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Library Expansion and Renovation Groundbreaking

Friendswood is celebrating the groundbreaking for the $2.52 million dollar bond expansion and renovation project at the Public Library.

It will add approximately six thousand square feet of space for the Library's collections and programs, plus extensive renovation of the existing facility.

Mayor Kevin Holland, Councilmembers, Library Board members, Friends of the Library, the business community and a large contingent of library patrons attended the March 31 event.
**Water restrictions continue**

Due to continued work on the main water supply line for the City of Friendswood, Stage 1 water restrictions remain in effect.

Residents are asked to observe the following voluntary outdoor watering limitations:

- street addresses ending in *even* numbers are asked to water only on *even* numbered days.
- street addresses ending in *odd* numbers are asked to water only on *odd* numbered days.

Cooperation with this voluntary watering program increases the chances that enough water is available to fight a fire, should one occur. The City appreciates your patience and understanding.

**City Election May 9**

Registered voters may go to the polls to vote in the City's General Election for a Mayor (unopposed), a Councilmember for Position No. 1 (opposed) and Position No. 3 (unopposed).

Voting hours on Election Day, May 9, will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be one polling place for all voters (Galveston and Harris County Residents) which will be at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546, in the Second Floor Conference Rooms.

Election information is available by contacting the
City Secretary's Office at (281) 996-3270 or by clicking on http://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Election-Information-Informacin-de-la-Eleccin/

The last day to register to vote for this election is April 9.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5
Council Chambers, Friendswood City Hall
910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546

Galveston and Harris County Residents

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VOTING BY MAIL
Voters may vote by mail if age 65 or over, disabled, confined in jail or expected to be absent from the county. Applications for mail ballots must be mailed to City Secretary Melinda Welsh, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856

All applications for Ballot by Mail must be received no later than close of business (5 p.m.) on Thursday, April 30.
Community Communication Registration

In April, the City of Friendswood transitioned to a new community communication system to keep residents informed of emergency messages and general communications directly from City officials.

This system provides phone calls, text messages, emails, social media updates, a smart phone application, and communications to hearing impaired devices.

Telephone numbers listed in the phone book are already part of this service; however the Friendswood Office of Emergency Management recommends that all residents verify that their home phones and cell phones are registered. It is also recommended that businesses or persons that work within the City limits register.

To register for the community communication system, go to https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/AAEF81E58748 and enter your contact information. If residents previously registered their contact information, it was automatically transferred into the new system and no further action is required. Also the system will detect and disregard duplicate information, if you choose to re-register.

When the public is called by the City’s community communication system, Caller ID may indicate a call from a 281, 866 or 855 area code. Please do not ignore calls from these numbers.

For additional information, contact the Office of Emergency Management at (281) 996-3335 or by email at EOC@friendswood.com
**Road Construction Update**

The northbound side of Friendswood Link Road, from the Clear Creek Bridge to Blackhawk, is nearing completion. Traffic has recently shifted to the new section of the road as construction of the southbound side is now underway.

**Youth Sports Parade**

Hundreds participated in or watched the annual Youth Sports Parade, Awards Ceremony and First Pitch to begin the Girls Softball and Little League seasons.

**Spaghetti Fundraiser**

More than 120 people enjoyed the Friendswood Senior Center’s 16th Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser, generating proceeds of $750, which benefit Senior Center programs.

**Friendswood Library events**

Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.
*Murder Most Texan* author Bartee Haile talks about his new book, where he unburies this collection of 16 killings from Lone Star history.
Tuesdays, April 14 through May 5, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Job Search Skills Seminars

Thursday, April 9 at 2 p.m.
Using newspapers to flesh out your genealogy, by Irene Walters, librarian from the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston.

Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m.
Researching German Ancestors through church records. Presented by Nick Cimino, Professional Genealogist, and Bob Wegner, Bay Area Genealogical Society.

For Kids
No Toddler time or Storytime April 14 through 17
Toddler time (for babies from birth to 3 years): at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Preschool Storytime (for ages 3-6): at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Rattle and Rhyme (for babies 0 to 18 months) meets from 10:10 to 11:10 a.m. on Mondays.
For information call the Library at (281) 482-7135

Rotary Club donation
Friendswood's Rotary Club presented Police Chief Robert Wieners with a $500 check for Animal Control Training. Club President Bill Provenzano made the presentation.
Spring Sparkle is April 18

Residents can dispose of many different types of items at the "Spring Sparkle," on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Centennial Park. Bring your tree limbs, grass clippings, appliances, furniture, wood, metal, and plastic.

Spring Sparkle cannot accept hazardous waste, such as tires, paint, batteries, and oil.

Paper shredding will be offered until the shredding truck is full. Spring Sparkle shredding is sponsored by Delta Document Destruction.

KEEP FRIENDSWOOD BEAUTIFUL GARAGE SALE
Donate items in good condition to the Keep Friendswood Beautiful (KFB) Garage Sale. On the morning of April 18 at Centennial Park, KFB accepts furniture, other household items and bicycles, but not clothing. Proceeds from the Garage Sale will benefit the beautification of city facilities and parks.

KFB also needs aquariums, dog and cat kennel carriers, clean rags, and shallow crock bowls. Those items are used by people who help rehabilitate wildlife.

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 996-3220 for more details.

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