



## MARCH 2023 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce will host a Conversation with candidates running for Pearland City Council on Wednesday, April 5. The event will take place at the University of Houston-Clear Lake at Pearland and individuals can submit their questions prior to the event. Additionally, the Chamber encourages everyone to vote “In Favor” of proposition A, B, C and D on the May ballot.

[Click Here for more information on the Candidate Forum](#)

[Click Here to submit your question to be considered for the Candidates](#)

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

### **Development in Pearland**

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation’s Annual Report was released in March. The report recaps the development and progress of the PEDC this last year. Construction has begun on a new trail in Lower Kirby that will run along the western bank of a detention corridor starting at Endress+Hauser’s facility on Beltway 8 to the pedestrian bridge at Clear Creek. The approximately 1.25 mile-long trail will include two shade structures, concrete bench seating for rest areas, and landscaping at the focused shade areas.

[Click Here for the PEDC Annual Report](#)

[Click Here for the Clear Creek Trail Master Plan](#)

### **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 March addition of The Advantage](#)

### **Employment Situation – WorkinPearland.com is live**

WorkinPearland.com, a comprehensive job board and employer resource center is live. This free resource allows companies to tap into local talent. The site currently has 38 businesses signed up and 200 job seekers. The January 2023 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland still one the lowest unemployment percentage in the region

(4.0% up from the last month). Brazoria County's unemployment rate is 4.8%. The entire region saw an increase of .7% increase from previous months.

[Click Here for WorkinPearland.com](#)

[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 February, the City receives December numbers (holiday shopping). The total net collections increased compared to previous year by \$302,740 or 10.2% and 4.8% over the city's amended budget.

[Click here for the full report](#)

### **Pearland Innovation HUB**

You can impact the life of an aspiring entrepreneur when you apply to become a Pro-Active Coach with Pearland Innovation Hub.

[Click Here to locate more information](#)

### **Chamber Report**

The Chamber's Annual Report was released earlier this month and highlights our successes over the year. We are thankful to our members for their ongoing support. Our next Knowledge Series will take place on April 13 and will focus on Navigating Generational Diversity.

[Click Here for the Chamber's Annual Report](#)

[Click Here for information on the Navigating Generational Diversity Event](#)