



APRIL 2023 EDITION

The Voice of Business

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce hosted conversations with individuals running for Pearland City Council. Additionally, each candidate was given the opportunity to answer questions related to their qualifications. Early voting began on April 24, and we encourage members and citizens to “Vote Yes” for Prop A, B, C and D.

[Click Here for information on the Pearland City Council Candidates](#)

[Click Here to learn more about the May Bond Packages](#)

The Advantage – Our Newest Publication

The Advantage is the newest resource of the Chamber which highlights opportunities to grow your network in Pearland. This monthly publication is a great resource for businesses looking to stay current on events and resources for their operations.

[Click Here for the April addition](#)

Employment Situation

The March 2023 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still one of the lowest unemployment percentages in the region (4.2% up from the last month’s 4.0%). The city’s low unemployment rate is a testament to the success of its business community and the dedication of its workforce. WorkinPearland.com continues to be a resource for job seekers and employers. The site currently has over 50 companies showcasing careers, 350+ job seekers, and 150+ jobs.

[Click Here for full employment report](#)

[Click Here for WorkinPearland.com](#)

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 April, the city receives February’s numbers. The total net collections increased compared to the previous year by \$309,163 or 10.5% and 10.1% over the city’s amended budget.

[Click here for the full sales tax report](#)

UHCL at Pearland Pitch Competition

Tomorrow, April 27, UHCL at Pearland is hosting a live pitch competition. A handful of student entrepreneurs will be making their pitch on their business idea from 5pm to 6:30pm.

[Click Here for more information](#)

Development in Pearland

McHard Road is now open from Pearland Parkway to 288 South Freeway. This provides another East-West connector for our community. Chamber member and restauranter, Sheri Rabanal, opened her 3rd restaurant in Pearland – Stella's Fresh Brunch. Sheri is also the owner of Taglia's and Portara's.

[Click here to learn more about Stella's Fresh Brunch](#)

Chamber Report

The Pearland Young Professional program has been highly successful in cultivating a dynamic community of emerging leaders and providing valuable networking opportunities for young professionals in the area. The program has engaged over 100 young professionals in their first two events. Please visit the Chamber's website for more information on the program or contact staff to learn more.

[Click Here to contact staff on the Young Professionals of Pearland program](#)