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## It's Finally Happening!

By the time EPP readers see this photo, the new piers at Spillway Park should be complete or nearly so. The project is moving forward and is expected to be completed before the end of April. Parks leadership is an utter failure, but when something good happens EPP is more than happy to report on it. It would be nice if positive actions were frequent rather than the rare exception. Parks still hasn't used their new bucket truck to repair the parking lot lights, but perhaps that requires an act of Congress or Commissioner's Court?



## Will They Or Won't They?

As of press time, EPP is unable to confirm whether the county will be removing vegetative debris from the roadsides. The storm that generated the debris did not result in a disaster declaration from state or federal government. Such a designation would have possibly made funds available to assist in the cleanup costs. EPP suggests that all who are able have their debris disposed of themselves at their expense. Using tax dollars to assist a relatively few with the removal of their vegetative waste is not the true role of government and is an unfair burden on taxpayers without debris to be disposed of.



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## Team Spotlight!

By Engineer JEFF PITTMAN SLVFD  
April 17, 2024

A huge shoutout to a community resident for highlighting our team's quick and effective response in a recent emergency situation amidst terrible weather conditions on Wednesday, 4/10, When a chair flew off their third deck, damaging a neighbor's gas meter and causing a potential hazard, our team sprang into action. With wind and lightning adding to the danger, our dedicated responders swiftly arrived on the scene, safely shutting off the gas valve and preventing a disaster.

Despite the challenging weather and the call for assistance, our team remained steadfast. They bravely handled a total of 14 calls for service that morning alone, ensuring the safety of our community.

We also want to commend our neighbors in the next community over for their vigilance and collaboration in keeping the community of Bacliff safe from all hazards during such dangerous weather.

Thank you, SAN LEON, for your support, and thank you to our incredible team and neighboring communities for their unwavering dedication to keeping our community safe.

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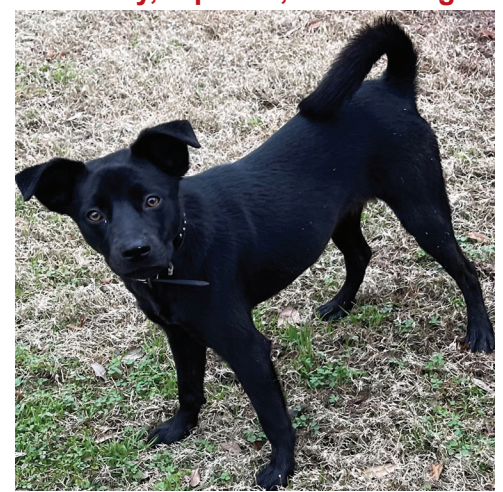
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This week's Galveston County Animal Resource Center Pet of the Week is Rylo.

Meet Rylo (A035404) a 10-month-old Basenji/Lab mix bursting with puppy energy! This friendly pup gets along well with other dogs and loves nothing more than a good play session. With his tail always wagging, Rylo is eagerly searching for his forever home where he can share his endless enthusiasm and love. Come on in and meet Rylo!

Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/garcpets](http://www.facebook.com/garcpets) and [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

Rylo will be available for \$42.50 from Tuesday Apr 16th – Apr 20th, 2024. Pets of the week adoptions include rabies vaccination, spay or neuter and microchip. For more information call 409-948-2485 or visit [www.gchd.org](http://www.gchd.org). These and other pets are available at the Galveston County Animal Resource Center, 3412 25th Ave N. Texas City, TX. 77590.

  
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EPP is providing this information because during the recent storm, a number of folks experienced gas leaks from fallen trees, etc. and had to call the fire department to assist them in stopping the flow of gas. While this is certainly fine, when there are a lot of calls, as there were during that event, response can be delayed. Amazon sells gas valve wrenches that fit the tab on the valve perfectly, but a large adjustable wrench, water pump pliers or even that church key that you use to shut off your water at the meter can be used. Being ready for trouble makes life much less stressful if trouble arrives. You don't have to be a Boy Scout to "be prepared".



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(optional)
- 1 jar (6 oz) marinated  
artichoke hearts,  
drained and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups diced  
mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1/2 cup chopped  
sweet roasted  
red peppers
- 1 cup red-wine salad  
dressing
- 1/2 cup grated  
Parmesan cheese

Cook tortellini according to package directions. Drain, then chill.

In a bowl, combine pasta, spinach (if using), artichoke hearts, mozzarella, olives, and roasted peppers. Add salad dressing and toss to coat. Sprinkle with Parmesan.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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### Infrastructure Improvements

At last month's District meeting, the board members unanimously voted to petition the state regulatory agency to reallocate the budget surplus that was on hand as a result of last year's wastewater plant expansion coming in under budget. These funds will be used to perform much-needed repairs on the water line coming from Gulf Coast Water Authority (where the District and much of the county purchase pre-treated water) as well as begin the process of upgrading nearly 90% of the 2" water mains where the District has identified a critical need to upgrade to 6" water mains, permitting additional development as well as enabling hydrants contact District Manager with any questions you may have about this or other scheduled improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure.

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#### Dates to Remember

April 1 – April Fool's Day

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly District Meeting

April 21 – San Jacinto Day

### Conservation Tip of the Month

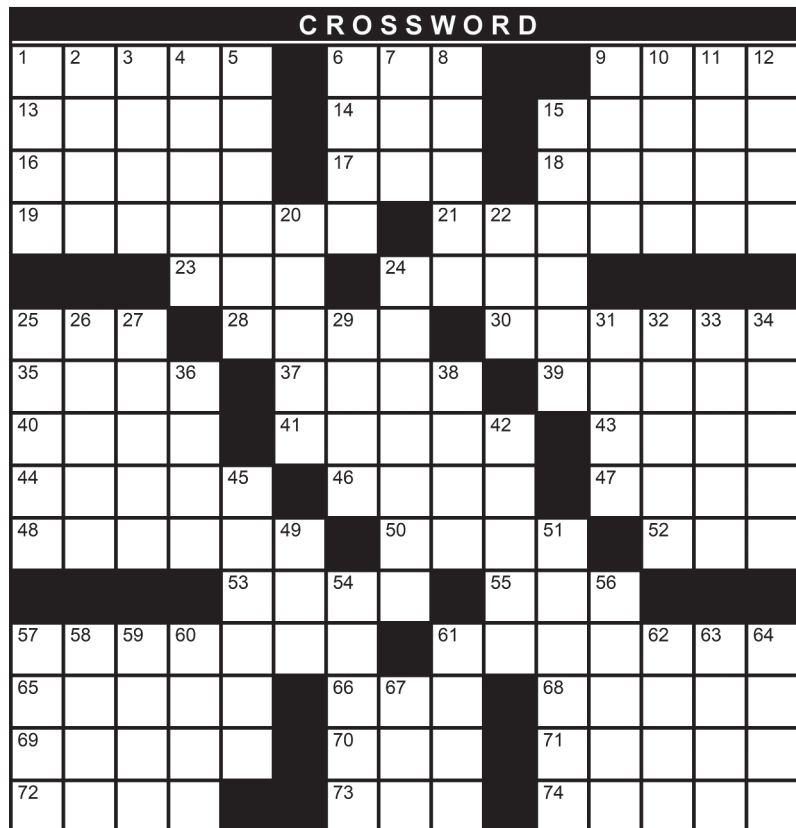


### Upcoming Chlorine Maintenance

As part of routine system maintenance, Gulf Coast Water Authority will temporarily change its water disinfection process April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. This annual practice allows GCWA and San Leon the opportunity to flush our water systems to prevent taste and odor problems that can occur during summer months. You may notice some water discoloration, cloudiness, or chlorine smell during the disinfection period; these conditions are harmless and temporary. Home dialysis patients should contact their machine manufacturers for instructions on properly treating their water before use. Owners of fish and reptiles should follow standard water treatments using products that remove chlorine and chloramine.

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](http://www.slmud.org)





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THEME: GRADUATION

## ACROSS

1. Accumulate
6. Popular pickup
9. Johnny Depp's 2001 biopic
13. Jousting pole
14. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_\_ del Cairo"
15. Figure of speech
16. Oak nut
17. Be off base
18. Less typical
19. \*Graduating class
21. \*S in BS
23. \*Graduating NCAA player's goal?
24. FedEx, verb
25. "I Want My \_\_\_\_," television channel
28. Daytime drama
30. Online business
35. Fleur-de-lis
37. Dart
39. Planktonic tunicate
40. Not naughty
41. Break of day
43. Last row
44. Verdi's opus
46. Lion's do
47. D.E.A. agent
48. Sell again
50. Penny
52. To the \_\_\_\_ degree
53. Prep for certain potatoes
55. Metered ride
57. \*Final reward
61. \*Academic \_\_\_\_, a.k.a. Cap and Gown
65. Gibson garnish
66. Rocks, to a bartender
68. Angry
69. Lieu
70. Not solid or liquid
71. Post-it user
72. Of two minds
73. Bldg unit
74. Opposite of friend

1. "Oh, woel!"
2. Riot spray
3. At another time, archaic
4. Substitute for tender
5. Misters in Spain
6. Fish eggs, pl.
7. Acronym, abbr.
8. Wet land
9. Highlands hillside
10. Forsaken
11. Oil org.
12. "The Way We \_\_\_\_"
15. \*Finals at Cambridge University
20. Building toppers
22. El \_\_\_\_, Spain's national hero
24. Popeye's fuel
25. \*Major's partner
26. Beef \_\_\_\_, dim sum choice
27. Moral weaknesses
29. \*Grad
31. Mountain lake
32. As a whistle?
33. 1960s abstractionism
34. \*"Pomp and Circumstance," e.g.
36. Dried up
38. Adjust the pitch, with "up"
42. Previous VP
45. Marcona nut
49. Skedaddle
51. Moroccan spiced stew
54. Eurasian antelope
56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
57. Olden days "do", second person singular
58. Sean Penn's movie "\_\_\_\_ the Wild"
59. Embarkation location
60. \*Student aid
61. Catch one's breath
62. Not on time
63. One on a list
64. Bald eagle's nest
67. \*Graduation garb topper

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CERT Academy 2024-2 in May 2024 at Bayside Regional Park Community Center

The second CERT Academy of 2024 will take place at the Bayside Regional Park Community Center located at 4833 10th Street, Bacliff, TX 77518.

This training is completely free of cost! The training dates and times are as follows:

May 3 (Friday) from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

May 4 (Saturday) from 8 am to 5:00 pm

May 5 (Sunday) from 1 pm to 5:00 pm

May 10 (Friday) from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

May 11 (Saturday) from 8 am to 5:00 pm

You need to attend all the class session and times to complete the academy. Some missed time can be made up by turning in an outline of the material missed in class, but you cannot make up the work on Saturday, May 11th in the afternoon. If you have to miss the class and drill on the 11th, it can only be made up with another CERT Academy in the near future.

All materials will be provided for you, and you will receive emergency supplies and personal protective equipment.

You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to class with you.

Minors, 13 and older, are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult or parent, unless the student possesses a valid Texas Driver's license.

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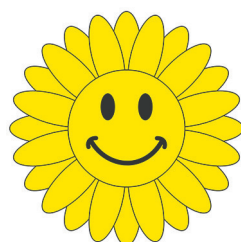
Every third Thursday, the Bayshore Town Square meets at Pacific Seafood at 7 pm. Citizens get a chance to meet their neighbors, learn about current and upcoming events and share their concerns and occasional grievances with people who might be able to make a difference. EPP hopes to see lot of folks there this and every month.

## San Leon MUD Customers Take Note

EPP has been advised that the San Leon MUD does not have an official Facebook page. Any Facebook page that appears to be generated by or supported by San Leon MUD is not an official page. As with anything on the internet, exercise good judgment in screening your content.



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The Volunteers Are Out There For You!

This photo shows the Galveston County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the foreground and the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department in the background blocking the road and directing traffic where a major downed power line fell across Gordy at Hwy. 146 in the early morning hours of the recent storm. There is never enough help when disaster strikes, so please consider joining your local volunteer fire department or CERT and help make your community stronger and more resilient.

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EPP Meets With Mark Salinas

Who? Mark Salinas is running for Galveston County Sheriff on the Democratic ticket. EPP had an opportunity to sit down with Mark and have a wide-ranging conversation about law enforcement and a variety of topics. The takeaway from this is that Mark is a rational and reasonable guy (yes, a rational and reasonable Democrat!) who EPP intends to learn more about and bring that knowledge here, in future issues, to the readers as the general election approaches.



### Bacliff Has A Bond Election!

Voting will take place at the new community room at the courthouse located on 10th Street just off Grand Avenue in Bacliff. 10th Street is a concrete road on one side of Grand Avenue and asphalt on the other side. The courthouse is on the asphalt side. EPP suggests that voters do independent research before making their decision. It should be noted that the previous bond election failed when presented for \$28 million. The current bond election is for \$25 million. Participation is what makes government work for the people, so please take the time to vote in this election and those that are coming in the future.



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- If election passes, bonds secured by taxes will be issued, resulting in an approximately \$23 per month rate increase on homes valued at \$100,000.
- If election does not pass, revenue bonds will be issued, resulting in an approximately \$59 per month water and sewer rate increase per customer.
- Tax rate increase would be applied to approximately 4,412 accounts; water and sewer rate increase would be applied to approximately 3,300 customer connections.
- District tax rate has decreased approximately \$0.26 cents per \$100 of value over the last ten years.
- Early Voting by Personal Appearance is at 4500 10th Street Com Room, Bacliff, TX 77518 and at any of the locations to be published on the Galveston County website at [Galvestonvotes.org](http://Galvestonvotes.org), the following days and times:  
  
April 22, 2024 through April 26, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
April 29, 2024 and April 30, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 4, 2024 Election Day Voting from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm is at 4500 10th Street Com Room, Bacliff, TX 77518 and at any of the locations to be published on the Galveston County website at [Galvestonvotes.org](http://Galvestonvotes.org).
- For more information, please see the District's website at <https://bacliffmud.net> or call 281-339-1634. We strongly encourage you to vote at the election.



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