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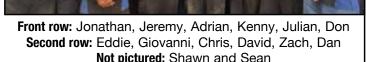
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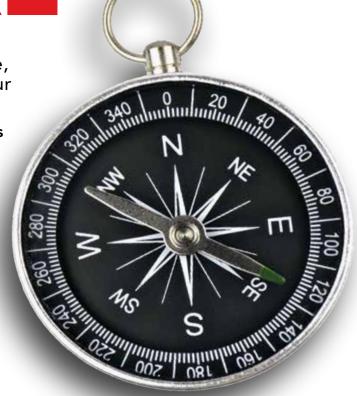


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t the start of the year, The Signorelli Co. announced the development of a 4,700- acre master-planned community called Austin Point in the heart of Fort Bend County. The Signorelli Co. is notably responsible for developing the award-winning Valley Ranch master-planned community in Montgomery County, Magnolia Springs in Magnolia, and Caney Mills in Conroe.

Austin Point, which will add approximately 14,000 single-family homes to the area, and feature an array of natural amenities such as lakes, a wooded landscape and hundreds of acres of green space, will be the future intersection of the Grand Parkway and Fort Bend Parkway. The



community's initial main entrance is planned along FM 762, south of I-69 and George Ranch High School, and it will be the largest master-planned community in the county in more than 20 years.

"We are excited to bring new development to the area and help satisfy strong demand for quality places to live, work and play. Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing counties in America and we look forward to be a part of this growth. Austin Point has a dynamic master plan with a focus on the outdoors, greenspace and nature. The city-like sized community will boast a broad range of residential options and price points catering to all stages of life from the growing family to the empty nester," said Signorelli Company Founder and CEO, Danny Signorelli. "With a focus on 'quality of life', Austin Point transitions the historic Moore Family Ranch and its charming, lush Texas setting, into a thriving community over the coming years. Featuring an array of natural amenities, hundreds of acres of greenspace and lakes and a wide variety of new home choices, the setting is ideal for those wanting to get out of the city, but not sacrifice the conveniences of life. Our focus with Austin Point is to bring to South Fort Bend County all the benefits found in other major corridors, from thriving shopping centers, office, medical, and academic to entertainment and leisure. Austin Point's plans to deliver a dynamic community starts now."

Austin Point is but one indicator of the growth happening in Fort Bend County.

Growth projections from Woods & Poole have Fort Bend County exceeding 1 million residents by 2027 and 1.8 million by 2050. The 2021 study found the population in Fort Bend increased from 590,253 to an estimated 857,324 since 2010.

Fort Bend is the 10th largest county in the state brimming with diversity in cultures, entertainment, businesses and lifestyles. From a simple and quiet living to an active and enterprising one, Fort Bend provides a variety of experiences anyone can enjoy. From the roots of a rich history to a thriving future, Fort Bend continues to draw people from all walks of life, backgrounds and ambitions.

In this first edition of the West Fort Bend Newcomer's and Visitor's Guide, you will find insight into the cities in West Fort Bend, namely Richmond, Rosenberg, Fulshear and Needville, spotlighting the places to eat, visit, shop, live and unwind.

## NONPROFIIS

#### A FOCUS ON PHILANTHROPY

There is no shortage of volunteer opportunities with beneficial organizations in Fort Bend County. For just about every type of crisis, there is a nonprofit trying to meet community needs. So whether you are looking for a place to donate your time or money or looking for help, Fort Bend County is brimming with support.

#### **Fort Bend County Nonprofits**

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- AccessHealth | myaccesshealth.org
- American Red Cross | https://www.redcross.org
- \* The Arc of Fort Bend County | arcoffortbend.org
- Behind The Badge Charities, Inc. | www.behindthebadgecharities.org
- Child Advocates of Fort Bend | https://www.cafb.org
- Czech Heritage Society of Texas Fort Bend Chapter czechheritage-texas.org/fort-bend
- Family Hope | www.familyhopefulshear.org
- Friends of North Richmond | attackpoverty.org
- Friends of North Rosenberg | https://attackpoverty.org
- \* Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club | fortbendmoms.aggienetwork.com
- Fort Bend Habitat For Humanity | fortbendhabitat.org
- Fort Bend History Association | www.fbhistory.org
- Fort Bend Hope | fortbendhope.org
- Fort Bend Rainbow Room | https://www.fbrr.org
- Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels | https://fortbendseniors.org
- \* Fort Bend Women's Center | fbwc.org
- George Foundation | www.thegeorgefoundation.org
- GiGi's Playhouse Sugar Land | gigisplayhouse.org/sugarland
- The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation | hw-foundation.com
- Hope For Three | www.hopeforthree.org
- Literacy Council of Fort Bend County | www.ftbendliteracy.org
- Lunches of Love | https://lunchesoflove.net
- \* Make-A-Wish Foundation | wish.org/texqulf
- \* Mamie George Center | catholiccharities.org
- Mercy Goods | www.mercygoods.co
- Needville Youth Fair | www.needvilleyouthfair.com
- \* Reining Strength Therapeutic Horsemanship | www.reiningstrength.org
- \* Rosenberg-Richmond Helping Hands | roserichhelpinghands.org
- Parks Youth Ranch | www.parksyouthranch.org
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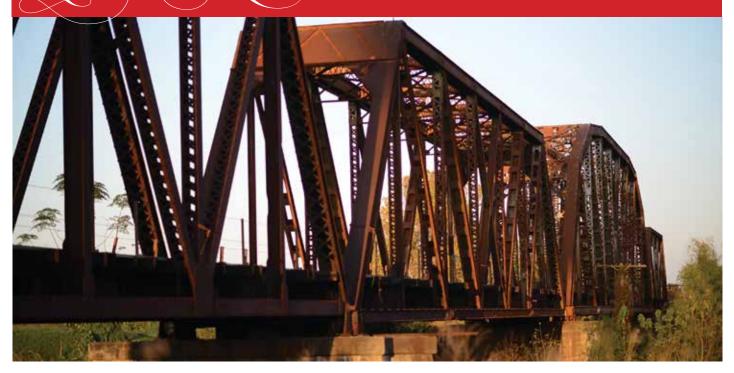


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nown as the county seat of Fort Bend, the City of Richmond sits primarily on the southwest side of the Brazos River and is located about 15 miles southwest of Houston.

Robert Eden Handy and his business partner, William Lusk established the city, named after Richmond, England, in early 1837. By April of that year, the partners began advertising to sell lots in the town, and in May 1837, Richmond was incorporated by the Republic of Texas. Come December 1837, when Fort Bend County was formed, Richmond became its seat of government.

The city's history is unmistakable while exploring the area, particularly the historic sites. Several famous Texans called Richmond home, including Mirabeau B. Lamar, Erastus Deaf Smith, and Jane Long. A noteworthy attribute about Richmond is that the late Hilmar G. Moore, who served as mayor from 1949 until his death on December 4, 2012, is believed to be the longest-serving mayor in the United States.

Although its influential history and prevalent historic sites seduce people to Richmond, it is not a place merely of the past; its future is equally enticing. Know for its delicate blend of small-town charm and bustle of faster-paced living, Richmond offers keen business opportunities, distinctive shopping and dining experiences, favored community events, and outreach groups and organizations that keep the city progressing. The city is also home to several award-winning master-planned communities like Pecan Grove, Harvest Green, Veranda and River Park West, and active adult communities like Del Webb, providing valuable quality of life experiences for all residents.

#### **RECREATION & RELAXATION**

#### -Shopping & Eating-

Looking to combine keen shopping and dandy eating into one experience? Consider Downtown Historic Richmond, which features eclectic shopping prospects like Post Office Boutiques, Dapple Grey Co. Boutique, Treasure Hunter's Gallery, Crafter's Cottage, and Backwater Boutique.



Then there are the eateries such as Sandy McGee's, the Lone Star Saloon, and Trough Juice Bar. Richmond's Food Truck Lunch Fridays events are also a crowd favorite. Outside of the historic area, however, the Pecan

Grove community of Richmond offers The Swinging Door, an acclaimed barbecue spot, and Grove Do-Nutz and Deli that attracts patrons from all around the Greater Houston area. The nearby master-planned community of Harvest Green also offers Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery & Kitchen, a premier wine and food destination.

#### -The Parks-

Aside from delectable food and shopping culture, Richmond has plenty to offer for nature-lovers. The public parks include Pecan Grove Park, Jones Creek Ranch Park, George Park, Clay Park, Freeman Town Park, and Wessendorff Park, which offer jogging trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, basketball courts, football fields,



volleyball pits, and soccer fields. Wessendorff Park is also the site for the city's rejuvenated farmers market and "Movies At Wessendorff," a family-friendly, free, outdoor movie screening that shows film favorites in a quaint atmosphere. Another notable destination for nature enthusiasts is Long Acres Ranch, a 768-acre privately-owned venue historically cultivated for farm and ranch land along the Brazos River. Although it showcases green space and offers educational activities, access to the ranch is allowed only by group reservation.

#### —The Golf Courses—

For those who like blending their outdoor fun with their sporty drive, Richmond features golfing options at the Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club. The club offers golf courses, tennis, pickleball, and private and social events. Other golf courses include the Shadow Hawk Golf Club and River Pointe Golf Club,



set along the Brazos River. A highlight of River Pointe Golf Club is that it is not surrounded by any houses, allowing golfers the chance to submerge themselves in the serenity of nature while appreciating a round of golf.

#### -Attractions and Destinations-

When it comes to finding the fun in the city, Richmond promotes plentiful educational, interactive, and engaging entertainment options, with The Fort Bend Museum and the George Ranch Historical Park being the leading attractions for both residents and visitors.

The Fort Bend Museum presents walking tours, a gift shop, facility rentals, exhibits that change during the year, lectures, workshops and wildly celebrated community events. Patrons can explore the Fort Bend History Association's vast historical collections at a newly renovated and permanent exhibit gallery or through tours of the 1855 Long-Smith Cottage or the 1883 historic Moore Mansion, which made the National Register of Historic Places in 2001.

The George Ranch Historical Park is an internationally-recognized living history 20,000plus acre site that authentically preserves and interprets the



four-generational storyline of a Texas family beginning in 1824 and spanning more than 100 years. The park features four historic home sites: the 1830s Jones Stock Farm, 1860s Ryon Prairie Home, 1890s Davis Victorian Mansion and 1930s George Ranch Home and Cattle Complex. Additionally, a working ranch, costumed interpreters and

livestock, workshops and weekend events are typical traits of the park.

Richmond is also home to the George Memorial Library, which happens to be the central library in the Fort Bend County Libraries system. The building opened in 1986, and its most recent renovations took place in 2013. Funded by the George Foundation, the 77,000 square-foot library is settled on six acres and has the largest collection of materials in the Fort Bend County Libraries system.

It focuses on large-print books, parenting, Spanish-language books, teen materials, and literacy materials. In addition to its impressive architecture, the library also features a Genealogy and Local History Department, meeting and study rooms, 3D printing, technology classes, public computers, free WiFi access and a plethora of adult and youth educational, informational, and cultural programs. The Fort Bend County Law Library, also in Richmond, is found inside the Fort Bend County Justice System.

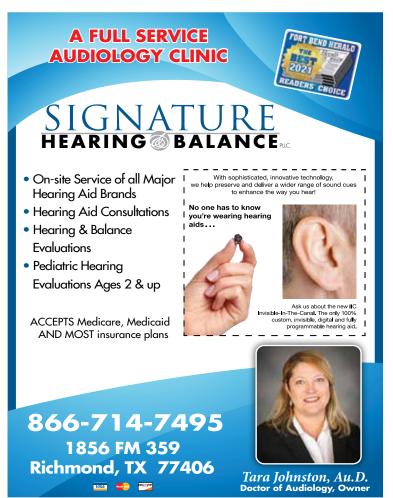
#### -Annual Community Events-

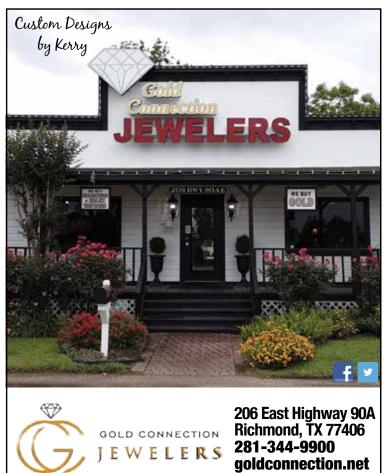
Highly-attended community events are rites in Richmond, and each draws visitors from around Fort Bend County and beyond, including the annual Art Walk & Motor Madness event and Miracle On Morton Street in December, both of which take place in the historic district. Then there are the yearly events



by the Fort Bend Museum (the Lone Star Stomp and Candlelight Tours) and the George Ranch Historical Park (the Texian Market Days festival, the George Ranch Rodeo, and Campfire Christmas).

The State Supported Living Center in Richmond also has a long-time tradition of Project Noel, a "winter wonderland" driving tour that stretches across the facility's 140 acres during the holiday season.





#### THE POTENTIAL & OPPORTUNITIES

#### -Education-

When it comes to the workforce in the city, the Development Corporation of Richmond declares it "a young and highly skilled" one. Reports show an educated workforce at 38.9 percent, with 37.5 percent of workers (located within a 30-minute drive time radii) earning a bachelor's degree or higher, with another 6.7 percent holding an associate degree.

Richmond students who attend public school enroll in Lamar Consolidated ISD and Fort Bend ISD. Private School options are plentiful including, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, Bridge Preparatory Academy, Shady Oak Christian School, Pecan Grove Baptist School, KnlLE Center of Richmond, and Westlake Preparatory Academy.

Higher education opportunities include Texas State Technical College-Brazos Campus, Wharton County Junior College - Richmond Campus, and University of Houston-Sugar Land Campus.

#### —Ideal for Business—

Richmond's placement along US Highway 69 and US 90A and its easy access to SH-99 The Grand Parkway make it appealing to businesses because of its transportation network, as well as, its prime industrial and commercial locations. The Development Corporation of Richmond states, businesses in Richmond benefit



from a talented workforce, major highway and rail access, and a destination less than 30 minutes from Houston's central business district and Texas Medical Center.

The development corporation reports more than \$6 million in untapped retail demand exists within the city's 4.4 square mile city limits.

#### — Top-tier Communities—

Since its incorporation, the City of Richmond has become the foundation for several top-tier master-planned communities including, Pecan Grove, Harvest Green, Long Meadow Farms, Waterside Estates, Rivers Edge Grand Mission Estates, Lakes of Bella Terra, Westheimer Lakes, Aliana, Fountains at Jane Long



Farms, Texana Plantation, and Royal Lake Estates.

#### –Philanthropy

Behind the scenes of Richmond's triumph in education, businesses and developments are the nonprofit agencies devoted to objectives that benefit city residents and visitors.

One of the most respected organizations headquartered in Richmond is The George Foundation which partners with the community to leverage resources to enhance Fort Bend County and the quality of living for its residents. Found on Morton Street in Historic Downtown Richmond, the foundation awards an average of \$15 million annually in grants and community programming to support the Fort Bend County region.





The foundation also partners with the Fort Bend History Association, a nonprofit chartered in 1967 that is dedicated to preserving and sharing the county's history. The association is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in recognition for exacting standards of excellence in every aspect of operations. Notably, fewer than five percent of museums or living history sites nationwide have received this distinction.

The city is also home to organizations focused on supporting the more vulnerable populations of the county, like the Fort Bend Women's Center, which serves the entire county.

For more than 40 years, the center has provided long-term, integrated support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with services, such as a hotline number, housing, accessing services, transportation, training, education and navigation through the justice system.



Since its founding in 1980, the center has helped more than 52,000 domestic abuse and sexual assault survivors.

Although a newer nonprofit, Mercy Goods Co is another organization that spotlights the city's community aid efforts. The nonprofit, which started in 2016 and is a social enterprise of another nonprofit called Attack-Poverty, creates employment, job training and mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth.

It is headquartered in the historic district and is known for "goods that do good."

#### Nearby in ...

#### **BOOTH**

Booth is on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and Farm Road 2759, eight miles southeast of Richmond in eastern Fort Bend County. The site was originally a part of the Henry Jones league in the Stephen F. Austin colony. Today it features Scotty's Saloon at The Old Trading Post — often referred to as Scotty's Saloon — a quaint barn-turned-venue found at the Historical Trading Post that once entertained and served barbecue to folks starting in the 40s.

#### **CUMINGS**

On SH 36 and FM 723 is Cumings, an unincorporated community along the Brazos River. Established in the early 1990s, this small residential development sits on land possibly owned by the Cumings family. E. W. Cumings Street runs through the subdivision.

#### **CRABB**

On FM 762, five miles southeast of Richmond, is a small unincorporated community of Crabb. Originally owned by Old Three Hundred colonists, it became a bit famous when an 11-year-old named Brian Zimmerman won an unofficial election for mayor in 1983. His story was made into a movie called Lone Star Kid.

#### FAIRCHILDS

On Farm Road 361, 13 miles south of Richmond, is the village of Fairchilds, named for early settler Philo Fairchilds, who around 1840 built a home one mile south of the current site of the community. In 1890 Charles Blohm, August Bede, and Theo Aderholz established the initial settlement, which reportedly attracted Germans from other Texas coun-

#### **KENDLETON**

About 21 miles southwest of Richmond is the historic City of Kendleton. It was once the site of a plantation belonging to William E. Kendall. In the 1860s, Kendall divided the plantation into small farms and sold to former slaves. The community is home to the 235-acre Bates M. Allen Park, located just outside Kendleton's city limits. It features walking trails, wetlands, a sand volleyball court, a play area, an observation deck, a historical site, a lake, grills, a canoe ramp, and a fishing pier. The city also features plenty of historical markers, the King-Kennedy Memorial Park, and the FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum. In 1882 the New Continued on page York, Texas, and Mexican Railway Company established the Macaroni Line, which led railway construction and transportation to pass through Kendleton on its way to Victoria.

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onsidering the City of Rosenberg sits at the geographic and logistic core of Fort Bend County and has clear access to the Port of Freeport and the Port of Houston, it is no surprise the city continues to experience significant growth.

From festivals and plentiful shopping opportunities to successful schools and attractive neighborhoods, Rosenberg offers residents and visitors a welcoming atmosphere that delivers a relaxing and engaging quality of life.

#### **RECREATION & RELAXATION**

#### -Shopping & Eating-

Rosenberg has two central sources for people who want to combine shopping and eating into one experience: Historic Downtown Rosenberg and Brazos Town

In 2013 The Texas Commission on the Arts approved Historic Downtown Rosenberg as a cultural arts district, making the area the



first cultural arts district in Fort Bend County. City and community leaders, along with business owners, predicted the designation as a cultural arts district would greatly benefit the city through renewed interest in the downtown businesses and attracting tourism. And they were right.

According to the Rosenberg Arts Alliance, a nonprofit formed to manage the newly created district, the downtown area is home to museums, historic buildings, a community theater, restaurants, the local art league, permanent and visiting public art displays, and festivals of all types and varieties. By integrating small busi-



nesses, performing and displaying art, and community outreach, the Rosenberg Cultural District is a vibrant, thriving center of a community that is directly on the pathway to growth.

Historic Downtown Rosenberg (Avenues F, G, H, and I and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th streets) offers restored buildings, unique antiques and rare shops.

Places like Red Queen's Attic, Once Again, The Vogelsang Antique Emporium, Southern Sister, Jay & Barb's Antiques, Wild Blossoms Texas, D & S Antiques Mall, Calla Lilies, Barn Door, Roots and Relics Antiques and Garden and Funky Munky Resale Shop are crowd favorites.



The historic area of Rosenberg expectantly became the zone for artists and art aficionados. The murals on display indicate as much, like Paul Sanchez's locomotive mural, Cisco Tucker Kolkmeier's mural in Third Street Park, Bob "Smoke" Weaver's mural at the corner of Third Street and Avenue H, and Dagoe Marse's recent "Rosenberg" mural on the side of Rosenberg Carpet & Flooring.

In a time when selfies rule, Downtown Rosenberg is always a prime place for the online influencer, photographers, and those who simply want to appreciate community craftwork.

In addition to a visually vibrant setting, visitors to the downtown district can enjoy a bakery, coffee shop, and wine rooms. The down-



town district also boasts two restaurants that regularly offer live music performances. Foodies will enjoy Another Time Soda Fountain & Cafe, Bob's Taco Station, Ol' RailRoad Cafe, The Burger Barn, Bull Creek Cafe & Grill, and Guanajuato Mexican Restaurant.

Beyond the cultural arts district of Rosenberg is Brazos Town Center, at I-69 and FM 762, a 100 acres of retail with high-end multi-family units, single-family homes, and a medical/professional office park - all interconnected with parks, trail systems, lakes, and fountains. The destination offers numerous shopping, dining, fitness, and service establishments.

#### -7he Parks-

Rosenberg features several parks: Brazos Park, Macario Garcia Park, Sunset Park, Riverbend Park, Tony Becerra Park, and Travis Park, which feature covered and lighted pavilions, picnic tables, barbecue grills, basketball courts, tennis courts, big and little league ball fields, girls softball fields, sand volleyball, playground equipment, and walking/jogging trails. Water, restrooms, and electricity are also available at these parks. Harwood Park, however, is designated for children two to five years old and includes a covered picnic shelter, one picnic table, and playground equipment. Water is available, but electricity and restrooms are not.

The most popular park in Rosenberg however, is Seabourne Creek Nature Park. This 164-acre park includes restrooms and offers a 4-acre lake stocked with bass, catfish and perch; a butterfly garden; a prairie restoration area; wetlands; biking, jogging and walking trails; and the R.W. Lindsey Gazebo, which is equipped with electricity and is available for rentals. The Texas Master Naturalists are an active community of volunteers and enthusiasts who assist in maintaining the natural resources available in the wetlands. The park also provides events and learning opportunities, like bird watching and nature walks due to the works of the Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists.





For those wanting to enjoy sporting fun outdoors, the 200-acre Seabourne Creek Regional Sports Complex offers a lighted youth softball field, three lighted youth baseball fields, and two combination football/ soccer fields. The sports complex also includes a boundless playground and water and restroom facilities. The park is also available for rent with a reservation.

#### -Attractions and Destinations-

Starting with Rosenberg's Cultural Arts Districts, residents and visitors have the choice of several favored entertainment options like the Rosenberg Railroad Museum. the CAST Theatrical Company and the Art League of Fort Bend.

With the mission to preserve Fort Bend County railroad history and educate the community



through engaging history and science programs, the Rosenberg Railroad Museum showcases a collection of memorabilia, photographs, artifacts, and maps and displays that detail the county's railroad history. The museum, set against four active train lines downtown, offers visitors views of the 1972 MoPac Caboose, 1800s Bath House, an 1879 Quebec passenger coach, and the historic Tower 17 that housed the electro-mechanical interlocker.

The arts also have a place in Rosenberg, beginning with The Art League of Fort Bend, a nonprofit that runs the Fort Bend Art Center. Established in 1957, the art league is devoted to artistic development, cultivating an appreciation for the arts through education, exhibitions and community outreach. The art center is



home to on-site artist studios, art gallery exhibitions, art classes and a gift shop. Fort Bend Art Center gallery features more than 30 award-winning artists, modern to traditional art in 2D, 3D, jewelry and photography.

In the theatre realm, Rosenberg features Cinemark, a 12-screen movie theatre that shows the latest hits. The CAST Theatrical Company, a nonprofit, live community theatre in the city's cultural arts district, is another option. Founded by a small troupe of amateur actors in 1989, this

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community arts organization is the creator behind the full-length live stage productions (musicals, comedies and dramas) attended by audiences from Rosenberg and around the county. CAST performs in the WM Long Theater within the historic Vogelsang Building at 1909 Avenue G. The theater is on the second floor, reachable by elevator if needed.

Rosenberg is also home to the Black Cowboy Museum, founded in 2017 by Larry Callies. As a heritage museum, it preserves the legacy of Black cowboys via exhibits that showcase various stories and memorabilia that have attracted around 7.000 visitors to the muse-





um from 40 states and 35 countries. The museum held its first-ever Hall of Fame induction ceremony in March 2022 at the Rosenberg Civic Center to further honor the legacies of Black cowboys. For additional black history locations, in the town of Kendleton, around 15 miles from Rosenberg, is the FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum, which specializes in highlighting Fort Bend County Black history and accomplishments. Kendleton was established by emancipated slaves after the American Civil War and features the Bates Allen Park, King-Kennedy Memorial Park and the Kansas City Southern Railway.

#### - Annual Community Events — The most prominent annual

event in Rosenberg is the nine-day Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo. Held in September, it is one of the largest state fairs in Texas. The first fair was held in 1933. Since then, it was only canceled twice - once for World War II and again because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The fair includes rodeos, entertainment events, a carnival, traditional fair foods, shopping, livestock shows, barbecue cookoffs, dances and contests.

The fair is also a staunch supporter of local students, evident through its annual scholarship grants. Each year 30 scholarships are awarded to Fort Bend County students enrolled in Texas colleges and universities.



The city is the site of several additional community events, fundraisers or celebrations including the annual LCISD Auto Fest and Men Who Cook events, both of which benefit specific areas within Lamar Consolidated ISD, the Houston Glass Show, and Arabia Shrine Circus. The Rosenberg Rotary Club's annual Gumbo Fest is always a hit, and in 2021, the fairgrounds in Rosenberg became the site of the first Fort Bend Home & Garden Show which focused on home improvement, decorating, interior design, landscapes, and outdoor entertainment.

The city also hosts a range of special community-wide events including, Holiday Nights: A Small Town Christmas Experience, the FISH-tastic Children's Fishing Tournament, the Seabource Nature Fest and a July 4 celebration.

#### THE POTENTIAL & OPPORTUNITIES

#### —Education—

Rosenberg students who attend public school enroll in Lamar Consolidated ISD. LCISD ranks 7th on the state's fastest-growing school district list as it approaches 35,000 students districtwide. The district received an "A" rating for exemplary performance in the 2020 Accountability Rankings from the Texas Education Agency.

Private School options within the city limits include Holy Rosary Catholic School and Living Water Christian School. Rosenberg also houses the Texas State Technical College-Fort Bend County Campus. Texas State Technical College opened a 100,000 square-foot building on an 84-acre campus in Rosenberg in 2016, making that building the first of a projected seven buildings, equipped with state-of-the-art training equipment in everything from diesel mechanics and welding to advanced manufacturing and robotics.

— 7deal for Business —
Rosenberg, which encompasses about 108 square miles, is reported to have around 63 percent of undeveloped land - all of which sets the stage for ample growth in industrial, commercial and residential enterprises. The city is home to collections of manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, food packaging and distribution, and energy service-related industries. Additionally, the easy access to a skilled, trained and diverse workforce, utility infrastructure and a modern highway further the potential for businesses to thrive. The city's economic development corporation also announced an incentive package to attract businesses. Due to the higher education opportunities in the community like Wharton County Junior College, University of Houston Sugar Land, and the Texas State Technical College's Fort Bend Campus, Rosenberg boasts an educated and trained workforce.

— Top-tier Communities —
Newcomers and residents of Rosenberg know there is no shortage of master-planned communities. Top areas include Kingdom Heights, Sunset Crossing, Summer Park, Walnut Creek, Stonecreek Estates, Briarwood Crossing, Summer Lakes, Bonbrook Plantation, Seabourne Landing, Bryan Crossing and Bridlewood Estates.

#### -Philanthropy

Rosenberg is chock-full of nonprofit organizations, groups and outreach efforts that continue to epitomize the demonstration of community. Take Fort Bend Hope, for example. Comprised of volunteers from local churches, non-church organizations and businesses, the motivation behind Fort Bend Hope is



a positive transformation of individuals, families and communities. The nonprofit currently offers a summer camp program, virtual ESL classes, a citizenship course, GED class, and Spanish lessons and has a learning center for students.

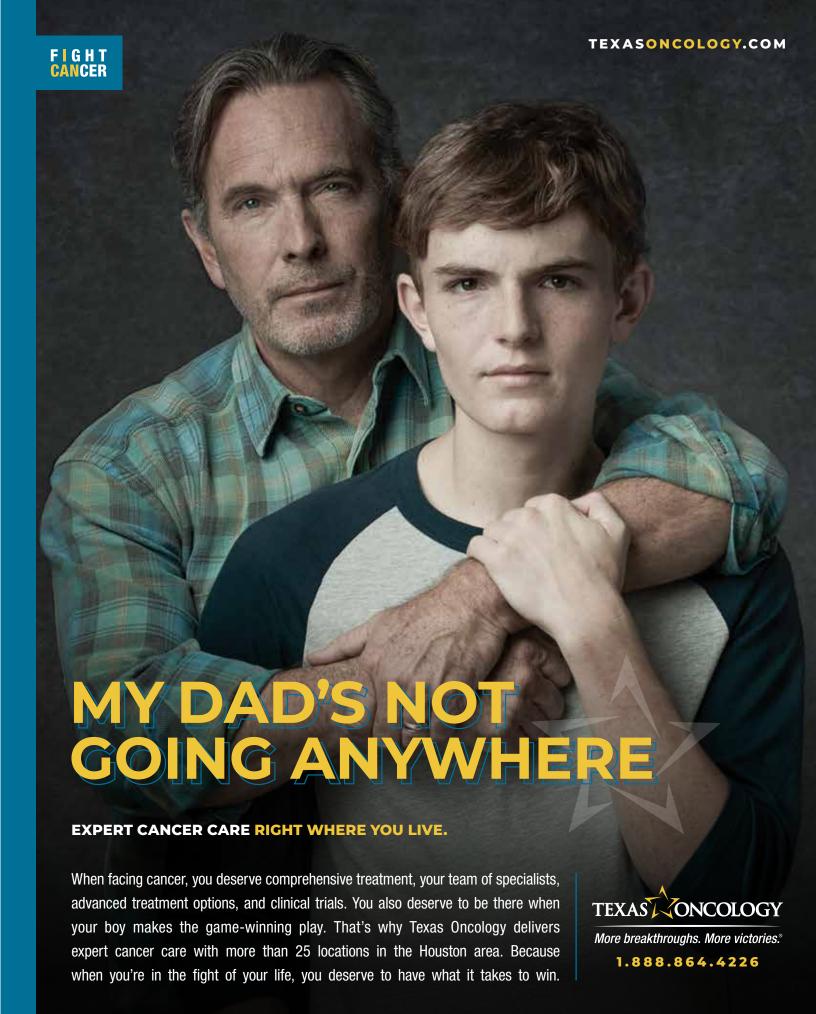
Lunches of Love is another supremely championed Rosenberg-based nonprofit that has the singular focus of ending childhood hunger in the Fort Bend community. It started as a ministry of First United Methodist Church Rosenberg during Christmas break in 2009, feeding about 150 children. By 2012



the ministry became an official nonprofit, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting the 4,000-plus students in need and qualifying for the state's free lunch program. To date, it serves 18 LCISD and three FBISD campuses and features a second host site, Lunches of Love at The Harvest.

Child Advocates of Fort Bend, which started about 30 years ago, is another child-centric organization based in Rosenberg. Its sole purpose is to serve children who are alleged victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and witnesses to crime through forensic interviews, family advocacy, therapy and mental health services, case coordination and criminal court advocacy services. Child Advocates partners with 40 agencies, trains its volunteers and offers programs for specific age levels.

And for the other vulnerable population in the county, the Rosenberg-based Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels is another notable nonprofit making a difference. The agency's primary focus is on homebound seniors living in Fort Bend and Waller counties. The agency provides daily and weekly hot meal deliveries through a network of staff and volunteer drivers. For all active seniors, Fort Bend Seniors provide hot meals and daily recreation activities at seven congregate center locations throughout both counties.



Website: www.fulsheartexas.gov Facebook: @CityofFulshear Instagram: @cityoffulshear



ocated in northwest Fort Bend County, around 11 miles from Katy and 36 miles from downtown Houston is the City of Fulshear — a gorgeous slice of quaint living in a rapidly developing community. Its access to employment centers across Interstate 10 and the Westpark Tollway, its master-planned communities and the education sector have led Fulshear to be one of the county's most alluring western suburbs. Incorporated in 1977, Fulshear city officials and histories remark that the city remains a marketing center for locally produced sorghum, soybeans, cotton, rice, corn, poultry, cattle and horses. Many cattle are Texas Longhorns, descendants of Spanish and mission herds with horns spreading 4 to 8 feet. Pecans are also a critical local crop. This agricultural area of Fort Bend is also experiencing growth in its commercial district, offering residents and visitors a unique experience. A day spent in the city provides the chance to embrace beautiful landscapes, grassy prairie lands, and serene low lands along the banks of the Brazos River, as well as the convenience of being within miles of popular entertainment, shopping, and dining venues.

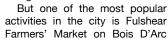
#### **RECREATION & RELAXATION**

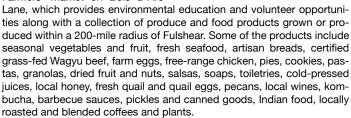
-Shopping & Last year, mobility improvements for Wallis and Main streets in Downtown Fulshear began to transform the streets into a oneway pair (or couplet) to allow for an alternative and more fluid route into the city's downtown area. City officials say this is key to Fulshear balancing modern conveniences with the quaint, small-



town charm. In the downtown area, guests can enjoy tasty eats at several popular stops - Pier 36 Seafood Restaurant & Oyster Bar, La Balance Cafe, Pepperoni's, Dozier's Barbeque, Victor's Mexican Grill and Essence House Cafe. And with just a hop and a jump to Katy, guests could also enjoy even more eateries like Orleans Seafood Kitchen, The Halal Guys, The Coffee Barr, Dim Sum Box and Gauchos Do Sul.

In terms of a shopping experience, Fulshear residents and visitors do not have to go far to meet their wants or needs. Choices include Cobblestone Cottage, Katy Mills Mall, The Shops at Cross Creek, Krazy Girl Paint and Pottery, Beezie's Flowers, Churchill Farms Retail Center, Arcadia Shopping Center, Freckles Stationery and Gifts, Market at Cross Creek, the Brown Eyed Girl Design by Roxie boutique, The Shops at Katy Reserve, Dogwood Lane Goods, and Fulshear Floral Design.







Fulshear is home to a handful of parks, with plans for more parks or improvements to existing ones in the future. The currently operational parks include: Primrose Park, a recreational facility just west of Huggins Elementary on Dixon Road; Frances Smart Park, which houses the Historic Section House, better known as



the Switch House; Flewellen Creek Trail; and Fulshear Heritage Rail Trail, which has design plans to highlight Fulshear's history with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway. For visitors or residents who do not mind a short drive to Katy, the 32-acre Mary Jo Peckham Park makes for a great visit. It features playgrounds, picnic tables, a lake where visitors can feed ducks or fish, and a small area where dogs can run unleashed. The park also features a public indoor pool and mini-golf course.

#### -The Golf Courses-

Fulshear is not far from several premier golfing spots. In its neighboring community of Weston Lakes is the Weston Lakes Country Club, which

offers a championship golf course designed by legendary tour champion Hale Irwin. This course, 7,064 yards, par 72, offers its members and guests scenic yet challenging 18-holes of golf. In addition to the golf course, the club offers a full-service golf shop and driving range. Other golfing options include Meadowbrook Farms Golf



Club. The Club at Falcon Point, Willow Fork Country Club, and The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch, all of which are in Katy.

#### –Attractions and Destinations–

Fulshear is home to a few key community attractions, such as the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, which opened in 1998. The land for the library site had been the Precinct 4 headquarters and was offered for the library site by the precinct commissioner, Bob Lutts, who had taken on the task of seeing the library project through. The Fulshear City Council requested that the county name the library (now in Precinct 3) for Commissioner Lutts.

About 11 miles from Fulshear is Blessington Farms, a popular destination for people and families.

At this farm, patrons can par-

take in berry picking, a seasonal pumpkin patch, fishing, a "funland adventure" area that includes mazes, slides and rides, and safe encounters

with livestock like goats, camels, chickens, goats and zebu. Another nearby farm, Dewberry Farm, hosts festivals, sells seasonal Christmas trees and pumpkins and offers attractions like the Ferris wheel, birdhouse village, barnyard, carousel, hay mountain, Goatel 6, sports ball zone, the Dewville Express and slide moun-



For those looking for theatre entertainment, the Xscape at Katy Fulshear movie theatre is always a hit and is close to restaurants. However, the Rising Voices Arts Community, Drama Kids Katy, Houston & Fulshear offer its patrons the experience of performing arts theatre.

Also in the city's performance arts realm are a few dance companies including: the Distinct Dance Company, Dance Vision, Let's Dance and More LLC, Fulshear Academy of Dance and Danmar Art & Dance Studio.

The Brazos River Sportsman's Club shooting range welcomes all levels of experience and offers training sessions. Although it is open seven days a week, reservations are needed. Visitors can practice with rifle ranges, sporting clays, 10 pistol ranges, or experience tactical training.

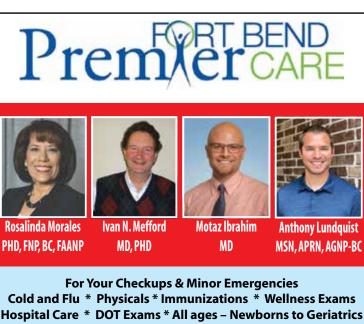
Fulshear is also home to X-Treme RC, which offers the ultimate RC adventure through its indoor and outdoor tracks, retail store, arcade and food and drinks. And on a similar note, there is Andretti Karting and Games nearby in Katy and the Hemi Hideout in Brookshire - essentially a Texas-sized mancave, complete with a 1950's style diner, and soda fountain and a state-of-the-art kitchen. There is a large and cozy living area with a grand fireplace. There are six large screen TVs strategically located throughout the facility, both inside and outdoors. The hideout is open by appointment only, though.

#### –Annual Community Events–

The city hosts yearly events to unite the community to celebrate Fulshear's heritage and history. The top city-sponsored events, produced in







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conjunction with the Fulshear Area Chamber of Commerce, including the St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Shindig, Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off, Merry Little Christmas & Tree Lighting, Fall Clean-up and July's Freedom Fest.

Additionally, the three-day Katy Rice Harvest Parade & Festival (held in October), and the Heart



of Katy Fall Market art fair which includes a silent auction, food, iewelry. home decor, and other shopping options, are also annual hits.

#### THE POTENTIAL & OPPORTUNITIES

#### —Education—

Fulshear students enrolled in public school attend either Katy ISD or Lamar Consolidated ISD. Within the city are the following LCISD campuses: Huggins Elementary, James W.Roberts Middle School, Dean Leaman Junior High School and Fulshear High School. For the students who live in Cross Creek Ranch, Jordan High School, James Randolph Elementary School and Amy Campbell Elementary meet their educational needs.

— There is a theme in the economic realm of Fulshear, and it is simply this: "Fulshear First." From the perspective of the city's economic development department, this approach allows the city to embrace and support local businesses, which, in turn, empowers the city's growth. Consider how the Fulshear expanded its small business grants in response to the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic that negatively impacted local businesses. City officials said the goal was to ensure its local business owners received the support needed, in addition to the business grants awarded by the county. Notably, the City of Fulshear was constructing a plan for the coming growth before the pandemic. In 2019 it completed its first Economic Development Strategic Plan, which outlines Fulshear's goals and initiatives and vision development for the next five to 10 years. The city estimates Fulshear's population will surpass 30,000 residents over the next decade.

— Top-tier Communities —
More than three decades ago, Fulshear's population was 623 residents

and was home to 12 businesses. These days the population is trending upward toward 20,000, due, in part, to the city's popular master-planned communities, the most prevalent being Cross Creek Ranch.

There is a reason that Cross Creek Ranch is named one of the nation's top-selling mas-



ter-planned communities. A 3,200-acre community, Cross Creek Ranch features a range of homes, community events, sports fields, water parks, tennis courts, a dog park on-site schools, and more than 60 miles of hikeand-bike trails. Because of the opening of Texas Heritage Parkway and the growing retail corridor, entertainment, dining, shopping and employment opportunities are within reach.

Additionally, Cross Creek Ranch features Bonterra 55+ for its senior residents; and its developer, Johnson Development, started the development of a new Fulshear-area community called Cross Creek West that will accommodate more than 3,000 homes when it is com-

plete. Plans for the new community also include a recreation center, pool and about 5 acres of commercial space along FM 359.



More equally impressive master-planned communities in Fulshear include Fulbrook on Fulshear Creek, Tamarron, Polo Ranch, Jordan Ranch, and Fulshear Run.

Coming down the pipe is Del Webb Fulshear, a community for active seniors (55+) that features resort-style amenities, clubs, classes, lake views and walking paths. A full-time lifestyle director and community events are additional characteristics of this community, too.

#### -Philanthropy-

Like other Fort Bend cities, Fulshear is home to nonprofit organizations, groups and outreach efforts. In 2014, a group of pastors and commu-

nity leaders came together to address the need for family services in the Fulshear-Simonton areas, thus creating Family Hope. This nonprofit is the largest agency that exclusively serves northern Fort Bend County's residents with medical assistance, food, rent and utility assistance, job searches, furniture and disaster relief. Throughout the pandemic, Cross



Creek Ranch partnered with Family Hope to provide food for those in

Annabelle's Amazing Graces is another nonprofit out of Fulshear that brings awareness to the GNAO1 mutation. It also raises funds every year to contribute to the research for the cure of the rare disorder.

#### **ORCHARD**

Continued from Pode In 1880 the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway was built through what was to become the townsite of Orchard. Cross, who sold tracts from his ranch to German, Bohemian, and Polish settlers, and by 1893 was granted a post office.

#### SIMONTON

Spencer, Albert A. Mullins and Davis H. Mullins moved from Kansas to Simonton and purchased a large tract to grow potatoes, eventually leading the Simonton area to become one of the leading producers of potatoes in the country. A popular destination, an indoor rodeo arena called the Round Up, was constructed in 1963, and in 1979 China's Deputy Premier Deng Xiaosping was entertained at the rodeo in Simonton during his United States visit.

#### **THOMPSONS**

Thompsons is on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe line and Farm Road 2759, 12 miles southeast of Richmond. Settlement in the area began around 1830 when Robert E. Bohannon moved to Texas from Alabama and was given a land grant. When Bohannon died, his wife married Histation on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe in 1879, and was granted a post office in 1888. The town at one time was called Thompson's Switch.

#### VILLAGE OF PLEAK

named after a real estate agent — A.E. Pleak — who in 1912 donated land on which to build a school, and in return had the village named after him. However, A.E. Pleak isn't village claims that fame. After the oil field's discovery, the first business to hit the area

#### **WALLIS**

The city of Wallis is located along SH 36 and the BNSF Railway between Rosenberg and Sealy. One of its most popular features is its Guardian Angel Catholic Church — one of the last Painted Churches built in Texas, construction started on June 3, 1913, and was completed on Octowood structures of its type in Texas. The church is listed on the dedicated in 1996. The church is opened daily, with group tours by appointment.

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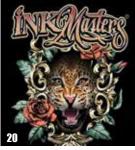




## UPCOMING EVENTS













Tattoo Expo The second annual Rosenberg Tattoo Expo, hosted by Ink Master Tattoos Show will run from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Witness live tattooing all weekend by over 80 award-winning tattoo artists.

There will be \$1,200 worth of free tattoo giveaways. Tickets and passes will be available at the door only. Arrive before 5 p.m. for a \$5 discount.

#### Murder Mystery Dinner & Game Night

TThe Creative Learning Society - The Agatha Mystery Theater will host a murder mystery dinner at 7 p.m. where guests will be assigned a character role or a detective role in the game. The characters become the storytellers, the suspects, the victim(s), and the murderer(s). www.creativelearningsociety.com.

#### Greene Brothers Band

The Greene Brothers Band will perform at the Beats & Eats at Long Meadow Farms event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The evening will include food trucks and family fun. www.GreeneBrothersBand.com.

Open Car Show The DeWayne Everage Memorial Open Car Show starts at 8 a.m. at Legacy Ford in Rosenberg. Registration is \$20 with all proceeds benefiting the DeWayne Everage Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Fund. Awards and raffle

happen at 1 p.m. The show is a rainor-shine event, www.mcoh.org.

#### Ryem the Duo

The Ryem the Duo will perform at Unwine'd Wine & Cheese Lounge in Richmond from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. www.unwinedtx.com or @ryemtheduo.

Artists' Junk Swap
The Artists' Junk Swap happens on the third Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way, in Sugar Land. The swap takes place on the same grounds as the weekly farmers' market. 832-444-3298.

#### 2022 Impact a Hero 10%, 5% + Kids X

The 17th Annual Impact a Hero 10K, 5K + Kids K starts at 7:30 a.m. at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

This event provides veterans a chance to bond with other wounded veterans. www.impactahero5k.com.

Annual Texas Mimosa Festival Scotty's Saloon

at OTP will host its annual Annual Texas Mimosa Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will feature food, mimosas and a live DJ. scottyssa-

#### Kundalini Yoga

Yoga, Meditation & Sound Healing is hosting Kundalini Yoga for Everyone from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Yoga on the Brazos. This mini-series is intended to share the benefits of a Kundalini Yoga practice for anyone at any level or physical condition. 281-248-1438.

#### Strike Out Autism

Strike Out Autism, presented by Fred & Mabel R Parks Foundation is Hope For Three's key awareness and fundraising event. The event is held at Constellation Filed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The community unites and honors children and families living with autism. County Judge KP George, all 18 Fort Bend city mayors, along with 400 volunteers and potentially 7,500 community supporters, host about 450 Fort Bend County family members (120+ families) from the autism community for a one-of-a-kind Family Fun Day. www.hopeforthree.org.

Decoupage Workshop The City of Rosenberg is offering The Golden Years Senior ssociation classes at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Classes are every Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. To register please call Carrie at 832-595-3520 or email cmarmol@ rosenbergtx.gov.

#### Sugar Land Ir. Superstar 2022 Auditions

Sugar Land's Junior American Idollike competition is holding auditions from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contestants must be between the ages of 9-13 years and full-time residents of Fort Bend County to be eligible. All participants will need to bring their soundtrack on a

cellphone and must arrive during their selected time block. Limited spots are available and audition slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.

Spring Concert Series 2022

The Fullbrook neighborhood in Fulshear will host a public Spring Concert Series from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays through June. Featured music includes country, classic rock, blues, Czech, rock 'n' roll and variety. Bring your blankets, coolers and lawn chairs to the Fulbrook Gazebo. Additional Friday celebrations include June 10 and 17, www.fulbrookhomes.com.

#### Town Square Tribute

Queen Legacy - A Tribute to Queen will take place in Sugar Land Town Square from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The live show features Freddie Mercury style power vocalist/performer Kyle Cousins. www.queenlegacytribute.com

Saturday Market Support local businesses at The Perfect Latte in Richmond during its Monthly Saturday Market that features small local vendors. www.theperfectlatte.com

#### Hike: Cullinan Park

Sonja's Adventures is inviting the public to hike Cullinan Park Conservancy, starting at 9 a.m. The hike will be 3.5 miles. Dogs must be leashed. @Sonja's Adventures... (A public Facebook page)









Be Social BeLocal will host its First Thursdays community net-

working event BE Social and the Blockhouse Coffee and Kitchen in Richmond from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

> Richmond Farmers Market

Richmond's farmers market will run from 3 p.m to 7 p.m. at Wessendorf Park in Richmond.

ETNEP Nutrition

Block Party Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program is hosting a four-day summer camp located in Fort Bend County. The Nutrition Block Party Summer camp will provide youth with daily opportunities to engage in activities related to health, wellness, nutrition, physical activity, youth development, and agriculture. www.pvamu.edu/cahs/cep/efnep

Food Truck Friday #Foodtruckfriday is coming to Historic Downtown Rosenberg this summer on June 10, July 8, and August 12. rosenbergtx.gov

Father's Day Workshop M2M Let's Talk will discuss the joys and challenges of being a man and a father at the Rosenberg Civic Center at 9 a.m. www. m2mletstalk.com.

Movie Nights in the Park This summer the Discover Downtown Rosenberg program will be kicking off a "Movie in the Park Series." Each month we will host a movie in Downtown Rosenberg with a theme. Grab family, friends, and lawn chairs and head to the park on June 16, July 21 and August 11 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. 832-595-3524 or kmikolas@ rosenbergtx.gov.



Town Square Tribute Texas Eagles Tribute Band, Houston's premier Eagles tribute band will perform at Sugar Land Town Square from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Juneteenth Trip

En Root Travel, LLC. - HBCU Alumni Travel Group is celebrating Juneteenth at its birthplace from June 18 through June 20. www.enroottravel.com

#### 11th Annual Run to Attack Poverty

11th Annual Run to Attack Poverty Presented by The Kinne Group at Compass will start at 7:30 a.m. at the Friends of North Rosenberg center. attackpoverty. org/run.

Live Jazz Music

Unwine'd Wine & Cheese Lounge will host live jazz music with The Houston Jazz Trio from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. www. unwinedtx.com

NOLA night The Hustlers Brass Band will perform in Sugar Land Town Square for the annual NOLA night running from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This is an outside event and is free and open to the public.

hustlersbrassband.com

Sugar Land Jr. uperstar Finale Pack up your lawn chairs and head to the Plaza to cheer on each talented contestant as they belt it out to win the crown during the Junior Superstar, Sugar Land's American Idol-like competition from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.

#### The Triumphs

The Triumphs will be heating the dance floor at Dry Creek Social Club in Richmond from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. www. DryCreekSocialClub.com.











In Sugar Land Town Square Plaza from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. visitors can enjoy live country music from the Tribute to George Strait. Having spent time at the Grand Ole Opry, Derek Spence shared the stage

with folks including Shania Twain,

age are welcome aboard the Jol-

ly Trolley to enjoy a magical mo-

ment of play for up to two hours.

www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.

George Strait Tribute

Diamond Rio, Kenny Rogers, Trisha Yearwood, and Restless Heart. www.sugarlandtownsquare.com. The Jolly Trolley From noon to 2 p.m. children from 18

months to 5 years of

Musical 7 heatre Camps Move Dance itness in Richmond will host a musical theatre camp for "Little Mermaid" and "Wizard of Oz" July 11-15. Visit www. movedanceandfitness.com.

Sing-A-Long Karaoke In Sugar Land Town Square Plaza from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. patrons are welcomed to experience Karaoke time in the Plaza. www.sugarlandtownsguare.com.

Musical Theatre Camps Move Dance & Fitness in Richmond will host a musical theatre camp for "Annie" and "Aladdin" July 18-22. Visit www.movedanceandfitness.com.

#### Youth Law Enforcement

summer camp

The Fort Bend District Attorney's Office and Expose Excellence Youth Program offer a Youth Law Enforcement summer camp July 18-21 to young people interested in pursuing law enforcement as a future career. The camp will be from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. each day at the Gus George Academy at 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle in Richmond, Visit https://form.iotform. com/220616343801144 to fill out your virtual application. The program is free and the deadline to apply is May 15. Lunch will also be provided at no cost. Email june.okoro@ fortcountytx. gov for more information.

Dancing Under The Stars Dancing Under the

Stars with Fred Astaire Dance Studio instructors will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Sugar Land Town Square Plaza. This month's focus will be Country dance. www. sugarlandtownsquare.com.

NOLA Nights Enjoy authentic New Orleans in Sugar Land Town Square with live music from The Zydeco Dots, a fun-loving, hard working, talented Houston-based group that plays a dancin', rockin', bluesiana blend of zydeco rhythm and blues. www.movedanceandfitness.com.









#### The Jolly Trolley

From noon to 2 p.m. children from 18 months to 5 years of age are welcome aboard the Jolly Trolley to enjoy a magical moment of play for up to two hours. www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.

Back to School Splash Bash From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Sugar Land Town Square children (ages 5 and younger) can enjoy free waterslides, DJ, a hula hoop contest, toddler town, and other fun summer activities. The event benefits the Fort Bend Rainbow Room and visitors are encouraged to bring a backpack and school supplies donations. www. sugarlandtownsquare.com.

Movie Nights in the Park Discover Downtown Rosenberg will host its last Movie in the Park Se-

ries on August 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Follow @DiscoverDowntownRosenberg on Facebook for more details as the event nears.

#### Mini Donuts

The last #Foodtruckfriday in Historic Downtown Rosenberg this summer is set for August 12. Rob's Mini Donuts will be located near the downtown parking lot from 7 - 11 a.m. Follow @DiscoverDowntownRosenberg on Facebook for more details as the event nears.

#### 7own Square Trib<mark>ut</mark>e

Blood Red Sky, A Tribute to U2 will be featured from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Sugar Land Town Square



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n southern Fort Bend County, about 14 miles south of Richmond and 10 miles south of Rosenberg, sits the City of Needville, a community known for ranching and farming maize, grass, rice, cotton, and soybean. The city even features a rice dryer and two cotton gins.

The history of the city's name is a humorous and intriguing one. It began with August Schendel, who established the community in 1891. After building a cotton gin, home and store, August called it Schendelville. Three years later, when he applied for a post office, August teasingly changed the name to Needmore since the place needed everything. But that name was already taken, so the post office department changed the name to Needville. It was incorporated in 1944.

While knowns for its agricultural quality, Needville offers top attractions, events and a park unlike any other in the county.

#### -Shopping & Eating-

If you're looking for take-out, a good hamburger, Mexican or Cajun dishes, Needville offers a variety of eateries. Top-reviewed and rated restaurants include Bayou Boys Po-Boys, Simple Simon's Pizza, Snow Flake Donuts, Star Asian Cafe, Los Charros Mexican Restaurant, The Pub 36, and TX Burger (where the motto is "All beef, no bull.") One of the most celebrated restaurants in the area, however, is The Jay Cafe, an old-fashioned diner that specializes in traditional American dishes. When it comes to shopping, Needville offers unique spots including, His and Hers Gifts, Beth's Blooms, Lillie Kay's Boutique, Memories from the Heart, Kinfolk Antiques Collectibles and Moda Boutique.





#### —Parks & Attractions

A popular park in Needville is Harvest Park, which locals praise as a large green-grass-covered, oak-tree-boasting, family-oriented community park. Along with Skrabanek Park, Harvest Park offers picnic, play and jogging areas. Harvest Park is also the host site for one of the area's most praised and well-attended community events - the Needville Harvest Fest.

Perhaps, the most popular park in Needville, however, is Brazos Bend State Park and the George Observatory.

Known as the nature lover's paradise, Brazos Bend State Park was formerly a hunting ranch. But now, it is a 5,000-acre parcel of public land managed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to conserve natural and cultural resources, provide recreational and educational opportunities, and foster an understanding of the diversity of Texas' lands and heritage. The park offers the chance to fish, bike and hike (on foot or horseback). The park offers 37 miles of trails, some of which are wheelchair-accessible. The Creekfield Lake Nature Trail is a fully paved .5-mile trail in the wetland area, the biking and hiking trails connect, circle lakes and lead into the hardwood forest, and







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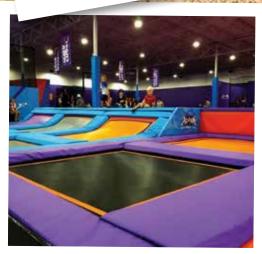




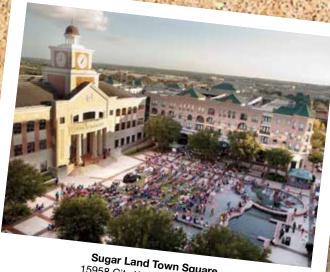
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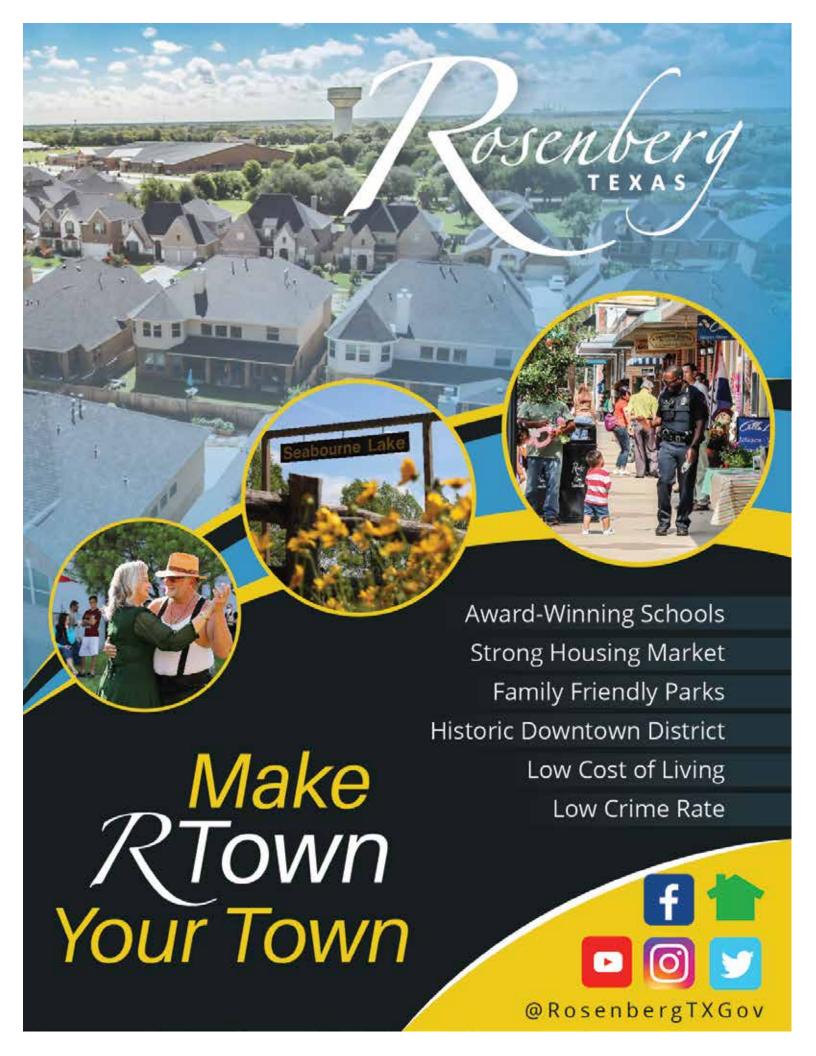
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he Fort Bend Herald asked readers which places serve the best eats and drinks in West Fort Bend County, and they let us know. Whether you're looking for the best chicken-fried steak, barbecue plate or perfect spot for a date, West Fort Bend has plenty of options.

#### **Another Time Soda Fountain**

A nostalgic 1950s diner known for old-fashioned burgers, sundaes and shakes, Another Time Soda Fountain is found in Historic Rosenberg at 800 3rd Street. Readers voted it Best Chef or Cook and in the areas of best All-Around Restaurant and best Desserts, it ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit www.anothertimesodafountain.com.

#### **Bob's Taco Station**

Based on family recipes, Bob's Taco Station offers homemade tamales and other homestyle Tex-Mex classics that caught the attention of Guy Fieri from Food Network's Diners Drive-In and Dives. Bob's Taco Station is found at 1901 Avenue H in Rosenberg. Readers voted it Best All-Around Mexican Food Best Beans (charro/refried), Best Breakfast Served, Best Breakfast Taco, Best Enchiladas, Best Lunch, Best Queso, Best Tacos, and Best Tamales. Visit bobstacos.com.

#### **BR Vino**

This wine bar in Rosenberg's Cultural Arts District, found at 1917 Avenue G #2535 in the Vogelsang Building, offers boutique wines and craft and European beers. At BR Vino visitors have access to an assortment of quality wines focused on small to mid-sized family-owned wineries. Readers voted it as the Best Wine Bar. Visit bryino.com.

#### Braman Winery and Brewery

Coming in as the Reserved Grand Champion for the best Wine Bar is Braman Winery and Brewery, found at 3421 FM 359 in Richmond. Braman vints exquisite wine with superior Texas grapes aged in French Oak barrels. In addition to offering first-class tasting rooms, Braman features live music, bingo and crawfish boil events. Visit bramanbrands.com.



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#### **Bull Creek Cafe & Grill**

Found at 918 San Jacinto Street in Rosenberg, Bull Creek Cafe & Grill is an American restaurant that specializes in homestyle chicken-fried classics, steaks and barbecue in a cafe-style atmosphere. It also features a full bar. Readers voted it Best All-Around Bar, Best Pub, Best Chicken Fried Steak, and Best Dinner. In the areas of Happy Hour, Best Lunch, and Best Steaks, Bull Creek Cafe & Grill ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit www.bullcreekrosenberg.com.

#### The Burger Barn

Looking for the best hamburgers around? Look no further than The Burger Barn at 1101 Damon Street in Rosenberg. And as its name suggests, the restaurant is themed like a big red barn. It offers a wide range of hamburgers, wings, tacos and margaritas. Readers voted it Best Hamburgers. Visit theburgerbarn.net.



#### Cracker Barrel

Offering breakfast all day, Cracker Barrel is an American chain that offers a Southern country theme, gift shop and menu. Found at 23801 Southwest Fwy in Rosenberg at Brazos Town Center, readers voted it Reserved Grand Champion in best Breakfast Served. Visit www.crackerbarrel.com.

#### Clancy's Public House

A Celtic-inspired pub, Clancy's is a full bar and restaurant at 503 FM 359 Rd, 118 in Richmond that offers more than 30 beers on tap, seasonal cocktails and delicious food made from fresh ingredients daily. Readers voted it as the Reserve Grand Champion for the best Pub. Visit www.gringostexmex.com.

#### La Cocina

Offering authentic Tex-Mex food, La Cocina is known for its extensive menu that features handmade flour tortillas, award-winning fajitas and magnificent margaritas. It is found at 515 FM 359 in Richmond near Pecan Grove. Readers voted it Best Tortillas. Visit lacocinarestaurant.com.

#### Da'Tvki Drink Hut

At 1310 1st St Suite A in Rosenberg is Da'Tyki Drink Hut, a premier lounge bar destination. Not only does it offer mouth-watering daiquiris, live music and festive nightlife, but Da'Tyki Drink Hut also hosts social events and free birthday parties. The bar features pool tables and a pool lounge, a hookah lounge and serves wine, beer and, of course, daiquiris. Readers voted it Best Happy Hour. Visit rosenbergbarlounge.com.



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#### **Gringo's Mexican Kitchen**

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Readers voted it as the Reserve Grand Champion for the best All-Around Bar. Visit www.gringostexmex.com.

#### **Hunan Garden**

The Wang family has been serving fine Chinese cuisine in Rosenberg for more than three decades at its Rosenberg location of Hunan Garden. The restaurant is found at 4601 Avenue H #7 in Rosenberg. Readers voted it Best Chinese Restaurant. Visit hunangardenrestaurant.com.

#### The Jay Cafe

Reader's voted the Jay Cafe, at 16634 TX-36 in Needville, as the Best All-Around Restaurant, Best Desserts, and Best Steaks. The American restaurant offers blue-plate specials, burgers, pie and a variety of old-fashioned American dishes. In the areas of best Chicken Fried Steak, best Dinner, and best Hamburgers, it ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit @freshandhomemade on Facebook.

#### **Larry's Original Mexican Restaurant**

Found at 116 E Hwy 90 Alt #3720 in Richmond, Larry's Original Mexican Restaurant has offered traditional Tex-Mex dishes since 1960. Readers voted it Best Burritos and Best Fajitas. In the areas of best All-Around Mexican Food, best Beans (charro/refried), best Enchiladas, best Queso, best Tacos, best Tamales, and best Tortillas, it ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit @larrysoriginalmexicanrestaurant on Facebook.











#### Pier 36 Seafood & Oyster Bar

With two locations in West Fort Bend, Pier 36 Seafood & Oyster Bar is known for its fan favorites such as whole fried catfish, seafood gumbo. crawfish etouffee, and other fried and grilled entrees along with some new features such as ceviche, grilled tuna, grilled rainbow trout and crabmeat stuffed mushrooms. Its two locations are 1410 E Hwy 90A #200 in Richmond and 8502 FM 359 in Fulshear. Readers voted it Best Catfish and Best Seafood. Visit pier36seafood.com.

#### Schulze's Bar-B-Que

Found at 1214 1st Street in Rosenberg, Schulze's Bar-B-Que serves classic barbecued meats and sides. Readers voted it Best Barbecue Beans. In the areas of best All-Around Barbecue, Best Baked Potato, Best Barbecue Beef, Best Barbecue Chicken, Best Barbecue Ribs, Best Barbecue Sauce, and Best Barbecue Sausage, it ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit schulzesbbq.com.

#### The Sweet Tooth

Found at 2800 Avenue K in Rosenberg, The Sweet Tooth is a bakery specializing in beautiful and delicious cake and cookie creations. Readers voted it Best Bakery. Visit @bestbakeryrosenbergtx on Facebook.

#### The Swinging Door

With its rustic atmosphere, the classic barbecue joint The Swinging Door sets the standard of Texas cuisine with its pecan-smoked meats like brisket, pork ribs, chicken, turkey and sausage, and top-rated sides of beans, potato salad, coleslaw, dirty rice or green beans. The restaurant is found at 3818 FM359 in Richmond. Readers voted it Best All-Around Barbecue, Best Baked Potato, Best Barbecue Chicken, Best Barbecue Ribs, Best Barbecue Sauce, Best Barbecue Sausage and Best Barbecue Beef. In the area of Best Baked Beans, it ranked as Reserved Grand Champion. Visit www.swingingdoor.com.

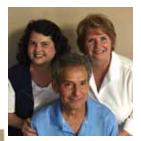




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- ◆ Ramble Creek Grill | ramblecreekgrill.com
- County Line Bar and Grill | m.facebook.com/TheCountyLineBarAndGrill
- ◆ Sandy McGee's Restaurant | www.sandymcgees.com
- ◆ The Oxbow Tavern | www.oxbowtavernrichmondtx.com
- → Dry Creek Social Club | drycreeksocialclub.com
- ◆ Unwine'd Wine and Cheese Lounge | www.unwinedtx.com
- → "D" Spot Daiquiris | dspotdaiquiris.com
- ◆ Local Table | eatatlocaltable.com/locations/fulshear
- → Hat Creek Burger Company | hatcreekburgers.com
- → Joe's Oyster Bar & Grill | joesoysterbarandgrill.com

#### Barbecue

- → Harlem Road BBQ | www.harlemroadtexasbbg.com
- → Galvan's Sausage House | galvans-sausage-house.business.site
- → Rudy's Bar-B-Que | rudysbbq.com/location/detail/richmond-tx
- → Dozier's BBQ | www.doziersbbq.com
- → Witt Pit BBQ | www.wittpitbbq.com

#### Seafood

→ Baytown Seafood | www.baytownseafoodrichmond.com

#### Creole

♦ Mimi's New Orleans

#### Mexican/Tex-Mex

- ◆ Tejas Mexican Grill
- → Fajita Pete's | fajitapetes.com/stores/richmond
- → Pablo's Mexican Kitchen | www.pablosmexkitchen.com
- → Hacienda Real | haciendarealtexmex.com/fulshear-tx
- → Molina's Cantina | www.molinascantina.com
- ♦ Necas | necasmexicanrestaurant.com
- → Victor's Mexican Grille | www.victorsmexicanrestaurant.com
- → Guanajuato Mexican Restaurant | gto-mex.com

- ◆ Lomonte's Italian Restaurant and Bar | www.lomontes.com
- ◆ Frankie's Italian Kitchen | frankiesitaliankitchentx.com

#### Japanese

- ♦ Ninja Japanese Cuisine | myninjasushi.com
- ♦ Yen Teppanyaki and sushi | www.yenteppanyaki.com

- → Bao's Asian Cafe | baosasiancafetogo.com
- ◆ Orient Cafe | orientcaferichmondtx.com

#### Vietnamese

- ◆ Country Pho | countrypho.webstarts.com
- ◆ Tastea Vietnamese Grill | www.facebook.com/TasteaVietnameseGrill

#### Indian

→ Bombay Grill | bombaygrilltx.com

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- ♦ Blockhouse Coffee and Kitchen | www.blockhousecoffee.co
- → JOSEPH'S Coffee Shop | www.josephscoffeeshop.com
- → Mugz Coffee Bar | www.mugzcoffee.net



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13 miles of multi-use trails are open for horseback riding.

Visitors can experience the park for the day or stay overnight at a cabin, campsite or screened shelter. Geocache, picnic gatherings and alligator sightings are also included in the experience. But the nature experience continues with George Observatory,



which is a satellite facility of the Houston Museum of Natural Science that sits within the Brazos Bend State Park. The Observatory houses three large domed telescopes; an exhibit area featuring several famous meteorites and a piece of the moon; a classroom and gift shop; the Expedition Center for spaceflight simulations; and an outdoor eating area.

-Annual Events - When it comes to celebrating in the City of Needville, the community features some of the best events. Take the Needville Harvest Festival for example. The Needville Harvest Festival began as a small two-day event on Main Street in downtown Needville in 1983. In 2003, the festival was moved to its current location, Harvest Park, which is situated behind the Knights of Columbus Hall off of Highway 36 in Needville. Harvest Park comes alive on the third Saturday in October every year as thousands of people take part in the fun and entertainment. All proceeds benefit the development of Harvest Park and Community Center. Proceeds also help other community projects, and they fund scholarships for Needville High School graduates. To date, more than \$25,000 in scholarships have been awarded to deserving students. Harvest Park has been the NHF, Inc.'s largest community project. Funds raised at the festival have helped to transform what was once a large junkyard into a serene park for the entire community to enjoy.

Another local hot event is the Needville Youth Fair, a nonprofit corporation that owns and operates a seven-acre fairground facility dedicated to serving the children of our community. The fairground has a first-class agricultural barn and arena, fair office and concession stand as well as buildings to house arts and crafts and educational projects. The fair includes a livestock show, the youth dance, a bake-off, parade, pet show, pageant and queen contest, arena games and more.

#### -Education

The City of Needville is served by one school district, Needville ISD, which encompasses 200 square miles in Fort Bend County, making it the county's second-largest school district in the area. Needville ISD encourages students to be involved in co-curricular programs and clubs, with numerous opportunities for participation and volunteerism available throughout the district.



The community of Needville takes pride in actively caring for others and each year, students at all Needville ISD campuses break records for charitable donations. Whether it is a program such as Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for Heart, or a fundraiser for a family in need, the school and community unite to raise funds. The district also has a Needville Education Foundation (NEF), which has distributed grants totaling more than \$150,000 to staff members across the district for academic enrichment.

The Needville Education Foundation was established in the fall of 2014 to purchase educational resources for our NISD teachers' classrooms that enhance the ways our Blue Jays learn. The NEF board hosts two crucial fundraisers a year — the popular Blue Jean Ball and the Busting Clays for Jays — to be able to fund such awards. The Blue Jean Ball is the main gala event held in January every year. In the spring it hosts an event at Texas Premier Sporting Arms in Sealy, TX, Busting Clays for Jays. This clay-shooting event involves 20 teams or more and is a great morning in the country supporting the teachers.



t is well-known that Fort Bend County is thriving, and included in that growth is the increasing quality of education. The Fort Bend public schools are Lamar CISD, Fort Bend ISD and Needville ISD. Higher education includes the University of Houston Sugar Land, Texas State Technical College and Wharton County Junior College.

Lamar CISD welcomes more than 35,000 students, and each campus is designed for smaller enrollments of 2,000 students, giving more students the chance to assume leadership roles. Lamar CISD also has sixthgrade-only campuses (middle schools) that focus on the needs of pre-adolescents, providing a smooth transition to secondary schools. Fort Bend County's largest school district, Fort Bend ISD, has the 8th largest enrollment in Texas, accommodating nearly 76,000 students who speak more than 90 languages and dialects. Needville ISD has four campuses and is home to 3,250



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The Fort Bend County campus became a reality not only because TSTC believed in it but also because the people of Fort Bend County believed in it. In fact, the community raised more than \$40 million to keep TSTC in the region and help fill the demand for skilled workers in the Greater Houston area.

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WCJC's Sugar Land campus, housed on the campus of the University of Houston Sugar Land, is composed mostly of students working on the first two years of their four-year degrees. Students can choose from dozens of core courses and continue their studies at four-year institutions. In addition to an AA degree with an emphasis on a study in various disciplines, the Sugar Land campus offers the AAS Degree in Nursing (ADN) and AAS degrees in Computer Simulation & Game Development, Construction Management, Digital Media, Early Childhood, Paralegal Studies, and Law Enforcement.

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#### Memorial Hermann Health System

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St. Luke's Health is part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit, Catholic health system dedicated to advancing health for all people. It was created in February 2019 through the alignment of Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health. CommonSpirit Health is committed to creating healthier communities, delivering exceptional patient care, and ensuring every person has access to quality health care. The Sugar Land Hospital's clinical services include: heart and vascular, gastroenterology, neurosciences, diagnostic imaging, women's services, orthopedics, and surgical services.

#### **Atrium Medical Center**

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**Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sugar Land** 1325 Hwy 6 | Sugar Land encompasshealth.com

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**Houston Methodist Cancer Center at Sugar Land** 16675 Southwest Fwy Ste 105 | Sugar Land www.houstonmethodist.org

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