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Special Agent Anthony Salas End of Watch



On Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, around 7:30 p.m., Special Agent Salas was conducting tactical operations in Maverick County as part of a DPS Special Operations Group working jointly with the US Border Patrol BORTAC when he was involved in a tragic accident near Eagle Pass. Local EMS personnel transported him to Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center and later he was airlifted to University Hospital in San Antonio. Special Agent Salas passed away just after 11 a.m. on Jan. 22, 2022, with his family by his side.

Special Agent Anthony Salas, 37, joined the department in 2013 and was stationed in El Paso. He served as a Trooper with the Texas Highway Patrol before promoting to a Special Agent in the department's Criminal Investigations Division. Special Agent Salas was a member of the DPS West Texas Special Response Team, and he served in the United States Marine Corps before joining the department.

THROW ME SOMETHING MISTER!

Well, it's Mardi Gras time and we at The Seabreeze News realize that we have to do research on stuff like this so our readers can sound smart while not actually going to some overcrowded, drunken free-for-all Mardi Gras parade/party in Galveston. Instead, Seabreeze readers can sit in their favorite beer joint decorated with Mardi Gras stuff and telling the bar owner what they would have done to have a successful, overcrowded, drunken free-for all Mardi Gras party of their very own. On a rare serious note, the first time the big party was celebrated in North America originated in Alabama and Louisiana stole it. French-Canadian explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville arrived in what is now modern-day Mobile, Alabama on Fat Tuesday, 1699. He named the location Point du Mardi Gras and threw a little party. In the years that followed, French travelers would come to the spot explicitly for Fat Tuesday celebrations. To this day, Mobile, Alabama claims to hold the oldest Mardi Gras celebrations in the country. Mardi Gras is more than just a day, it's an entire season. Carnival season begins on Twelfth Night (January 6) which marks the end of the Christmas period and ends on Fat Tuesday.



Next, advertise your event! (409-229-6128 Seabreeze News Advertising Division). It costs a few bucks for the purple, green, and gold splash of color that will make your place look all Mardi Gras. If you are having the party at home, tell a select few or it will get out of hand and your neighbors will call the Po-Po! Bead tossing is strictly for backyards with privacy fences, especially if you're older and have older friends. Mardi Gras parties usually have a theme, especially on Fat Tuesday. The host will pick a theme like a masquerade ball or something from the 17th Century or whatever you want to see your friends dressed up in. On Fat Tuesday at the beer joint you will have your regular, Dicky Dolittle, in his same nasty clothes that he wore the day before. No costume on him! Think about doing a little contest for fun like the best costume. If you are a beer joint owner, good idea! The home parties should not do a contest! It will get out of hand because Diane that has been your friend for 40 years will show up in her muffin top jeans and beads and nothing else and then, again, here comes the Po-Po.

Lastly, whether you have a party at the beer joint or at home, have some damn food! Don't let them drink like little lushes and party like they forgot tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. Have some gumbo or beans and rice for them to eat, especially the ones with all the beads on! They are drunk and probably won't be seen for a month due to embarrassment.

If you want some great places to go here is a list that The Seabreeze News endorses:

The Sunset Lounge - 1221 11th Street, San Leon

Little O'Neals - 1201 N Alexander, Baytown

Fraternal Order of Eagles #3199 - 4445 9th Street, Bacliff

Pelican Jax - 12th & Broadway, San Leon

Pier 6 - 113 6th Street, San Leon

American Legion Post 291 - 1402 FM 517, San Leon

Gilhooley's - 222 9th Street, San Leon

Dan's Pizza will deliver to your party - 832-551-Dans

O'Neals On the Water - 2651 TX-146 BUS, Baytown

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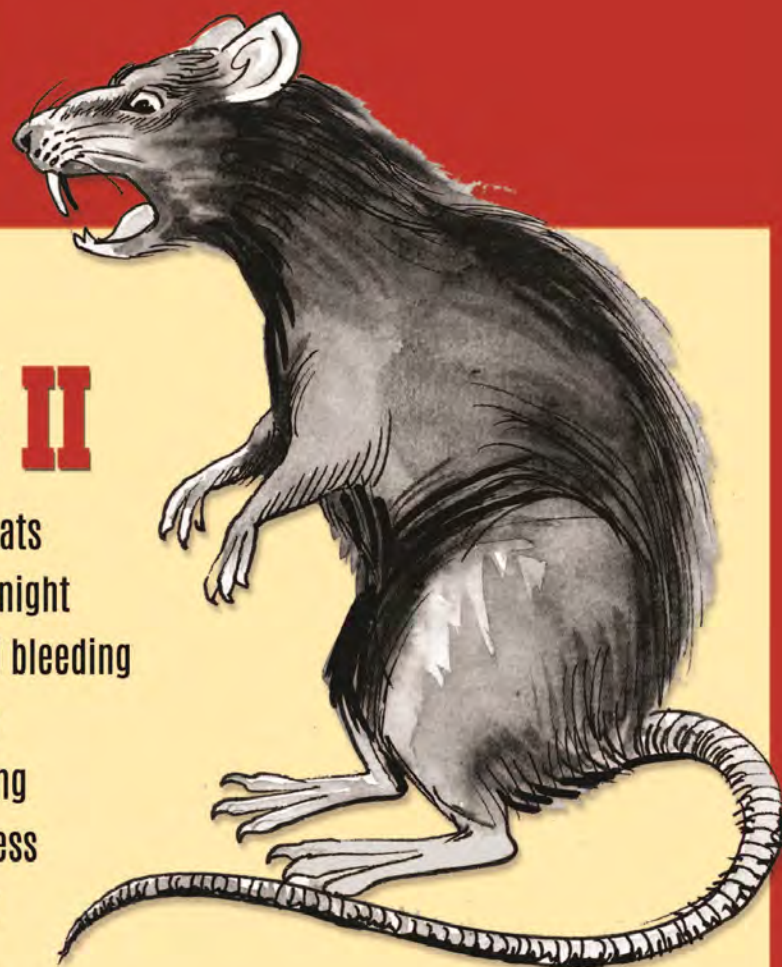
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Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor,

I have lived in San Leon for over 30 years, and I am always amazed how we can come together as a community and help each other out. The businesses that are here, most of them are owned by locals who give back to the community and if you need anything for any of our local charities, they are quick to help. People who are not from here do not see the goodness in our San Leon community, they are short sighted and see only that we have bars and drug houses. We are so much more than that.

We have an awesome Volunteer Fire Department. These volunteers risk their lives and time away from their families to train so we can rest knowing that these brave men and women will at a moment's notice help when and if we need it.

We have a wonderful Water Department with directors that have always lived and been a part of this community. They are always out in the community either helping people in need, at a charity event or enjoying our local establishments. I have approached them many times over the years and have discussed my concerns and they are always happy to talk. They were also quick to help put our community back together after the devastation of Hurricane Ike in 2008.

We have a breast cancer organization, Sisters Helping Sisters, that helps locals that are fighting this and reassuring them that they are not alone.

We have the S.O.B.'s (Steve's Organized Bunch) which builds wheelchair ramps and minor repairs for the elderly and disabled veterans free of charge

We have the San Leon Yard Birds which mows lawns for disabled veterans and elderly free of charge

We have Churches that have food distribution and help for people that need it

We have the Cemetery committee that keeps our cemetery clean and beautiful for the families who visit loved ones.

We have the San Leon War on Drugs that informs us of things that we need to pay attention to.

We have the Dwane Caldwell Military Charity that puts on the USMC Birthday and Veterans Day parade every year and gives scholarships benefitting military families out of Dickinson High School

We have food distributions at the Spillway/Bayshore Park courtesy of the Lighthouse for people that need it.

We have a baseball and softball park that serves our youth. (This needs to get back up and going)

We had a group of individuals over the years that have fought for us against incorporation, a national company that was dumping contaminants into the bay, an oil well company that invaded a neighborhood just to name a few.

We have the American Legion which brings pride to our community that we honor our local vets.

Let's not forget the awesome men and women in our Galveston County Sheriff's Office that we can call on when needed.

People move into San Leon and say we need a committee for this or that. What they don't know is we already have it. Ask around, call some of the organizations and ask questions or volunteer. Don't look on Facebook for your answers, you will just get someone's opinions not the truth. FYI: San Leon does not have a website. There is one someone is promoting but it's not an official one and it's not run by anyone living in San Leon so the information in it is questionable.

Love living in Sunny San Leon, there is even a song about it!

Signed,
Marcia M.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to show my appreciation to the current Board of Directors of the San Leon MUD. They have been ridiculed and criticized for the past 2 years by the individuals who claim they want to take over the MUD. The current board has been accused of theft and other outrageous actions. These board members are our friends and fellow citizens who live here and agreed to serve this community for the betterment of all San Leon citizens. The individuals continuing to toss out accusation after accusation have contacted numerous agencies to try and find any wrong-doing and none has ever been found. Despite what they are saying, our rates have not gone up and our MUD taxes went down. Also, the MUD does not set property tax rates, Galveston County does that.

Be an informed citizen, attend the meetings or watch the official MUD videos, not the edited versions played on the local "buzz" FB page. Learn who your representatives really are. Pay attention to those tossing out accusations and really listen to what they are saying and if it is even making any sense. Why are they so desperate in taking over our MUD?

Signed,
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San Leon Don's

FISHING TIPS

Don is on a first name basis with most of the local fish...



Well, as you can imagine, there's not much fishing around here now. The spring gill net survey showed a reduction in the catch for the year. They were trying to see if the hard freeze we had harmed the population of speckled trout. This test was done not long after the freeze and flood.

It seems to me too much is being done for other bays and not Galveston Bay. Matagorda, Port Lavaca, and lower Laguna Madre are getting much more help than Galveston and Trinity Bay. Some people don't realize how many fish are caught every day in Galveston, Trinity, and West Bay. Guides put a lot of pressure on the fish in this area, also catch and release of undersize fish. The survival of these fish is very low as most people don't know or care how to handle those fish so they die. Come on, Parks and Wildlife restock our bays.

Disclaimer:

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DEAR STEVE'S WIFE TRAINING SCHOOL TIPS FROM A GRADUATE

**A San Leon Housewife's Ode to Valentine's Day**

Collards is green, your eyes are so blue
I am so lucky to have a man like you.
You can clean a fish in just a few minutes
And still have time to hunt supper and even skin it.

You and I are like a Moon Pie with an ice cold drank,
We go together like a skunk goes with stank.
Your love for me is like a roll of duct tape
You hold me together each time I try to escape.

I love it when you burp and fart
It's music to my ears that soothes my heart.
And the sound of your snoring right in my ear
Always brings to my eye a big old tear.

Your hair is soft like a dog's hairy knees,
But I'm sure happy you don't have fleas!
Your belly is so big and so is your mouth,
And I can't even tell you how I love what is down south.

When we go to the Sunset Lounge for a beer
There is never no need to shave your beard
Or even clean that hair out of your ear
For there is no one prouder of you dear.

At night when you hold me real tight like you do,
I can smell on your breath the scent of your chew.
I love your kisses, there are not any finer.
You taste like the oysters down at the diner.

I went to the dollar store for Valentine's Day,
But what they had just would not do,
For you are too special, You sweet thang you.
So, I got you a gift, without taste nor odor,
Honey, I bought you a new trolling motor!

A SAN LEON HUSBAND'S ODE TO VALENTINE'S DAY

You're as cute as a junebug buzzin overhead,
You ain't mean like no fire ant upon which I often tread.
When you hold me real tight like a padded gunrack,
My life is complete, ain't nothing I lack.

Your complexion, it's perfection like the best vinyl siding.
Despite all the years, your age, it keeps hiding.
And when you get old like a '57 Chevy
I won't put you on blocks and let grass grow up heavy.

Some men, they buy chocolate for Valentine's Day
They get it at Wal-Mart, it's romantic that way.
Some men get roses on that special day from the cooler at Kroger.
"That's impressive," I say.

Some men buy fine diamonds from a flea market booth.
"Diamonds are forever," they explain, suave and couth.
But for this man, honey, these will not do
For you are too special, you sweet thang you.

I got you a gift without taste or odor,
Better than diamonds...It's a new trollin' motor!

Don't forget the perfect Valentine's day gift for your sweetheart.
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Jaton

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Funny Bones

A farmer had five female pigs. Times were hard, so he decided to take them to the county fair and sell them. At the fair, he met another farmer who owned five male pigs. After talking a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50. The farmers lived sixty miles apart so they agreed to drive thirty miles each, find a field in which to let the pigs mate. The first morning, the farmer with the female pigs got up at 5 A.M., loaded the pigs into the family station wagon, (which was the only vehicle he had) and drove the thirty miles. While the pigs were mating, he asked the other farmer,

"How will I know if they are pregnant?"

The other farmer replied, "If they're lying in the grass tomorrow morning, they're pregnant. If they're in the mud, they're not."

The next morning the pigs were rolling in the mud so he hosed them off, loaded them into the family station wagon again and proceeded to try again. This continued each morning for more than a week. Both farmers were worn out.

The next morning, he was too tired to get out of bed. He called to his wife, "Honey, please look outside and tell me whether the pigs are in the mud or in the grass."

"Neither," yelled his wife. "They're in the station wagon and one of them is honking the horn."

Little Johnny was doing very badly in math. His parents had tried everything...tutors, mentors, flash cards, special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally, in a last-ditch effort, they took Johnny down and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Johnny came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying.

Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Johnny was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner. To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference. Finally, little Johnny brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his mom looked at it and to her great surprise, Little Johnny got an 'A' in math.

She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said, "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?" Little Johnny looked at her and shook his head, no. "Well, then," she replied, "Was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? WHAT WAS IT?"

Little Johnny looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around."

A man who lived in a block of apartments thought it was raining and put his hand out the window to check. As he did so a glass eye fell into his hand. He looked up to see where it came from in time to see a young woman looking down.

"Is this yours?" he asked.

She said, "Yes, could you bring it up?" and the man agreed.

On arrival she was profuse in her thanks and offered the man a drink. As she was very attractive, he agreed. Shortly afterwards she said, "I'm about to have dinner. There's plenty, would you like to join me?"

He readily accepted her offer and both enjoyed a lovely meal. As the evening was drawing to a close the lady said, "I've had a marvelous evening. Would you like to stay the night?"

The man hesitated then said, "Do you act like this with every man you meet?"

"No," she replied, "only those who catch my eye."

ME: I'm so sorry for speeding officer.

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ME: Freeda.

OFFICER: Last name?

ME: Gomam.

OFFICER: You're Freeda Gomam?

ME. Thank you.

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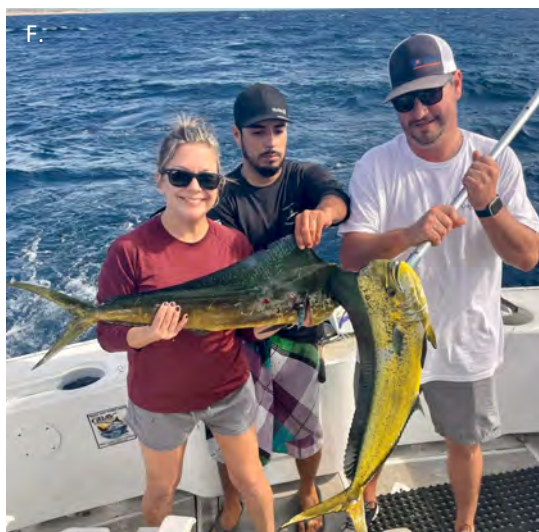
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- E. Macey with a monster.
- F. Kristin with a K had a great day on the water in Mexico.
- G. Mr. Whiskers with the catch of the day.

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Friday, Feb. 25

3:30 p.m. DJ DU
5-6:30 p.m. Braydon Zink
7:15-8:45 p.m. Bri Bagwell
9:15-10:45 p.m. Pat Green

Saturday, Feb. 26

11:30 a.m. DJ DU
noon-1:30 p.m. Chris Colston
2-3:30 p.m. Jon Stork
4-5:30 p.m. Stephanie Urbina
Jones & The Honky Tonk Mariachi
7:45-9:15 p.m. Randall King
9:30-11:00 p.m. Roger Creager



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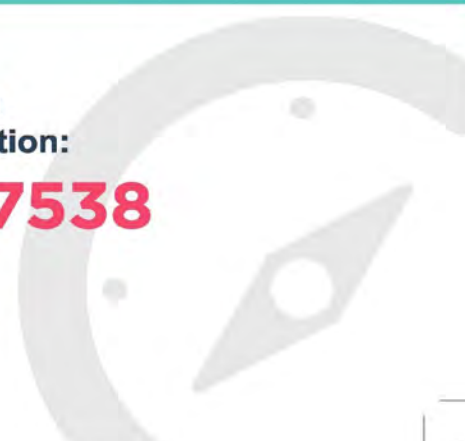
- It begins when a physician certifies that the patient qualifies and is appropriate.
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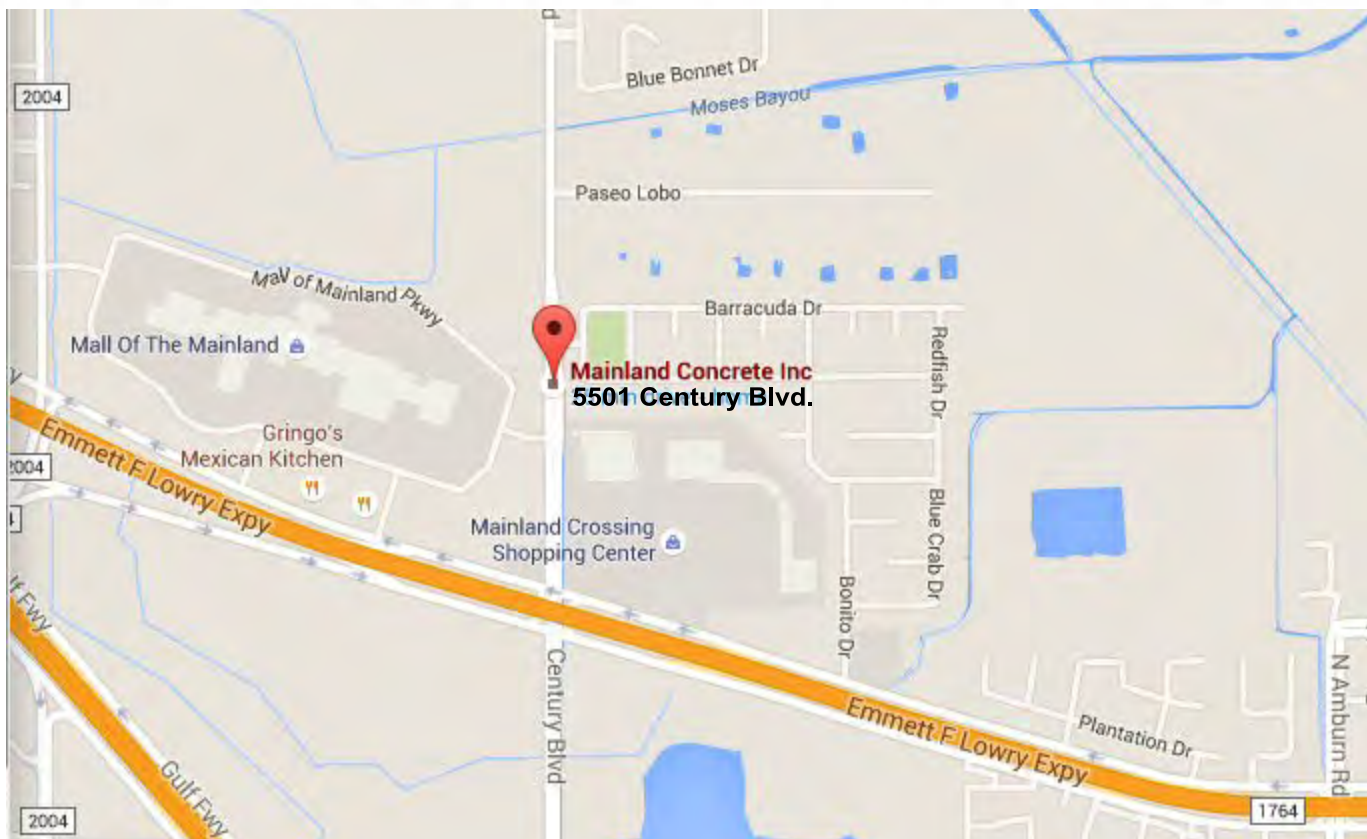


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Galveston Restaurant Week brings the island's vibrant food scene to life from January 17 to February 13, 2022. Several Galveston restaurants will participate in this event, which is a once-a-year opportunity for diners to try top dishes on prix-fixe breakfast, lunch and dinner menus at attractive price points. The event will showcase the freshest ingredients, most flavorful dishes, and tastiest culinary gems that Galveston has to offer, as well as benefit local community organizations. Home of the finest Gulf Coast seafood and some of Texas's most delectable restaurants, where patrons can choose from Galveston's most delightful and delicious eateries for prix-fixe lunch and/or dinner menus. There are no passes to buy, no coupons to carry, and no cards to punch. Simply dine out during the period January 17th to February 13th, 2022. Two and/or 3-course dinners are priced between \$20-\$45. Two course lunches, breakfasts, & brunches are priced between \$10-\$20.

SPILLWAY FOOD FAIR

Every second Tuesday beginning at 7:00 a.m. 5437 W. Bayshore Drive. Public event by Lighthouse Christian Ministries.

SAN LEON CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

The San Leon Cemetery Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Post 291 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to make a donation to the cemetery may send a check to: San Leon Cemetery, 2433 Avenue A, San Leon, Texas 77539. Donations are used for upkeep of the cemetery and are greatly appreciated.



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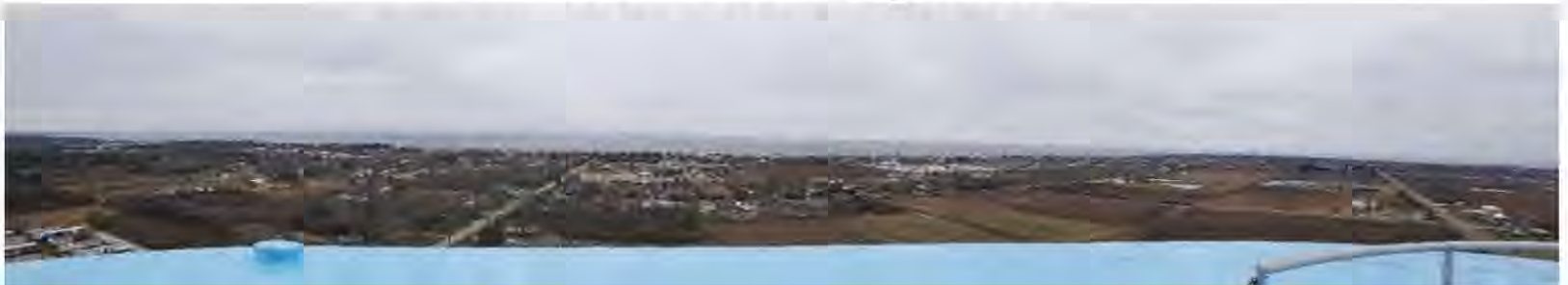


RV PARK FOR SALE

RV Park nestled in a quiet neighborhood on the Bolivar Peninsula, 2 blocks from the North Jetty. This property includes 11 RV spaces, an office, laundry facility, and 2 storage sheds. 2 of the RV spots have a deck with tin roof.

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San Leon MUD Update



Questions about the District?

While social media is good for engaging with members of the community, it can become a rather confusing space when looking for answers to technical questions, such as how a municipal utility district operates or what regulations they're held to under State law. In light of some recent questions and misstatements about the District, we wanted to take a moment and provide some facts about the District, as well as reiterate what's well known about the information heard through the grapevine: it may not always be the most reliable, so get your information straight from the source!

What is a MUD?

Municipal utility districts (or MUDs) are local governmental entities established by the State of Texas to provide public services to communities that are outside city limits. MUDs have a defined boundary and are typically established through an election process, though some (including San Leon) are established through legislative action. There are various types of districts with different purposes: water control and improvement, wastewater control, groundwater conservation, levee improvement, stormwater control, irrigation, and many more. San Leon was actually established by the legislature with the name "San Leon Municipal Utility District" but with the responsibilities and authority of a WCID (water control and improvement district) which sometimes results in confusion.

How does the MUD pay for things?

While day-to-day operations are handled through the monthly water bills and a portion of the District's property taxes, larger infrastructure projects are financed using municipal bonds. Municipal bonds are long-term funding mechanisms that are paid back over several decades with a very low interest rate that's based on the municipality's credit rating. San Leon is currently rated as a mid-level, long-term investment, strengthened by the District's continued on-time payments of previously issued bond debt. Bonds are authorized via community vote and issued by the District when specific infrastructure improvements are necessary. The bonds are reviewed by several state agencies prior to approval for sale, and all estimates for the projects are thoroughly vetted for accuracy and relevance. The most recent bond sale in 2019 financed the mandatory wastewater plant expansion. Once it's complete, the District will work with our engineer and the state regulatory agency to identify additional infrastructure projects that could be addressed with the remaining funds.

Can Texas City annex San Leon?

While Texas City does have extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) over San Leon, they are no longer able to forcibly annex San Leon. House Bill 347, signed into law by Governor Abbott on May 24th, 2019, prevents forced annexation of unincorporated communities without the consent of the residents and businesses of that community.

How does the MUD handle accounts?

When a new account is set up, there is a security deposit placed on file to begin service. When a customer no longer needs service, that deposit is applied to the final bills for that account. If there's a credit, a check is then issued to the account holder. If there's still a remaining balance, a final bill is sent instead. If this final bill isn't paid, it reaches a point where it is sent to a collections agency for follow-up. At this point, the District works with our annual auditing agency to adjust the District's balance sheet, writing off the balances as uncollectible until the future point when which payment is received, at which point it is brought back into the books and reconciled.

What can be done about increasing taxes?

While Galveston Central Appraisal District (GCAD) is the entity that assesses home values, you can always verify the exemptions you have on file with them as the District offers two exemptions to residents that can reduce the amount of your MUD taxes. Please contact the GCAD office for more details. By refinancing existing bonds and accounting for the increased development in the District, the MUD lowered the 2020 tax rate by \$0.07 to an effective rate of \$0.56 and even lowered the 2021 tax rate by an additional \$0.043 to an effective rate of \$0.5168 per \$100 of taxable value.

Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at www.slmud.org

What was the outcome concerning the embezzled funds from San Leon VFD?

Unfortunately, several years ago an officer of the San Leon VFD took advantage of the chaos after Hurricane Ike and embezzled a large sum of money. Once discovered, he was prosecuted and is currently serving jail time; details of his plea deal are sealed so restitution is uncertain. Strong controls have been implemented by the VFD to prevent this sort of thing from happening again. SL VFD financial data is reviewed monthly by the MUD and certified audits are performed annually after a CPA prepares and reviews their income and expenditures during tax filings.

Conservation Tip of the Month



Dates to Remember

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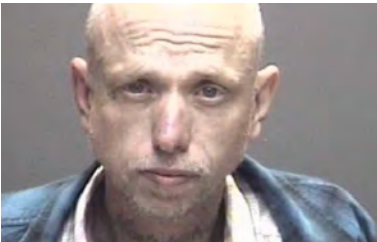
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Bond: n/a

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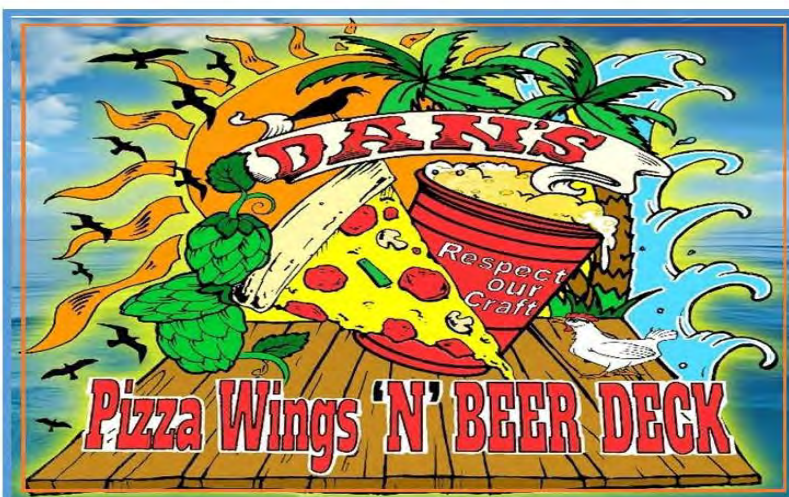
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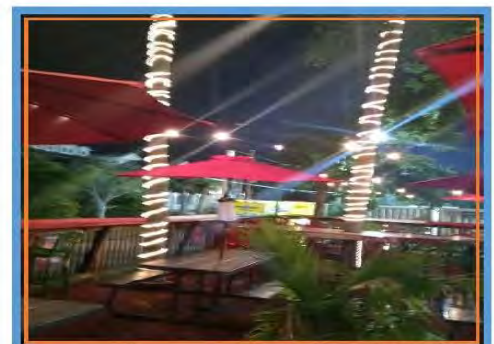


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