



The Voice of Business

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce recently joined the Aim Hire Texas Policy Coalition. This is a nonpartisan statewide partnership of businesses and educational organization. This is based on work of the Texas Commission on Community College Finance which we believe will strengthen Texas’ workforce. 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.

[Click Here to learn more about the Aim Hire Texas Policy Coalition](#)

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

Development in Pearland

The City of Pearland’s Community Development released their FY 2023 -1st Quarter Report. The report discussed the decrease in permits for single-family homes and attributes this to rising construction costs and increases in interest rates. The department also issues 34 commercial plans. A full list of active commercial permits is also available via the City of Pearland’s website.

[Click Here for the full report](#)

[Click Here for the map of active permits](#)

Employment Situation – Pearland has second lowest unemployment in region

The December 2022 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still one the lowest unemployment percentage in the region (3.1% down from the 3.2% 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. Sales Tax collections is a great tool to evaluate the local economy. The report is always from two months prior, so in January, the City receives November numbers. The total net collections increased compared to November 2021 by \$161,429 or 4.7% and 2.0% over the city’s amended budget.

[Click here for the full report](#)

Pearland Innovation HUB

The Pearland Innovation HUB's Pro-Active Coaching Program is seeking applicants to use the program to address specific needs, milestones or deliverables associated with your existing or future business. Small Businesses can also use the program for recommendations, guidance and advice from coaches, rather than using coaches as consultants to complete business needs. The PIH is also having Happy Hour on February 23. This is a great event to learn more about what the PIH is doing.

[Click Here for more information on the Pro-Active Coaching Program](#)

[Click Here for more information on the PIH Happy Hour](#)

Chamber Report

The Chamber is hosting the Young Professionals of Pearland Launch Party on February 7, 2023. This new program is designed to connect individuals between 21-40 while developing the next generation of leaders. The Chamber, in partnership with the US Chamber Foundation, is introducing a Civic Bee to middle school students. This essay and live competition is intended to introduce citizenship skills to students. Our Annual Banquet and Meeting, presented by Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, was held on January 26, 2023 with 453 in attendance. We are thankful for our sponsors and congratulate our award winners:

- Steve Friedman, Ambassador of the Year – Richard Vaughan
- Chairman's Award – Pearland Economic Development Corporation
- Business of the Year – Endress + Hauser
- Business Hall of Fame – Pearland Lumber & Ace Hardware
- Citizen of the Year – Mona Chavarria

[Click Here for information on the Young Professionals of Pearland](#)

[Click Here for more information on the Civic Bee](#)

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