



MAY 2023 EDITION

The Voice of Business

Propositions A, B, C and D all passed on the May ballot. Proposition A passed with 65% voter approval. This proposition was related to drainage projects in Pearland. The Chamber started our engagement with City Council in December 2021 and requested them move away from the Stormwater Fee to a comprehensive bond. It took 17 months, but we are excited that the Stormwater Fee was removed and that voters approved the bond. The Texas Legislatures wrapped up their session but will be having a special session to discuss property tax and border security. Two bills that the Chamber supported were HB 5 and HB 8. HB 5 will allow Texas to stay competitive in recruiting and retaining businesses while HB 8 creates a new funding model related to community college performance.

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

[Click Here to learn more about HB 5](#)

[Click Here to learn more about HB 8](#)

Employment Situation

The April 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 (3.6% down from the last month's 4.2%). Brazoria County's unemployment is 4.1%. WorkinPearland.com continues to be a resource for job seekers and employers. The site now has over 200 jobs posted and 600 applicants.

[Click Here for full employment report](#)

[Click Here for WorkinPearland.com](http://WorkinPearland.com)

Development in Pearland

The Pearland Economic Development Corporations Spring Newsletter highlighted the announcement of Healgen Scientific building their headquarters in Pearland's Lower Kirby. The Chamber is excited to also welcome Healgen Scientific as one of our new members. The City of Pearland's Community Development released their FY 2023 -2nd Quarter Report. The report discussed the 89 residential permits issued in the 2nd quarter and the department also issued 45 commercial plans.

[Click here for PEDC Spring Newsletter](#)

[Click here for the full Community Development Report](#)

Chamber Report

The Pearland Chamber is hosting a Meet and Greet for newly appointed City Manager Trent Epperson on May 31 at 4pm. The event is an excellent opportunity to meet Trent and learn more about his vision. The Chamber will also be introducing a new email to join our In the Know Brand. The Lineup will go out each month and provide a snapshot of the month's programs and events. Be on the lookout in your email for it! Lastly, Mattress Mac is the keynote at our June luncheon!

[Click here to learn more about the Meet and Greet for Trent Epperson](#)

[Click here to learn more about the June 15 luncheon featuring Mattress Mac](#)