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First Miss In Years

EPP missed its mid-July edition due to power and internet problems arising from hurricane Beryl. While its readers recovered, EPP was doing the same and hopefully it will be many years before another edition is missed. Thanks for your continued support!

From State Senator Mayes Middleton

Fellow Texan,

On Tuesday, August 6th at 9 a.m., the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) **Board of Directors will be** meeting at the Tremont House in Galveston to consider a 10% rate increase on all windstorm insurance policies. This decision comes just one month after Hurricane Beryl made landfall in our community. I need your help to vocalize your opposition to this ridiculous rate increase. Inflation and skyrocketing insurance premiums are hurting everyone across our community, and an increase in windstorm insurance rates will devastating for homeowners and small businesses on the coast. Please take a minute to email PublicComment@ TWIA.org and say **Coastal Texans cannot** afford a rate increase. Vote NO to any rate increase."



Not Everyone Can Evacuate

Yes, it is hurricane season and at some point there may be calls to evacuate voluntarily or otherwise. First understand that there are no plans to drag you out of your homes and throw you in a locked government bus to be whisked away to a FEMA camp (as far as we know). Beyond that, consider the road system and the number of people who just might try to evacuate whether they need to or not. It really cannot be done. The solution is for those wanting to evacuate to leave early enough that traffic is somewhat normal. The key to traffic remaining somewhat normal is for the folks that don't need to evacuate to stay put. If your house won't be washed away or inundated by storm surge and it is built strong and decently well maintained, having good preparation means you don't have to leave. If a lack of power will lead to death, not just inconvenience, leaving may well be a good idea. When it is time to make the decision, choose wisely and don't depend on the possibly unwise choices of others to keep you safe.

Publishers Note: This article was written before the hurricane, but its content is more important to remember for the inevitable next storm.



Riding The Storm Out

No big deal, right? Everyone who had been through this before knew exactly what to expect and what to do before, during and after. The newcomers to the area listened, read and learned from all of the hurricane awareness and preparation meetings, brochures and announcements, talked to their neighbors and were ready as well. The point being that this was a small storm with nowhere near a recordbreaking impact. The power outages were more than expected, but they were expected. The downed trees were a bit more than usual because it had been so long between storms that are natures way of thinning the herd (of trees). If not all of this is true, now is the time to get ready for the inevitable next storm as there will be another, whether this season or next or sometime in the future. EPP thanks all in the community who came together and helped minimize the impact of this storm. Kudos to the Spirit of Texas!



Let's Talk Debris

While this information is specifically targeted at the unincorporated areas of Galveston County, the handling of post-storm debris is pretty standard throughout the area. Vegetative debris should be placed at the edge of the road, not on the road. There should be no bags of vegetative debris as they will not be picked up with the bulk debris. Construction type debris such as fence materials and etc. should be in separate piles, it will not be picked up if mixed with vegetative debris. Regular waste should go into the regular waste collection stream.

Galveston County plans on making two sweeps through the unincorporated areas and the progress will be slow as there is a mountain of debris and limited manpower and equipment to do this job. Patience and cooperation will be keys to this removal effort. EPP provides advanced thanks to the hardworking folks at the Road and Bridge department as this is their project to tackle.

Bacliff VFD



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

Meet Joey (037566) a 7-yearold German Shepherd with a passion for exploring. Age isn't slowing him down one bit. He loves hanging out with his furry friends and favorite people. Joey's always up for an adventure. He's full of life and ready for his next chapter. Joey's on the lookout for his forever home. Come on in and meet him!

Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on www. facebook.com/garcpets www.youtube.com.

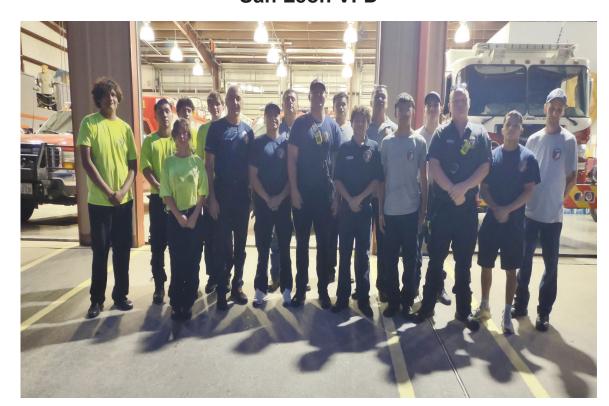
Joey will be available for \$42.50 from Tuesday July 30th - Aug 3rd, 2024. Pets of the week adoptions include rabies vaccination, spay or neuter and microchip. For more information call 409-948-2485 or visit www.gchd.org. These and other pets are available at the Galveston County Animal Resource Center, 3412 25th Ave N. Texas City, TX. 77590.



The Guys And Girls Who Made It Better

These photos show just some of the local volunteers who were out in the immediate aftermath of the storm. They cleared trees, dealt with downed power lines, ran medical assistance calls and helped return the communities to a semblance of normalcy. Without their hard work handling hundreds of calls, roads would have been impassable, fires may have destroyed structures, vehicle accidents would have gone unattended and folks in need of care would have done without. If you see a volunteer, thank them and consider joining them to make a difference.

San Leon VFD





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It Is About The Fight In The Dog

The good that came out of the assassination attempt on Donald Trump is that you got to see that the man's fighting spirit is real. Few among us would stand up and raise our fist saying fight, fight, fight after being less than an inch from lights out via an assassins bullet. But that is what the American people and the world saw and it was impressive to say the least. There can be no doubt that the man who is most likely the next President of the United States is tough, strong and has the vigor and intellect to lead the country without regard to his age. EPP strongly supports the American spirit that he exemplifies and hopes that this marks a change in direction from the downward slide and "wussification" of America. Whatever caused the shooter to place his bullet whizzing through the flesh of Trump's ear and not his brain, all can be thankful that a past and future president was not cut down before being able to Make **America Great Again!**



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He's Moving On

R.E. Davis is relocating for a new job and has resigned as Chief of the San Leon VFD. He served the department various positions approximately ten years, most recently as fire chief and prior to that as assistant fire chief. He provided stability to the department and brought wealth of fire training knowledge to the members. EPP wishes him good luck in his new endeavors and thanks him for his service.





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For additional information and updates, please visit our social media channels and follow the provided links for

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Hot Bean Salad

3 strips bacon 3/4 cup diced onion 1 lb. fresh yellow string beans, preferably, or green, or mixture. French-cut or sliced thinly across

- 1 1/2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar, or to taste
- 1 1/4 cups sour cream groud white pepper, to taste
- 3 tbsps. chopped fresh dill (optional)

In a skilled over medium heat, fry bacon until crisp. Remove and drain on paper towels. Reserve bacon drippings. When cool enough to handle, crumble or break up bacon.

Saute onions in bacon drippings until just soft. Add beans and cook al dente. Add vinegar and stir briefly. Remove from heat and stire in sour cream. (Do not let sour cream curdle). Taste, and add more vinegar, desired. Season with white pepper and chopped dill (if using). Garnish with crumbled bacon. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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San Leon MUD Update



Smart Irrigation Month

Yards can quickly die in the brutal Texas heat if not adequately watered, but overwatering can also drown the yard, resulting in shallow roots and decreased resilience. Most lawns only need about 1" of water per week to stay green and healthy. Place a few empty tuna cans around your lawn while you're watering and measure how long it takes your sprinkler to fill them with a half-inch of water. Then, try watering that amount of time twice a week, gauge how your landscape responds, and adjust based on weather conditions. Also, try to avoid watering in the middle of the day when the hot sun will evaporate much of the water before it can get to thirsty plants. For more tips, visit https://takecareoftexas.org/water

Dates to Remember

July 4 – Independence Day (office closed 4th & 5th)

July 16, 6:30 PM
Monthly District Meeting

Heat, Drought, and Burn Bans

If you're planning a controlled burn on your property, don't forget to file with Galveston County Health District for a burn permit! While recreational burning can be done without a permit, disposal of brush and debris does need a permit so that the appropriate agencies can be prepared to respond in case the fire gets out of hand. Also, be sure to check with local authorities to determine if fireworks will be permitted this holiday season based on current drought conditions.

Conservation Tip of the Month



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

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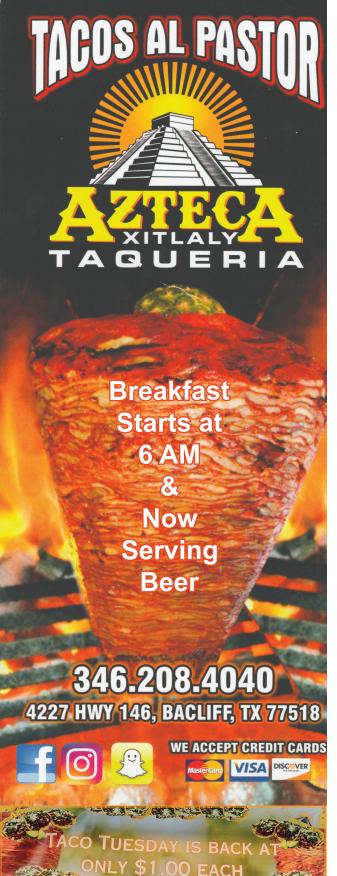
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Kamala Talks Democracy?

As the coronation of Kamala as the

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presidential candidate of the Democrats moves forward, one has to wonder how Donald Trump is a threat to democracy when the many millions who voted for Joe Biden to be their candidate of choice have just had their votes nullified by the party elite? Kamala Harris dropped out very early in the 2020 primaries with nearly zero support and after ascribing racism to the man who later picked her to be his promised black woman vice president. The Dems had no true primaries for the 2024 election as they assured the country that old Joe Biden was fit as a fiddle and ready to continue to serve the country for another four years. Meanwhile, Donald Trump wants voter fraud to be prevented and all votes to be counted and he is the "threat to democracy"?





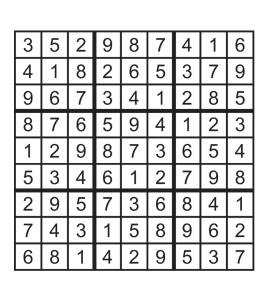
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TSRA Anyone?

Never heard of it? TSRA stands for the Texas State Rifle Association. They are similar to the NRA but focus on the issues that concern Texas hunters, shooting sports enthusiasts and second amendment issues in the state. If you too support those issues. check them out online at tsra.com and consider joining. Freedom has a cost membership both organizations is a small price to pay to defend the constitution that helps separate us from those countries that you really wouldn't want to live in.





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What If She Did It Right?

The recently "repaired" ballfield fences on 18th Street in San Leon have failed once again. Perhaps zip ties and t-posts are not the proper way to repair a chain link fence? Given that the fences have survived hurricanes for decades, Beryl was not the cause of this failure, but management decisions parks department were. Proper and timely maintenance and repairs of the facilities entrusted to the parks director are clearly not something the public can count on.

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Report Streetlight Outages

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You will need the pole number and address or cross streets as well as some personal information. If you choose, they will send you email updates on the repair status. It is easy and helps keep our neighborhoods safer.



director/destroyer locked down all the local county parks before the hurricane came through. That included Spillway Park and the gate shown here. The people said no to being denied access to their seaside mental health therapy and escape from their un-airconditioned houses and opened this gate. the days immediately following the hurricane, the parks saw continuous use by throngs of folks. Julie Diaz is great at posting rules and removing amenities from the public parks she oversees and this was just one more example of her lack of caring for the citizens of Galveston County while she fails at her core responsibilities.