

State of the City

“CONTINUING MOMENTUM
& GROWTH”

Mayor Tom Reid

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Growth & Leadership

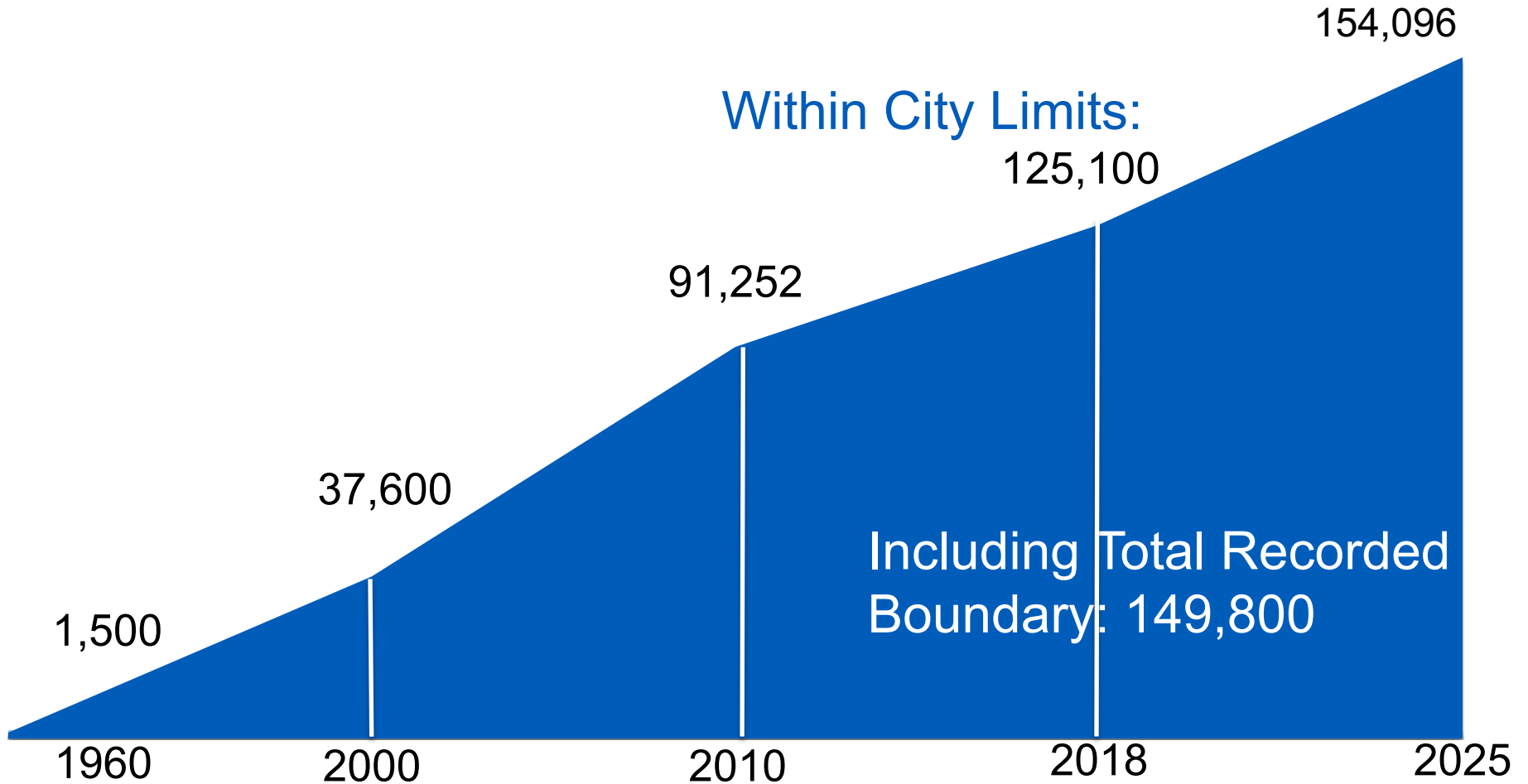




Growth

- Pearland has grown from 1,500 residents in 1960 to become the 3rd largest city in the region by population today behind only Houston and Pasadena.
- Pearland is the 31st largest of the 1,218 cities in Texas and is also nationally ranked as the 8th fastest - growing city in the nation by percentage of growth according to the United States Census.
- Six of the nation's 11 fastest growing cities, including Pearland, are in Texas.

Historical Population Growth





Leadership

- Quality of life will continue to improve for growing cities with diverse populations when guided by top notch leadership.
- Pearland is fortunate to have a quality City Council working with professional city staff and city employees to make Pearland a special and sustainable city of the future.



Pearland City Council



(Front row)

Gary Moore, Derrick Reed, Tom Reid, Keith Ordeneaux, Woody Owens

(Back row)

Tony Carbone, J. David Little, Trent Perez

City Manager



- The City of Pearland operates under a Council/Manager form of government where the City Manager serves as the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for the affairs of the city.
- We are fortunate to have Clay serving as our City Manager. His focus has been on streamlining processes, programs and fiscal transparency.
- Clay manages a quality senior staff that has continued the development of Pearland as a first-class Houston area community.



Clay Pearson
City Manager

Did you know?





Did you know this about
Pearland?

People & Events



Pearland's Normani - "Dancing with the Stars"

Normani Kordei, a member of Fifth Harmony, moved to Pearland from New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. She showcased her dancing skills as a candidate for the 2017, Season 24 "*Dancing with the Stars*" Championship trophy.

She and her partner did not win, but were selected for 3rd place in the championship finals. The judges called her dancing "breathtaking" and described her as being "in a class of her own."



Normani Kordei

Normani made Pearland proud.

Pearland's Sextuplets



David and Lauren Perkins added 6 new citizens to Pearland's population in 2012.



They are now 5-years-old and blossoming into independent thinkers.



Photo credit: Lisa Holloway Photography



Pearland's Kechi wows "America's Got Talent"

Kechi Okwuchi was one of only two survivors of the 2007 plane crash in Nigeria that killed 107 people. Kechi moved with her family to Pearland for burn treatment. She has had more than 100 surgeries at the Shriners' Children Hospital in Galveston.

Kechi demonstrated her singing ability on the 2017 "America's Got Talent" show moving the judges and audiences with her remarkable voice and story. She was selected for the 2017 "America's Got Talent," finals.



Kechi Okwuchi

Photo credit: NBC



Dawson kicker also the Homecoming Queen

Claire Jeffress #26, kicker for the Dawson Eagles, was introduced as Homecoming Queen at half time of the game with Brazoswood, and contributed a field goal and 6 extra points for a 51 – 16 Dawson victory.



Claire was back to work the next week against the Pearland Oilers as she drilled a 30-yard Field Goal with 1:08 left on the game clock to win the game for Dawson 38 – 35.





Pearland – A Bird Sanctuary

In April 2017, a mother Mourning Dove nested on the hood of Police vehicle Unit 187. The officers honored her nest location and surrounded the “nursery” with orange cones as a safe sanctuary.



A Facebook account was set up and “Pearl” was selected as a name for the Mother Dove. The officers watched over the young brood and reported their progress on Facebook until they hatched and flew away to cheers from the Officers.





Young eaglets soon to be eagles

Last March, a massive nest was spotted near the top of a large Pearland pine tree containing two young eaglets peeking out of the nest.



The mother, a large female Bald Eagle, was observed feeding the young eaglets who were often seen testing their wings before they flew off to start their life as American Bald Eagles.



Financial Update

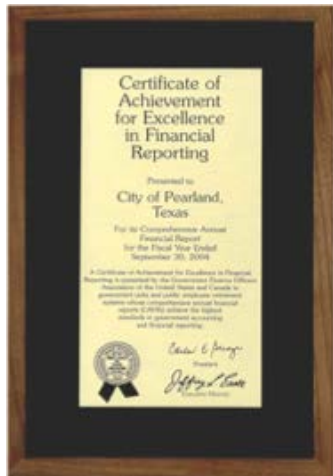


Managing our finances

- City Council, with assistance from staff, have established strong financial policies and controls to provide fiscal stability for our rapidly-growing city.
- The Finance Department is responsible for the management of the City's financial documentation, purchasing and preparation of the annual city budget.
- The Department is recognized for quality financial performance with awards from the Government Finance Officers and the Texas Comptroller's Office.



Department recognition for quality financial performance



**Excellence in
Financial Reporting
41 consecutive years**



**Texas Comptroller's Office Award
for Online Financial Transparency**



**Distinguished
Budget
Presentation
31 consecutive
years**



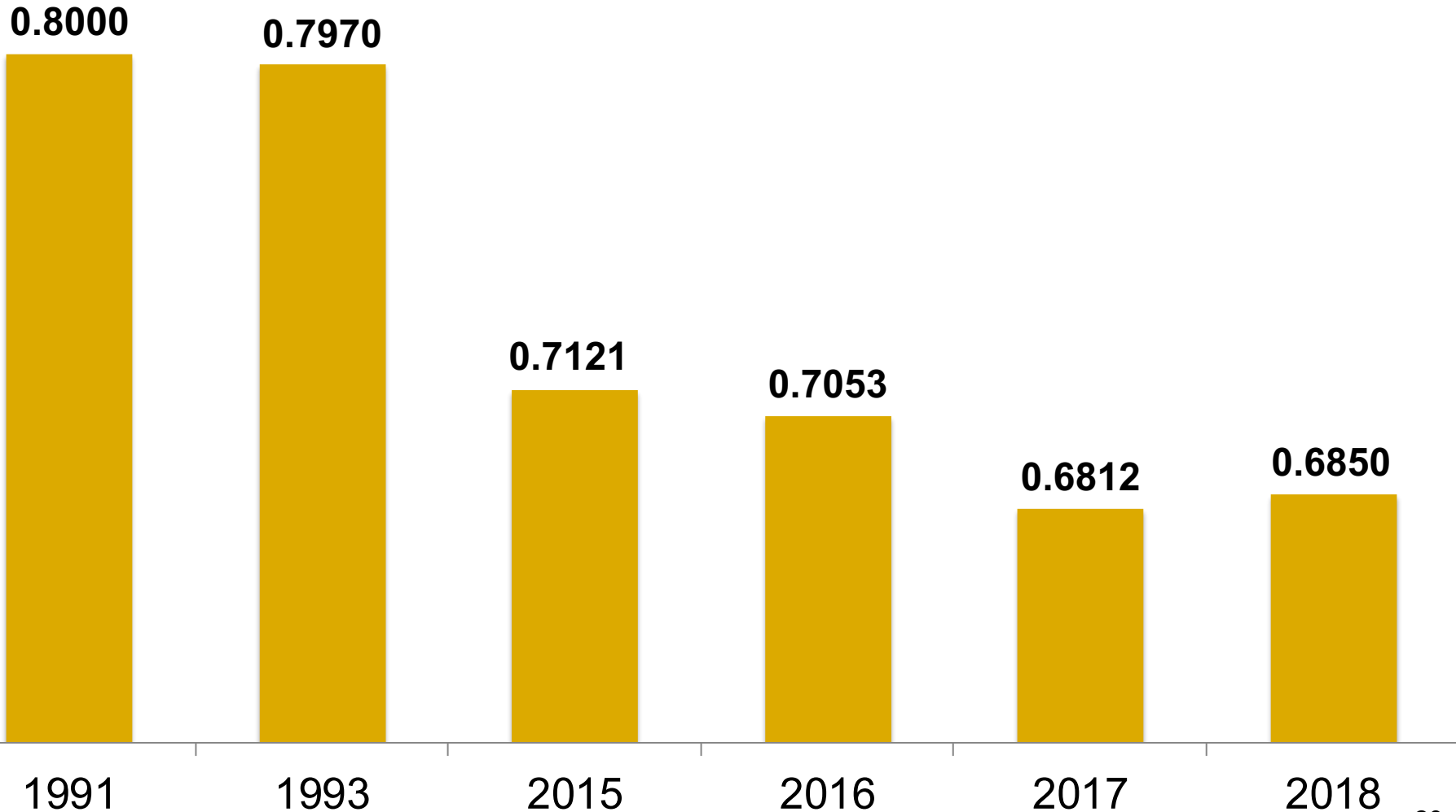
City Tax Rate and Budget

- In the wake of Hurricane Harvey and continuing essential public service improvement needs, the City Council levied a City property tax rate of \$0.6850 per \$100 valuation for the 2017 – 2018 tax year to fund the City Budget and Capital Improvements for quality of life and service enhancements expected by Pearland residents.
- The City Property Tax funds our Police and Fire service, Traffic Division, Parks, general government functions, the annual debt service payments for bonds approved by our citizens.



Property Tax Rate History

City of Pearland is about 25% of the typical property tax bill





Our Fiscal Health

Credit ratings reflecting sound financial management practices and decisions

General Obligation Bonds:

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| Moody's: | Aa2 |
| Standard & Poor's: | AA |
| Fitch: | AA |

Water/Sewer Revenue Bonds:

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| Moody's: | Aa3 |
| Standard & Poor's: | AA- |
| Fitch: | AA- |

Economic Development





Pearland Economic Development Corporation

- The Corporation uses the Pearland 20/20 Strategic Plan to guide economic development, mobility projects, key corridor enhancements and recreation and cultural opportunities.
- The PEDC has made progress in attracting quality and diverse development in medical, health care and manufacturing sectors that contributes to community sustainability.
- Progress has been made in completing the enhancement program of major entrances and corridors except for SH 35 – scheduled to start in 2018 and SH 288 – awaiting toll road completion.



Matt Buchanan
PEDC President



Gateways and Corridors



The entrances and corridors are a visitor's first impression of Pearland and in enhancing our entrances and corridors to provide an inviting welcome to Pearland.

The enhancement of the following Gateways and Corridors have been substantially completed with monuments, lighting and landscaping:

- Kirby Drive
- Cullen Boulevard
- Pearland Parkway
- Dixie Farm Road

SH 288 – Waiting on completion of SH 288 Toll Roads

SH 35 – Construction plans nearly completed and work to begin in late 2018



Tool-Flo



- Tool-Flo broke ground on its new 80,000 sq. ft. headquarters, training and manufacturing facility in Pearland on May 2017. The facility is scheduled for completion in June 2018.
- Tool-Flo is owned by the IMC Group, a Berkshire Hathaway Corporation, and located on a 15-acre site in the Lower Kirby District. Tool-Flo is a manufacturer of tools and products for the oil and gas, automotive, aerospace and medical industries.
- Tool-Flo will be home to approximately 150 employees and Dennis Flolo, president said, “We spent a lot of time searching for property and we’ll be happy here.” ²⁵



Lonza



- Lonza, a Switzerland-based company, will open their 250,000 sq. ft., office and manufacturing facility in early 2018 on Kirby Drive for cutting- edge biotech therapies.
- This facility will be the world's largest dedicated to cell and gene therapy development and manufacturing.
- Lonza will open in early 2018 with more than 100 employees and will increase employment for scientists, engineers and biotech professionals to meet the increasing request for product service.



FloWorks



- FloWorks, headquartered in Houston, has completed their 225,000 sq. ft. Pearland facility on a 40-acre site across from the Pearland High School on South Main street.
- FloWorks has 42 facilities worldwide as a supplier of valves specialty pipe, and fittings and will consolidate operations and management of several Houston operations.
- The \$80-million Pearland facility is starting with over 80 employees and will complete the development of the facility with plans for a formal grand opening in 2018.



Base Pair Biotechnologies

- Base Pair Biotechnologies is a developer of research and medical diagnostics made of DNA for use by research institutions, universities and pharmaceutical companies.
- The Pearland Economic Development Corporation has worked with Base Pair in acquiring a startup office location since their move to Pearland in 2014.
- Base Pair made progress that has required its expansion and relocation to a 5,000 sq. ft. office and research space in the Reflection Bay Office Complex.





Adient Medical

- Adient Medical is a medical device manufacturer founded in Pearland in 2012 to develop implantable medical devices that dissolve to prevent pulmonary embolism.
- Adient Medical is making good progress in developing their medical device and is currently collaborating with partners such as the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
- Adient's growth required a relocation to a 1,900 sq. ft. office space in Reflection Bay office complex in 2017 for their research, manufacturing and 11 employees.





Memorial Hermann Pearland

- Kyle Price joined Memorial Hermann System in 2005, and in 2015 was appointed CEO of MH-South East Hospital. In 2017, Kyle was appointed CEO of both MH-South East and Pearland hospitals.
- Pearland ZIP code 77584 is one of the top two ZIP codes in the market area for pediatric growth and the hospital is expanding their pediatric services to meet the growing area need.
- Memorial Hermann Pearland is expanding their current emergency room and is pursuing Trauma Level-4 designation, stroke, and STEMI accreditation.
- Memorial Hermann is expanding service in Pearland, MH-South East and service partnerships in Brazoria and Galveston counties including an upcoming multispecialty clinic in Lake Jackson.



Kyle Price
Senior Vice
President/Chief
Executive Officer



Seva Clinic

- Seva Clinic opened in May 2017 as the first non-profit charity clinic in Pearland to provide primary care for minor non-life threatening illnesses for underinsured or uninsured Pearland citizens.
- The Seva Clinic – “Seva” as in “Selfless Service” from Sanskrit – was founded by Dr. Periyanan Vaduganathan, cardiologist and former Chief of Staff at Memorial Hermann Southeast. Mayor Reid serves on the Board of Directors.
- The clinic is located in the Pearland Neighborhood Center and is staffed with a team of 10 volunteer practicing doctors and nurses from Southeast Memorial and Kindred Hospital and is open every Thursday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Ribbon cutting for Seva Clinic



Congressman Pete Olson presents Congressional recognition to Seva Clinic. 31



Capital Improvements

Capital Improvement Program



As one of the nation's fastest growing cities, Pearland has a continuing challenge to provide new infrastructure and facilities to serve our growing population.

Our City Charter requires a continuing 5-year Capital Improvement Program to provide for drainage, streets, water, wastewater and citywide facilities to meet our challenge of growth.



City Hall / Annex Renovation

- The City Hall and Annex were built more than 30 years ago to replace the old City Hall now occupied by the Pearland Neighborhood Center.
- The renovated City Hall has offices for the Mayor, City Manager, City Secretary, Legal, Human Resources, PEDC and Communications.
- The City Hall Annex renovation project provides a modern workspace for the Finance, Community Development and Water Billing & Collections Departments.
- The renovation project will provide improved security and public access with renovated staff offices, City Council Chambers, upgraded elevators, HVAC and utilities.





Tom Reid Library Expansion

- The Tom Reid Library, funded in the 1997 Bond Issue, was built in 1998 to provide a permanent location for the facility but was built smaller than planned due to escalating construction costs.
- The library, one of two Brazoria County libraries in Pearland, is ranked as the most used Library in the Brazoria County Library System and was in much need of expansion.
- Our population growth and the increased use of the library has created a need for a larger children's area and adult meeting room to conduct activities, more stack area for books and improved computer access.
- The design and bid process for the expansion began in March/April 2017 timeframe and the expansion is scheduled for completion in April 2018.



Fire Station 1



- The new fire station will be located at the northeast corner of Old Alvin and McHard Road which is at the center of the station's fire service area.
- Fire Station 1 will replace Pearland's very first Fire Station 1 built as part of the City Barn Complex on Old Alvin Road at Orange St. that is 48 years old.
- Station 1 designed with lessons learned on Stations 2 and 3 with an emphasis on firefighter health with construction underway in the spring of 2018.

Delores Fenwick Nature Center



- The Delores Fenwick Nature Center is a 7,500 sq. ft., \$1.9 million nature educational facility under construction and will be located next to the Stella Roberts Recycling Center. The facility is scheduled for July 2018 completion.
- It will provide environmental displays, demonstration gardens, interpretive exhibits, offices and classroom space, and will be staffed by the Parks & Recreation Department.



Water for the Future

Access to potable water sources will become more difficult in the future and will determine where and how cities develop. Pearland has acquired more than 54 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) of diverse water sources for the future including:

- 20 MGD Brazos River surface water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority – for a future surface water treatment plant
- 10 MGD treated surface water from City of Houston Southeast Water Plant
- 6 MGD City of Houston Water System
- 18 MGD city ground water wells

Surface Water Treatment Plant



Recognizing the current and projected population growth of Pearland, a 10 MGD surface water treatment plant is being developed to ensure adequate water for the future.

- A 10 MGD surface water treatment plant is being built on CR 48 South of West Broadway using Brazos River water from the American Canal that runs adjacent to the plant.
- The plant will provide potable surface water to supplement our current needs as the City has discontinued drilling additional water wells.
- A future plant development phase will provide 10 MGD additional capacity for the long term projected needs of our rapidly growing city.



City Mobility Projects

The 2017 Capital Improvements Program includes major mobility projects that are under construction or in the planning/design stage.

Projects Completed

Bailey Road – Veterans to Manvel Highway

Planning / Design

McHard Road – Mykawa Road to Cullen

Max Road – FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road

Old Alvin Road – Plum St. to McHard Road

Mykawa Road – FM 518 to Beltway 8

Fite Road – McLean to Veterans Drive

Orange St. – SH 35 to Schleider Drive

Smith Ranch Road – FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road



SH 288 and BW 8 Toll Road Construction

- BW 8 Toll Road is adding two additional lanes east and two additional lanes west from just west of SH 288 in Pearland to I-45 in Harris County.
- The TxDOT Harris County section starting from Clear Creek in Pearland to SH 59 in Harris County is scheduled for completion in July 2019.
- The Brazoria County Expressway section starting from CR 59 in Brazoria County to Clear Creek in Pearland is scheduled for completion in July 2019.
- Eight Direct Connector lanes will be installed at the SH 288 and BW 8 intersection and two Direct Connector lanes will be installed at the Texas Medical Center to facilitate regional mobility.

SH 288 and BW 8 Toll Road Construction





Quality of Life



Quality of Life

We have a choice of where we live and more than 125,000 citizens *have chosen Pearland* to live, work and play.

They chose Pearland for our quality schools, a safe and stable community, quality of life, unmatched environment and our small town atmosphere with big city opportunities.



UHCL – Pearland Campus

- Dr. Ira Blake joined the University of Houston – Clear Lake in August of last year as the 5th President replacing Dr. Bill Staples.
- The Pearland Campus began enrolling students from the Alvin Community College to take core curriculum classes in the 2017 Fall Semester.
- The Pearland Campus will be a 4-year University thru graduate degrees starting in the Fall of 2018, however, Freshman and Sophomore students will attend the Clear Lake campus for those classes that will not be initially available at the Pearland campus.
- The construction for the 3-story, \$25 million, 70,000 sq. ft. Health Sciences Building is under construction and scheduled for completion in the Spring 2019.



Dr. Ira Blake
President, University of
Houston Clear Lake



UHCL – Pearland Campus



Student open area



The Health Sciences building will provide laboratories, graduate nursing programs and classrooms.



Alvin Community College

- ACC has formed a partnership with the UHCL Pearland Campus and Shadow Creek High School to provide ACC freshman and sophomore general education classes.
- ACC partnership with the Pearland Turner College and Career HS supports students earning Associates degrees and workforce training leading to certification.
- The ACC Dual Credit and dual partnership with Turner College enables Pearland students to earn their Associates Degrees before graduating from PISD schools.
- ACC was listed in the top 150 of the more than 1,000 community colleges in America in 2017, by the Aspen Institute as one of the best in America for their overall performance.



***Dr. Christal M.
Albrecht***
President, Alvin
Community College



Pearland ISD

- Niche, an Education Ranking Service, ranked PISD #2 Best District in Houston area and #16 in Texas for academics, finances and parent satisfaction and #1 Safest District in the Houston area.
- PISD campuses met STAAR Standards with 95% earned Distinctions compared with 52% in Texas and three PISD campuses earned STAAR distinctions.
- District SAT scores are highest ever, surpassing the State average by 100 points and 90 students graduated with associate degrees and 2,287 students earned career certifications.
- PISD provided world-class service during & after Harvey providing bus transportation to and from Pearland High School which served as a shelter for area residents and raised more than \$90,000 for those impacted by the hurricane.



Dr. John Kelly
Superintendent, PISD



Pearland ISD



Pearland Officer Jason Wells sharing time with students for PISD RISE Mentoring Program.



Student visits with goat during PISD CTE Livestock show.



Turner College & Career High School

- Mr. Kai Bouchard, named Principal in June 2017, has a master's degree with a background in administration and teaching and believes his job is to "Guide and inspire the leaders of tomorrow."
- Turner College graduated 90 students in May 2017 with an Associate Degree which allow the students to enroll in a college or university with a start on a degree.
- The partnership with Alvin Community College for workforce training allows graduating students to earn professional certification enabling them to work full-time in the workforce.
- The school's learning environment has encouraged students to grow and develop. An example of that is the nationally-recognized student robotic team project.



Kai Bouchard
Principal

Alvin Independent School District



**Dr. James
"Buck" Gilcrease**
Superintendent



- The J.B. Hensley Career and Technical Education Center opened in 2017 will increase the number of students earning certifications in STEM areas.
- Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary named after a long time AISD educator opened in the fall 2017 as a 100,000 sq. ft. 2-story facility built at Half Moon Bay Drive in SCR.
- The Dr. Ronald E. McNair Junior High under construction on Kingsley Road, is scheduled for completion in the fall 2018 as AISD's 7th junior high school and will house over 1,000 students.
- An Administrative Support Center opened in Pearland Town Center to accommodate District growth.

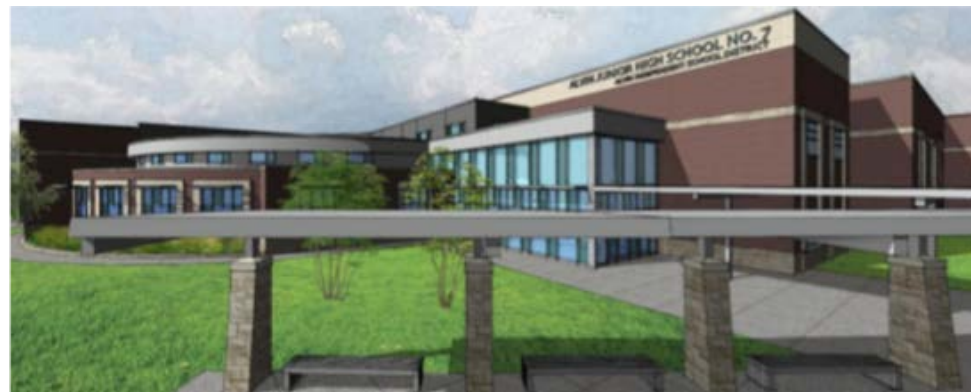
Alvin Independent School District



Career and Technical Education Center



Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary School



Dr. Ronald E. McNair Junior High School



Police Department

- All Police Department personnel have completed the Active Threat Program to prepare Pearland for future community threat scenarios.
- Reorganizing citywide patrol districts, beats and other strategic changes has reduced Priority One call response time by 21% highlighting Pearland's commitment safety.
- Reported robberies decreased by 50% in Zone 1 after the first year of using the policing model of Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) and will be continued in remaining zones.
- The Community Outreach Division will start a program in PISD to mentor on topics such as bullying and conflict management.



Police Department Command Staff

**Representing 75 years of
City of Pearland service**

**Ron Fraser
Asst. Chief**



**Chad Randall
Asst. Chief**

**Johnny Spires
Chief**



Chief Chris Doyle Retirement

- Chris Doyle grew up in Pearland and joined the Police Department in 1979. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1981 and received numerous commendations.
- He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1993, then to Assistant Chief in 1995 and only four years later in 1999 he was appointed Pearland Police Chief.
- Chief Doyle provided sound leadership as Pearland grew and law enforcement changed from his early service days driving a 1977 Plymouth Fury in a small city.
- After 38 years of service in the Pearland Police Department, Chief Chris Doyle retired in May 2017.





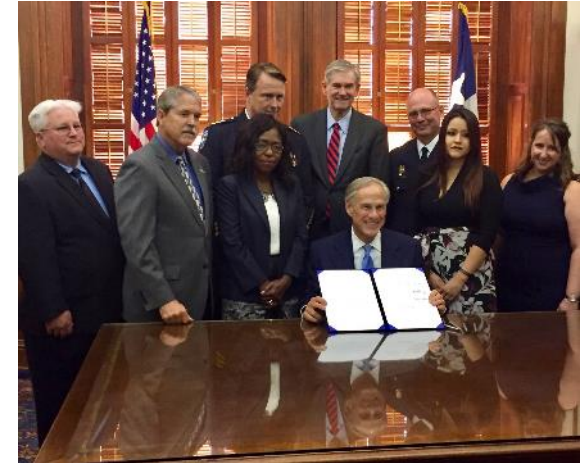
Officer Endy Ekpanya Honored



Rep. Pete Olson announced that HB 294 has designated the U.S. Post Office on Cullen Boulevard the “Endy Ekpanya U.S. Post Office Building.”



***Officer
Endy Ekpanya***



Governor Abbot signed House Bill 938 designating a portion of FM 518 as the “Officer Ekpanya Memorial Highway” in recognition of his service to the citizens of Pearland.



Pearland Fire Department

- The Department received the Lifeline EMS Recognition Bronze Award from the American Heart Association for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment to improve patient care and outcome.
- A new 6-year plan derived from a standards and staffing study recommends additional fire stations and new firefighters to efficiently meet the demands of service and improve in city response times.
- The Department has been recognized and commended for their outstanding contribution to the organization and rescue of citizens during Hurricane Harvey.



Vance Riley
Fire Chief



Pearland Fire Department

Emergency Management Coordinator



Peter Martin, a retired Coast Guard Captain began in December as Emergency Management Coordinator for Pearland and brings a wealth of emergency management experience.

Pearland's Fire Marshal Office



For the 4th time, the Office received the 2017 Achievement of Excellence Gold Level Award in Fire Protection from the Texas Fire Marshal's Association for excellence in the protection of life and property.



Parks and Recreation Department

A great year for parks, recreational facilities, and community activities, the Department,

- Secured the bid to host athletes from across the state for the 2018 and 2019 Texas Amateur Athletics Federation Winter Games of Texas held for the past 12 years in the City of Frisco.
- Completed 2 lighted/irrigation softball fields, picnic pavilion and parking for Centennial Park Phase II.
- Started construction work on new entry, enhancements to the pavilion & new playground for Independence Park Phase 1 for spring 2018.
- Continued Tree City USA status as one of only 8 Texas Cities to earn both a Tree City USA and a Tree Campus USA Certification for the UHCL Pearland Campus.



Dr. Chris Orlea
Parks &
Recreation
Director



Parks and Recreation

The Parks Department has earned the Scenic City Award:

- Scenic Texas promotes efforts to beautify our public roadways with landscaping, sign regulation and other measures that meet their certification requirements.
- Scenic Texas has certified 66 Scenic Cities over the years and ranked them as a Recognized, Bronze, Gold or Platinum level Awards.
- Scenic Texas reviews all Scenic Cities every 5 years and Pearland has been awarded the Gold Level for the 2016 – 2021 recertification period.



Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau

Kim Sinistore and CVB Team



Tracy Rohbacher, Megan Flowers, Sharon Satterfield, Kim Sinistore



Kim Sinistore
Executive Director

- During Houston's Super Bowl LI weekend, Pearland hosted a Super Concert featuring RaeLynn and offered a trolley car service assisting more than 1,900 visitors and brought in a hotel revenue of more than \$654,000.
- The economic impact of tourism in Pearland produced \$129 million in visitors spending in 2016, and \$4.7 million in local tax revenues and hotel occupancy tax for 2017.
- The CVB developed a Pear-Scape project as an Art Sculpture Trail throughout the city to provide a cultural attraction to encourage visitor and tourists.

Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau



The Pear-Scape Project

The Pear-Scape, envisioned by the Pearland CVB, to develop a public Pear Art Sculpture Trail of artistically painted 4 foot high fiberglass pears throughout the city as a cultural tourism attraction.

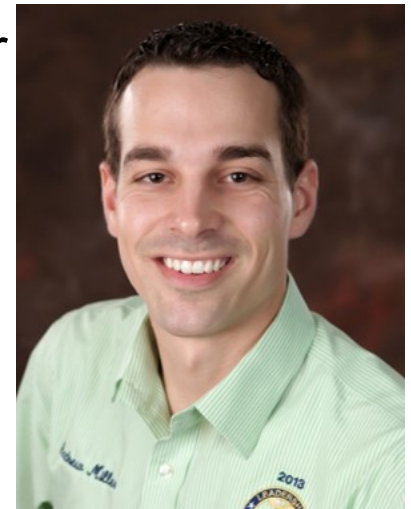


The “Pear Reveal” featuring the artists and the sponsors of the Pears.



Keep Pearland Beautiful

- In 2017, operations of the Stella Roberts Recycling Center continued expansion of the recycling programs under the watchful guidance of Andrew Miller, Executive Director.
- KPB recently added recycling of textile materials to the the curbside recycling program and has developed programs for youth, adults and businesses to keep Pearland beautiful.
- Formed in 1982, KPB has received many state and national awards including the Governor's Community Achievement Award six times.



Andrew Miller
Executive Director





Girl Scouts view the Monarch butterfly waystation at the Pearland Community Gardens.



Students from Alvin ISD receive a tour of the Stella Roberts Recycling Center.



St. Helens Catholic Church completes one of their quarterly cleanups.



Mayor Tom Reid congratulates KIPPERS on their Box City project at Earth Day.



Our Art and Cultural Environment

- Art and Cultural activities contribute to our economy and quality of life and also to the recruiting efforts of the Economic Development Corporation and Convention & Tourist Bureau.
- Pearland is fortunate to have many community individuals and organizations contributing to our cultural environment - to name just a few:

Kids Back Porch Production

Pearland Alliance for Arts and Culture

Pearland Arts League

Pearland Community Orchestra

PISD Art, Drama & Music Organizations

Pearland International Festival

Pearland Pearl Theatre

Numerous Artist, Writers, Musicians

Closing Comments





- Apple started out in a garage and with good management and marketing momentum has become an industry success.
- Pearland started out with a railroad depot and a Polish Count building a residential project called “PEAR-LAND.”

How we develop Pearland in the future will determine what the city will be:

An upscale contemporary city

OR

Just another Houston area suburb



A Growing City

- Pearland, founded in 1894, was a little sleepy crossroad “oil field town” sometimes known as “Six Shooter Junction.” The town grew slowly and by 1965 had a population of about 3,000 citizens.
- Thirty-five years later the 2000 Census showed the city had a population of 38,000 citizens.
- Just a few years ago, the Houston Chronicle spotlighted Pearland as a growing upscale Houston suburb.

Gaining Regional Recognition



Pearland was making progress in improving our community image when the Houston Chronicle ran an assessment of the quality of life of Houston suburbs:

The Houston Chronicle Reported

“Some Houston suburbs are not what they used to be – they have become sophisticated cities with amenities associated with urban lifestyles.”

“Three of the larger communities surrounding Houston have a new regional distinction and are called *The Lands* –

Pearland, Sugar Land and the Woodlands.”



Becoming a Stand Alone City

Pearland, as a relatively new city, is becoming less dependent on Houston for entertainment, retail shopping, medical and other core city services.

Pearland is physically separated from the City of Houston by approximately 8 miles of undeveloped land along SH 288 and has BW 8 as our north boundary with Harris County.

Pearland has direct access to local and regional mobility with direct connections to BW 8, SH 288 Toll Road, and 5 state highways that run through the City.

Pearland is centrally located with easy access to the Texas Medical Center, Hobby and Ellington airports, NASA and equal distance to four deep water ports.



Growth and Challenges

- People have a choice of where they live and if we don't build a city that people want they will go somewhere else to find one. More than 150,000 citizens have chosen the Pearland area.
- They have chosen Pearland because we are recognized as a city that provides quality of life, first class education, recreation and leisure opportunities and many other benefits all with a small town atmosphere.
- Pearland's rapid growth has created opportunities that we must take advantage of and we will work to meet the challenges of growth to make Pearland an emerging cosmopolitan city.



Meeting the challenges of growth

We will continue:

Good stewardship of our tax dollars, continue upgrading our city services and infrastructure, maintain our quality of life for our safe and livable city and keep our small town atmosphere.

Building an environment that will attract corporate headquarters, high value retail, industrial, medical and quality residential development to support our tax base.

Providing educational, recreational, cultural and leisure opportunities to include museums, performing arts facilities and people places with upscale dining and shopping opportunities expected of a destination city.



Continuing Momentum

Pearland completed 2017 with good progress even with an unusual and long hot summer, a Harvey visit to Pearland, snow on the house tops and a once in every 20 year freeze.

The flooding and damage during Harvey's visit was catastrophic and the worst tropical rainstorm ever to hit the U.S. but something really special happened.

Our First Responders, local churches, schools, community organizations, and our citizens reached out to those in need and Pearland truly became a "family."

We will continue working with our many partners, our local, state, and national elected officials, and with our citizens continued support, we will recover and make Pearland a special cosmopolitan city.



Thank you for your attendance today and for your contributions to Pearland.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it and we are making good progress in building our attractive and contemporary suburban city.

My job as Mayor is to make sure that at the end of the day that you will always be proud to say –

“I’m glad I live in Pearland.”

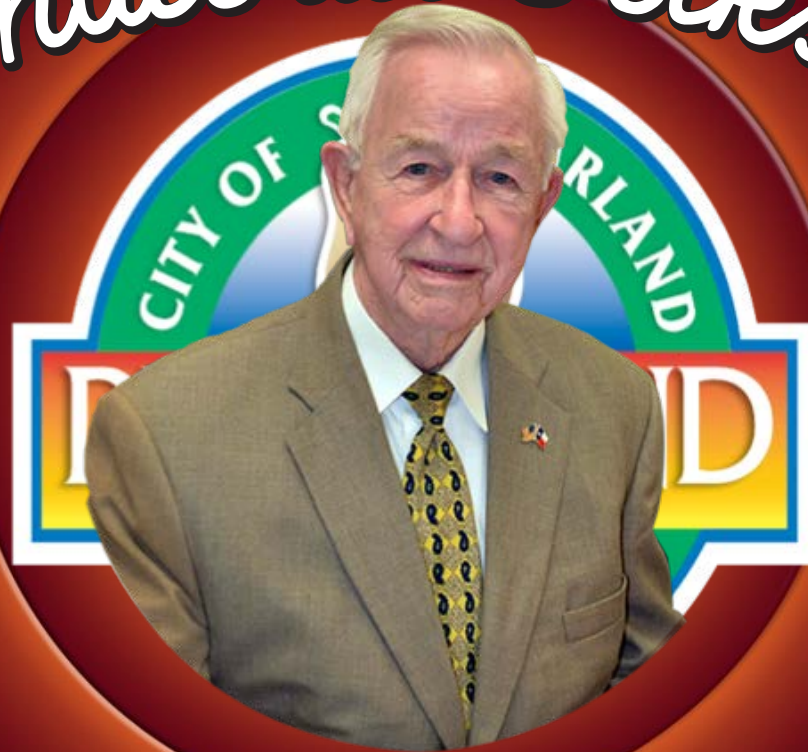


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pearlandtx.gov/stateofthecity

“That’s all Folks!”



Thank you for your attendance today!

