

PEARLAND IN MOTION



PUBLISHED BY THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

SPRING 2014

Pearland gets a jump on tourism



Cover Photo: (L to R) Rushi Patel, Hampton Inn & Springhill Suites; Tracy Rohrbacher, Pearland CVB; Kim Sinistore, Pearland CVB; Gary Shepherd, Courtyard by Marriott; Alpesh Shukla, Candlewood Suites; Dee Northcutt and Gaylynn Naiser, Hilton Garden Inn.

Convention & Visitors Bureau unveils a new facility and brand, see page 3.

CITY MANAGER'S
CORNER

2

CITY NEWS

3

PARKS AND
RECREATION

6

KEEP PEARLAND
BEAUTIFUL

8

CITY
DIRECTORY

12

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



Clay Pearson
City Manager

PEARSON NAMED CITY MANAGER

City Council announced the appointment of a new City Manager who joins the City beginning Monday, March 10. "During his career, Pearson gained a broad overview and understanding for the varied operations of City government and has a strong vision of what needs to be accomplished in the future," said Mayor Tom Reid.

Pearson comes to Pearland from the City of Novi, Michigan where he served as the City Manager since July 2006 after serving as Assistant City Manager since September 2000. Prior to that, Pearson served the City of Elgin, Illinois for more than a decade in various capacities, including Assistant City Manager. Pearson brings with him more than 20 years of experience in municipal government. During his tenure at the City of Novi, he oversaw all City operations and worked closely with City Council to carry out their annual goals and policy directives. Some of the highlights include: initiating and developing international business relationships, leveraging partnerships with schools and surrounding agencies for joint facility use and garnering national attention when the City was named in the Top 100 Places to live by Money Magazine and Top Ten Places in the U.S. for families by Family Circle Magazine.

In his new position, Pearson will oversee sixteen City departments and manage more than 650 employees and a \$209.4 million total operating budget including capital improvements. "Mr. Pearson stood above the rest as he has proven himself as a leader, and successful city manager with his passionate, innovative and creative approach to public administration. We are ready to have him help take Pearland to the next level," said Mayor Pro Tem Greg Hill.

CITY COUNCIL

Tom Reid.....Mayor
 Tony Carbone.....Councilmember - Position 1
 Scott Sherman.....Councilmember - Position 2
 Susan Sherrouse.....Councilmember - Position 3
 Keith Ordeneaux.....Councilmember - Position 4
 Greg Hill.....Mayor Pro Tem

CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager.....Clay Pearson
 Assistant City Manager.....Jon Branson
 Assistant City Manager.....Mike Hodge

PEARLAND IN MOTION IS A PUBLICATION OF:

City of Pearland
 3519 Liberty Drive
 Pearland, Texas 77581
 Phone: 281.652.1600
 Email: cityofpearland@ci.pearland.tx.us
 Web site: cityofpearland.com

Pearland in Motion is published, edited and designed by Sparkle Anderson, Debbie Schielke and Jeff Mansoor.

CVB LAUNCHES NEW TOURISM EFFORTS

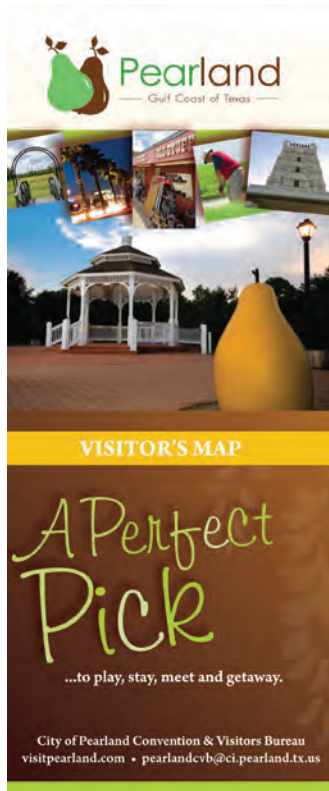


Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has a new brand, Pearland - "A Perfect Pick" ...to stay, play, meet, and getaway. The CVB's mission is to promote business and leisure travel into Pearland. A key part of the new brand is marketing that includes the launch of a new Web site - visitpearland.com and the opening of a new office and Visitor Center in the Pearland Town Center.

Touting the perks of Pearland, the new CVB Web site is designed to familiarize visitors planning a trip to the City about the accessibility to Houston, great local shopping and dining options, and venues available to host events. Guests visiting the City or planning a trip can use the calendar of events feature to learn about things happening in and around Pearland. Located at 11200 Broadway, Suite 1390, the Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offers information about things to do and sites to see. Maps, guides and brochures are available for pickup.

"We are positioning Pearland as a destination to stay in our hotels, dine in our restaurants and play in our region which will provide overall economic impact," said Kim Sinistore, CVB Executive Director.

Tourism plays a significant role in the economic impact of Pearland. In 2012, tourism generated \$117 million in visitor spending and \$2.9 million in local tax revenues, which includes sales and occupancy taxes for the City. Anyone planning a wedding, reunion or sports event in Pearland is encouraged to contact the CVB on Facebook, at **713.436.5595** or online at visitpearland.com.



PEARLAND FIRE AND EMS CONSOLIDATE



Uniformed work forces of the Pearland Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments have consolidated – the culmination of a 3 - year effort to create a unified department.

"I think it's safe to say that it is not only better for our employees, but better for public safety in the City," fire department Chief Vance Riley said.

Under the new model, current EMS employees may voluntarily train as firefighters — including those who

intend to work primarily as emergency medical service providers. The City's 36 paramedics and emergency medical technicians may elect to be trained in spring 2014 as certified structural firefighters.

Earlier this year, the Fire and EMS Chiefs selected a joint team of employees to provide recommendations regarding consolidation. The team presented recommendations to the two department Chiefs who then turned those recommendations into a phased consolidation plan, which was presented and accepted by Pearland City Council in October. Phase one, which will occur through September 2014, and includes work to decide on a department name and logo and employee cross-training in an effort to seamlessly consolidate the two departments. Phase two, which will start in late 2014, includes a final alignment of the consolidated department's organizational chart and moving both departments to a new shift schedule.

"The consolidation of the two departments symbolizes the beginning of a new era for emergency services in Pearland. Two great departments have been merged into one that will better serve the community. Our firefighters and EMS personnel will be better trained and better equipped and our department will be more flexible to meet the demands of the future," said EMS department Chief Daniel Baum.

The Pearland Fire Department has 6 stations with 3 apparatus on-duty 24/7 and responds to over 3,000 calls a year and the City's EMS Department is comprised of 4 ambulances (with a fifth to be added in early 2014) and a shift supervisor who responds to nearly 7,000 calls a year. Together, the consolidated department plans to enhance efficiency and improve response time to service calls.

DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION



Pearland Parks & Recreation joins the ranks of the elite park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The Department

is one of only eight agencies in the state of Texas to have achieved this standard.

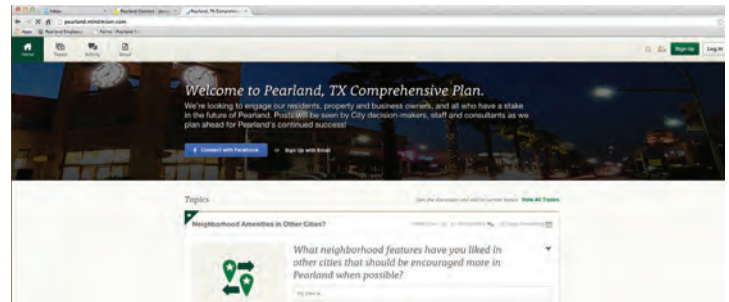
CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

As part of the accreditation process, Pearland Parks & Recreation demonstrated compliance with 144 recognized standards and documented policies and procedures. Often the process helps identify efficiencies and heighten areas of accountability, all of which translate into enhanced service and operation to benefit the community. The achievement of accreditation is a source of civic pride for Pearland.

"I am proud of all of the work that was done to earn this designation. It speaks to the quality of the Pearland Parks & Recreation staff and their commitment to excellence in the Pearland community," said Michelle Smith, Pearland Parks & Recreation Director.

The process for accreditation involves self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the qualifying standards and be reviewed again in five years. The Commission is comprised of representatives from NRPA, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Management Association, the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, the Armed Forces Recreation Society and the Council of State Executive Directors. For more information about CAPRA accreditation, visit nrpa.org/CAPRA.

JOIN OUR ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM



Have you wondered how you can influence decisions that affect you within the City or thought about how you could provide input on creating more convenient, healthy, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations?

The City of Pearland invites you to be involved, stay involved and voice your opinion on the 2013 - 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update. Visit Pearland's online discussion forum and provide input to be used by City leaders to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City hopes to engage a broader audience by using an online platform that allows residents and others to contribute from their homes and on their own schedules. Help our community appreciate its past, celebrate its accomplishments, and envision its future by joining the conversation.

The topics in the Comprehensive Plan include growth and infrastructure, mobility, housing and neighborhoods, economic development, parks and amenities, land use and character plan, and an implementation plan.

"Pearland's Comprehensive Plan provides the City with the opportunity to address issues related to growth and public investments for the next 20 years in infrastructure such as our sidewalks, parks, drinking water systems, and storm water systems—in a proactive, coordinated manner that promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of our residents," said Lata Krishnarao, Community Development Director.

The first plan was adopted in 1968, and has been updated several times since then. The unprecedented growth from 2000 to 2010 and demographic and economic changes in the last 10 years reinforced the need to update it again. Call [281.652.1768](tel:281.652.1768) or visit cityofpearland.com/yourcity to provide input.

SEASONAL REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS

It's the time of year for festivals and craft shows and the City wants to remind you to apply for temporary activity, special event, and temporary health permits for these events.

In addition, don't forget to plan ahead for garage sales. The City's ordinance allows for two garage sales per property per year. Make sure to pick up your permit and garage sale signs at the Permits division in the Community Center located at 3523 Liberty Drive. And, while you are there, pick up a checklist for sign placement, time, and locations.

When advertising, contact the Planning Division for information on approved signage and placement at [281.652.1765](tel:281.652.1765).

For any questions on enforcement or code violations, call our Health and Environmental Services Division at 281.652.1766. You can also find the City of Pearland Code of Ordinances on our Web site at cityofpearland.com.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER & YEAR

The "Employee of the Quarter & Year" awards recognize employees that exemplify the core beliefs of the City by serving as responsive, results-oriented, trust-building, accountable employees. Award recipients provide exemplary service by displaying a positive attitude, meeting specific goals or accomplishments during the quarter, performing above and beyond assigned work duties, going out of his/her way to assist fellow employees and citizens, exhibiting outstanding work ethic, or offering new and innovative ideas resulting in improvement of services or processes.

PAULETTE ENGLUND



Paulette Englund is a Budget Analyst in the Finance Department and has been with the City for 6 years. While excellent in her role, Englund is receiving this honor for assisting the Animal Control & Adoption Center in their efforts to decrease the City's euthanasia rate. Multiple members of that department nominated her for her efforts to ensure the department finds "forever homes" for dozens

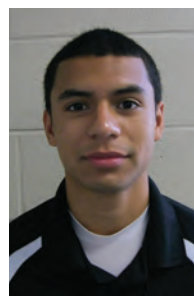
of homeless Pearland pets. Over the past two years, she has volunteered regularly and opened up her home to foster animals that aren't healthy enough to be adopted.

KELLEY AND RAMIREZ RECEIVE TOP CITY HONOR

Public Works Operator II, **Julian Kelley** (full-time) and **Nathan Ramirez** (part-time) were recently named 2013 Employees of the Year.

Julian Kelley is a Public Works Operator II and has been with the City for 5 years. Kelley receives this award following multiple incidents where he went above and beyond to assist individuals in need. Following a motor vehicle accident that resulted in a broken streetlight which had fallen into the street and caused a significant traffic delay, Kelley stopped to shovel glass from the street and assist another individual who had stopped to direct traffic.

On two other occasions, he showed his commitment to the City by assisting other employees – once to rescue dogs that were running loose and another time to help a coworker whose car had broken down.



Nathan Ramirez is an Exercise Instructor for the Parks & Recreation Department. Ramirez was nominated after an individual joined an exercise class a day before a holiday. The individual called to confirm the class and upon arrival, ended up being the only person there to take the class. Classes are usually canceled if less than 3 participants attend, however, he still held the course with the same enthusiasm as if it had been a room full of participants.

Both Kelley and Ramirez have shown their commitment to excellence and the core beliefs of the City.

Pearland Parks & Recreation offers a variety of classes from babies to Boomers and beyond. Whether you are interested in sports leagues, Zumba, Karate, art classes, ballet & tap, camps, or community events, there is a program for you. For more information on any of the programs or events listed on these pages, visit pearlandparks.com or call **281.412.8900**.

PAWS IN THE PARK - MAR. 29 & MAR. 30



Come join Pearland Parks & Recreation and Pup Squad Animal Rescue for the 20th Annual Paws in the Park. The event begins with the H.E.B. Plus! Pet and Owner Fun Run, followed by the National Dock Diving Competition. Multiple exhibitors with exciting pet-related gadgets and supplies will be on hand at the Westside Veterinary Hospital Exhibitor Pavilion. Man's best friend is sure to enjoy this paw-some event!

LET FREEDOM SING - APRIL 12



Do you think you are the next American Idol? Do you have the "X" factor? Start your journey with Pearland's Let Freedom Sing Talent Search. Participants will compete for an opportunity to perform the National Anthem or God Bless America at Pearland's July 4th Celebration of Freedom. So warm up your vocal cords and get signed up today!

SUMMERFEST - FRIDAYS IN MAY AND JUNE



Got Friday evening plans? Grab your picnic baskets and lawn chairs and come to Southdown Park to enjoy great bands in a relaxed setting. During the months of May and June, the park will be filled with music every Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the general public and feature a variety of genres.

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM - JULY 4

Spend your July 4th with Pearland Parks & Recreation and let us provide you with a night full of entertainment, presented from the H-E-B Entertainment Stage. The event boasts great food, fun activities, and a spectacular firework show, "unleashed" by Westside Veterinary Hospital, to end the night! For more information, call **281.412.8900** or log on to pearlandparks.com.



FAMILIES & FLASHLIGHTS - APR. 5 & APR. 6

Do you want to go camping with your family, but are unsure of what to take, what to do and where to go? If so, Pearland Parks & Recreation has you covered! Take the entire family outdoors for an educational camping session and spend the night in Independence Park! You and your family will learn how to set up your tent, cook outdoors and learn the basics of fishing. Registered participants will receive a list of supplies to bring along. Don't have a tent? A limited number of tents will be available for rent. The registration fee covers a family of four.

SUMMER CAMP

Pearland Parks & Recreation offers full-day camps for children of all ages. Camp KIA (Kids In Action) is designed for campers ages 6 to 10. Camp sessions provide for a full range of hands-on interaction and physical activity. Camp Mahalo is designed for campers ages 11 to 14 and provides the tools for self-discovery, lessons on personal leadership style, goal setting and making a positive difference in the community. Register early, as limited space is available in both camps. For a complete list of themes and activities, go to pearlandparks.com.





SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS - MAY 19 - JULY 6

The Recreation Center & Natatorium is selling 3 - month Summer Memberships from May 19 through July 6. Summer memberships are paid in full at the monthly rate. The start of the three-month period begins on the day the membership is purchased.

The membership can be added to existing plans, which makes it perfect for students returning home from college or people who want to ramp up their summertime workouts. For more information, call **281.412.8900**.

WESTSIDE EVENT CENTER

Keep the Westside Event Center in mind when planning your spring activities. The Center offers a variety of classes and camps for all ages. There are preschool art and education classes, along with LEGO camps, ballet and so much more. For more information on summer programs, call **713.436.8600**.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Pearland Parks & Recreation offers programs for all age groups – including seniors. From Zumba to acrylic art, we keep senior adults busy! If you play cards (Skip-Bo, Phas 10, Pinochle, etc.), dominos or other table games, get involved in our senior programs. Pearland Parks & Recreation also sponsors trips and hosts educational workshops on a number of topics. Programs and activities generally take place at the Melvin Knapp Senior Center, located at 2424 South Park Avenue. For more information, call **281.485.9875**.

HOUSTON ROCKETS BASKETBALL CAMP

The Houston Rockets and The National Basketball Academy Summer and Spring Break Basketball Camps are designed for boys and girls, ages 6 to 15 years, who are looking to improve their basketball skills. Throughout the camp, participants will receive personal instruction in all areas of the game, including dribbling, shooting, passing and defense, while learning about good sportsmanship and the “team” concept.

Sign up to improve the skill level of any youth basketball player! Train with expert coaches from the National Basketball Academy and experience all the fun and excitement of being associated with an NBA Team. Register online at thebasketballacademy.com or call **832.392.0749** for more information.

ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUES

Come join Pearland Parks & Recreation’s adult pickleball leagues for an opportunity to challenge yourself and other players in your league. This exciting mini-tennis game is a combination of ping-pong, tennis and badminton and can be played with four players. It is played on a court the size of a badminton court, using tennis rules and a smaller racquet/paddle and a wiffleball.

Adult pickleball leagues are open to men and women ages 18 and older and are offered at the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium. The league includes 7 weeks of play. At the end of the regular season, a single elimination tournament will be held in which the top 4 doubles teams will participate. Awards will be given to tournament winners. Spring registration runs through Mar. 21, with a team entry fee of \$50.

And...don’t forget about the summer adult pickleball leagues! Summer registration starts May 12.





ENVIRO AWARENESS DAY - MAR. 22

Native and adaptive plants go on sale in celebration of Environmental Awareness Day at the Pearland Farmers Market and the Westside Event Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



NATIONAL PLANTING DAY - AUG. 28

In honor of National Planting Day and National Community Garden Awareness Month, Keep Pearland Beautiful will be planting native and adaptive species at 6 p.m.

TEXAS TRASH OFF - APRIL 5

Texas Trash Off, in conjunction with The Great American Cleanup, will begin at the Pearland Community Center at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast before participants continue into the streets to make Pearland a cleaner, more beautiful city.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR - APRIL 26

KPB is hosting the 18th Annual Environmental Fair under the Pavilion at Pearland Town Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event features environmental education booths, games, and refreshments.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS DINNER - MAY 9

Keep Pearland Beautiful honors members of the community who continue to help maintain a sustainable, green movement in the City of Pearland. For more information and ticket pricing, visit mykpb.org.



WASTE IN PLACE TRAINING - JUNE 12

Waste in Place focuses on waste management options available to communities. Activities focus on lessons that can be replicated in the classroom. Pearland teachers receive a stipend for completing the training.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

September 6 – Fall Trash Off

October 10 – Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon

November 15 – Texas Recycles Day

December 13 – Tour De Lites



2014 CIP PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is under way with funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 totaling \$53.3 million. A total of \$4 million is being allocated for facilities, which includes construction of Fire Station #3, land acquisition and design for relocating Fire Station #2, design and renovations to the City Hall Complex, and design costs for the Hillhouse Road Annex Phase II.

To manage the flow of stormwater and runoff, the City is spending \$7.7 million on drainage projects. Included in this portion of the CIP is the Lower Kirby Urban Center Regional Detention project, as well as the construction of a future storm water detention pond at FM 518 and Cullen, and the costs to design a sub-regional pond within the Old Townsite area.

Projects for parks total \$11.2 million. Phase I construction of the Shadow Creek Ranch Park is included in the FY 2014 CIP and consists of eight lighted softball and baseball fields, a soccer field, six volleyball courts, parking, a hike and bike trail and a lawn amphitheater for special events. Phase I of the Max Road Sports Complex is also funded and will further the construction of six international sized soccer fields, parking, restrooms and a covered area for gatherings. The Phase II improvements to Centennial Park include the demolition of the existing soccer fields, the construction of two new lighted softball fields, the installation of a new picnic pavilion, and additional parking. Other projects included in the CIP for parks involve the construction of nature trails at Green Tee Terrace and the John Hargrove Environmental Complex.

Current water and sewer projects total \$21.2 million.

Major projects include:

- The installation of a 16-inch waterline along McHard Road, from State Highway 35 to Business Center Drive
- The installation of a 12-inch waterline along State Highway 35 from FM 518 to just south of Magnolia/John Lizer
- The expansion of the existing Far Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant that will provide an additional 2 million gallons per day of treatment capacity
- Phase II of a force main diversion system in the Longwood Service Area

Street projects funding for FY 2014 total \$9.2 million and include:

- Design to extend McHard Road from Mykawa Road to Cullen Parkway
- Kirby Drive extension from Pearland Town Center to CR 59
- Land and ROW acquisition for the reconstruction of Hughes Ranch Road from Cullen to Smith Ranch Road, widening it from two lane asphalt to four lane concrete curb and gutter
- Widening of CR 59 between Business Center Drive and Kirby to alleviate traffic congestion
- Design to widen Max Road from the future Hughes Ranch alignment and connect with Reid Boulevard
- Design to extend Fite Road approximately 2,500 feet east of McLean, running adjacent to Centennial Park

Capital Improvement Projects will be completed using a variety of funding sources, as the City anticipates selling \$17.6 million in general obligation bonds and \$4.1 million in certificates of obligation in 2014. The 2014 funding for the water and sewer component will come from the sale of \$17 million in revenue bonds and \$4.2 million from available water and sewer capital project funds. Developers and grant contributions total \$6 million, and cash and proceeds from future bonds making up the remaining sources. This does not include projects budgeted in previous years but still in progress.

These projects are scheduled to begin in 2014 and be completed by 2018. Initial planning and design work for some projects occurred in previous years. For more information on current projects, visit cityofpearland.com/projects or to view the City's 5 Year CIP (2014 - 2018), log on to the Finance Department's page on the City's Web site.



BE FEATURED IN A NEWS UPDATE

The City of Pearland Communications Department is revamping the City's bi-monthly video news segment. For some upcoming news segments, the department will come out to area businesses or organizations for the taping. If you would like your business or organization to be used for an upcoming News Update video shoot, visit cityofpearland.com/newsupdate for more information.

2014 ELECTION SCHEDULED

As a reminder, the City of Pearland is holding an election in 2014 to fill the following positions: Mayor and City Council Position 3 (currently filled by Tom Reid and Susan Sherrouse)

The voting calendar is as follows:

Feb. 28 – Last day for candidates to file application for place on the ballot. 5 p.m.

April 10 – Last day to register to vote in the May 10th Election.

April 28 – First day for Early Voting by personal appearance.

May 6 – Last day for Regular Early Voting by personal appearance.

CITY WANTS YOU TO BE WATER WISE



With a little thought and effort, water conservation can be a source of monetary and environmental savings. Eliminating water leaks or reducing water consumption can be achieved with simple changes in our daily habits. For example, enjoying the morning shower is a daily source of enjoyment and should be, for many there are

opportunities to conserve. Water can be conserved if residents take a shower 5 minutes or less, savings 1000 gallons a month...and you can save an additional 500 gallons a week by using a water-saving shower head.

There is also an opportunity to conserve water when brushing your teeth or shaving. Turning the water off can save 200 gallons a week for a family of 4 when brushing your teeth and 100 gallons a week when shaving. A simple flush of the toilet uses approximately 6 gallons of water. Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket. Every flush you eliminate can save between 2 and 7 gallons of water.

An average of 8 percent of all home water use is wasted through leaks. Pay attention to the signs and symptoms of plumbing, pool and spa leaks. Check all faucets and under the cupboards for drips or leaks. If a drip fills an 8 - ounce glass every quarter hour, it will lose 180 gallons per month.

A leak in the pool area can waste 1000 gallons a day or more. Pay attention to your automatic water filler. If it's faulty,

your water bill suffers. An increase in quantity of water used could also be a sign of a leak. Walk around your property to look for spongy or mushy grounds where irrigation pipes might be broken and check sprinkler systems for jammed or malfunctioning heads.

One of the most common leaks is the loss of water due to a continuous or intermittent leaky toilet which can produce a significant loss of water and money if left in need of repair for over a month.

Some leaky toilets can be heard while others are called 'silent' leaks. An easy way to determine if you have a leaky toilet is to drop a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color leaks through to the bowl, you have a possible leak that may cause a continuous or an intermittent leak. Fix toilet leaks and save as much as 600 gallons of water monthly.

Customers sometime see increases in their monthly bill while there is not a change in customer behavior. Often, it is due to a leak on the property such as a silent leak from a toilet that did not seal after some of the flushes. Make a commitment to be water wise and identify savings throughout the year



FLASHING ARROWS COMING TO PEARLAND

This year, the City's budget includes funding for Phase One of a three year Program to install flashing yellow left turn arrows at intersections throughout the City. Phase I will evaluate 26 intersections along Dixie Farm Road, FM 518/Broadway and Magnolia. These intersections improvements will provide a more efficient left turn signal. Some benefits include decreased travel time, improve traffic progression and environmental benefits by reducing fuel consumption and mobile emissions.

CITYWIDE CART RECYCLING DEPLOYED

If you have not already received your new 96-gallon rolling cart for recycling, you will soon. Rolling carts will be distributed to each residential home on April 1 or soon after.

The citywide program is the result of the City's goal to reduce the amount of material entering the landfill and to maximize curbside recycling and the positive results of the 3000 household pilot program conducted last year.

Benefits of the cart recycling service include greater capacity for recycling, the ability to roll the material to the curb with ease, with no heavy lifting, a hinged lid that minimizes materials blown out, keeps materials dry and prevents entrance by small animals. The bin also have a positive effect on our environment.

At this time, recyclable materials and collection days will remain the same, only the size of the container has changed. However, if in the future, recycle days change, residents will be notified.

The cart is allocated to each home so, it must remain at the home where it was delivered. If you move or leave the home. If you move and take the cart with you, a \$60 charge will be added to your final bill. Once you receive the cart you can begin using it immediately. Roll the cart to curb after 6 p.m. the night before or by 7 a.m. the morning of collection.

Fill the cart without sorting glass, paper, or plastic. Acceptable recyclable items will be identified on the lid of each container. Adhere to the types of recyclable items that are acceptable because, the City's contractor, Waste Management, Inc. will not service carts that have unacceptable recyclable items in the cart.

The new carts will be emptied by hand and placed upright back at the curbside without tossing or throwing. Since the carts are being handled manually, each cart with contents must not weigh more than 175 lbs. This will allow the carts to be handled and managed with care to prevent tear and damage.

The carts are the property of Waste Management, Inc. and Waste Management, Inc. will handle maintenance of the carts for normal wear and tear or damage resulting from their handling. If your cart is damaged or malfunctioning, contact the City of Pearland Utility Billing Department. Waste Management, Inc. will repair or replace the cart at no charge as long as the issue is not a result of damage by the homeowner.

If you would like to continue to use your current 18 gallon bin in addition to or in lieu of the new cart, you may do so. However, additional or new 18-gallon bins will no longer be supplied. If you want an additional cart, please notify the Utility Billing Department. Additional carts can be purchased for \$60 each.

For more information regarding cart recycling, visit cityofpearland.com/recycle or call **281.652.1603**.



CITY DIRECTORY

CITY HALL (SWITCHBOARD)	281.652.1600	HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	281.652.1766
ADMINISTRATION	281.652.1622	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (RESIDENTIAL PICK UP BY APPT.)	800.449.7587
ANIMAL CONTROL & ADOPTION CENTER	281.652.1970	HUMAN RESOURCES	281.652.1618
BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS	281.652.1638	MUNICIPAL COURTS	281.997.5900
CITY SECRETARY	281.652.1653	PARKS & RECREATION	281.412.8900
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	713.436.5595	PLANNING & ZONING	281.652.1765
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE	281.997.4304	POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)	281.997.4100
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	281.997.3000	PROJECTS	281.652.1732
ENGINEERING	281.652.1637	PUBLIC WORKS	281.652.1900
FINANCE	281.652.1755	RECYCLING CENTER	281.489.2795
FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)	281.997.5851	WATER/GARBAGE SERVICE	281.652.1603
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (NON-EMERGENCY)	281.997.5840		
FIRE MARSHAL/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	281.997.4750		

GET CONNECTED



Facebook.com/cityofpearland



Twitter.com/copearland



Instagram.com/copearland



cityofpearland.com/c2p



cityofpearland.com



YouTube.com/copearland

Sign up for city alerts at cityofpearland.com/alerts
Watch us on Comcast Channel 16 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99.