees. Alvin ISD's enrollment is currently 29,206. The District's 4th comprehensive high school, Iowa Colony High School, opened to 9th and 10th graders in August 2022. Alvin Community College's enrollment for Fall 2022 is currently 5,198. Dual Enrollment continues to grow for ACC with 2,861 students enrolled at ACC and a local ISD. University of Houston-Clear Lake's enrollment is currently at 8,642. They have 6,415 undergraduates and 2,227 graduate students and the UHCL at Pearland is home to approximately 600 students. San Jacinto College's enrollment across the system is 30,567. The South Campus, located off of Beamer Rd, currently has 12,518 students enrolled.

[Click Here to learn more about Pearland ISD's campuses](#)

[Click Here to learn more about Alvin ISD's campuses](#)

[Click Here for ACC's recent State of the College](#)

[Click Here to learn more about UHCL at Pearland](#)

[Click Here to learn more about San Jacinto College](#)

### **Pearland Innovation HUB**

If you are a Pearland Innovation Hub member and would like the opportunity to receive hands-on assistance through our [Pro-Active Coaching Program](#) in order to meet specific milestones or deadlines for your business development, [apply here](#) on the digital platform. Member Companies must be an SBO based on the Pearland Innovation Hub's definition, "A small business is an organization that is "small" (less than 200) in employees and/or revenues (less than \$3M), which offers a product, service or process. A small business may or may not have the intention to grow, but currently has a small number of employees, smaller revenue, and has taken limited financial risk in the formation, operation, or expansion of their business."

If you'd like to keep up with happenings at the Hub, follow our [LinkedIn page](#).

### **Chamber Report**

The Pearland Chamber wants our members to know their Elected Officials. We are hosting our annual Elected Officials Meet and Greet on October 12, 2022, at 6pm. This free event is an excellent opportunity to connect with members and stakeholders. Lastly, Taste of the Town, featuring over 20 food establishments will take place on November 9 at 5pm and tickets are on sale.

[Click here for Date and Time for Elected Officials Meet and Greet](#)

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