

New funding for early education

New law increases funding for Texas' youngest students

by Peggy Fikac, Fiscal Notes, February 2020

In 2019, the Texas Legislature approved an ambitious overhaul of public education that includes a big investment in early learning — programs many educators consider crucial for the success of students who are economically disadvantaged, learning English or both.

The Early Education Allotment in House Bill 3, signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott, will provide an estimated \$835 million in additional state funding for early education programs in the 2019-20 school year. The funds are being allocated to school districts based on their number of economically disadvantaged students and English learners in grades K-3; nearly 65 percent of this amount is expected to flow to districts in 10 urban counties with large numbers of eligible students.

The allotment is part of a state drive to improve reading and mathematics proficiency by the third grade, a benchmark that can determine students' future achievement.

Students in Need

Texas' growing population includes increasing numbers of students who are economically disadvantaged — defined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as those eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program or meeting certain other qualifications — and who aren't yet proficient in English. Educators say these groups can benefit most from early education.

The share of students in Texas public schools identified as economically disadvantaged rose from 56.6 percent in the 2008-09 school year to 60.6 percent in 2018-19, according to a July 2019 TEA report (PDF). The share of See EDUCATION, pg. 5



Big investments in early learning to overhaul public education. Contributed photo.



Bret Baldwin, VISD School Board Trustee. Contributed photo.

VISD Trustee Baldwin files for VISD Board of Trustee May election

May 2 election is the only VISD School Board election to be held this year.

"These are changing and exciting times for Victoria, with more ahead, and it is why I am seeking to serve my first three-year term as Board Trustee for VISD", said Bret Baldwin, who is a candidate

for VISD School Board District 3 Trustee.

Baldwin's priorities, if elected, will be identifying new revenues to more competitively compensate our teachers; help the district to focus more on classroom discipline through the continued support of the district's course offerings in

Career & Technical Education (CTE), dual credit, and advance academics; and improve our extra-curricular opportunities for our students' enhanced learning.

"When students are more interested in their courses, understand the value for their lives after high See VISD, pg. 10

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Victoria County Public Health Department leads community collaboration to combat COVID-19

Victoria has not yet seen a case of COVID-19, but local agencies have been preparing for the potential arrival of the new virus since before it was reported in the United States.

“We’ve been watching it since it originated in China,” said David Gonzales, director of the Victoria County Public Health Department. “Even before the first travel case was reported in the U.S., we’ve been having discussions with our

local partners to coordinate efforts and start planning.”

Those local partners include the City of Victoria, Victoria County and the Office of Emergency Management as well as VISD, first responders and local health care providers, each of which has been working in close contact with the health department to respond to the potential threat.

“We’ve had meetings every week with different groups, some-

times multiple times a week, to make sure that our local partners are acting on the latest guidance available from us and from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,” Gonzales said.

Agencies have been instructed to notify the health department if they become aware of suspected cases of COVID-19. Residents should refer to the health department’s Facebook page and its website, vcphd.org, for the latest information. Gonzales said the health department has been sharing information through various channels to be as transparent as possible. If a confirmed case is discovered, the health department will immediately notify the public.

Suspected cases will be referred to the health department’s epidemiologist, Brittany Burgess, so that she can make an assessment and ensure that the person is appropriately tested.

“We work with local health care providers so that they can do intake assessments on people who are suspected of having the virus,” Burgess said. “This includes a clinical assessment as well as questions about travel history and potential exposure. If there is a risk, they call me.”

In addition to health care providers, first responders – including dispatchers, emergency medical services, police and firefighters – have been trained to screen residents in order to identify potential cases.

“We’ve implemented early screening protocol based on information from the CDC, the Of-



Local officials prepare for Corona virus. Contributed photo.

ice of Emergency Management and the Victoria County Public Health Department,” said Fire Chief Tracy Fox with the Victoria Fire Department. “If someone has symptoms of infection, the first responder will ask them whether they’ve traveled to an affected area or whether they’ve been in contact with someone who has.”

If a person is suspected of having COVID-19, the first responders will adjust their response to minimize exposure to the virus for themselves and others. This includes notifying the public health authority so that the person can be treated at home.

“If the person needs to be hospitalized, we will notify the hospital prior to transport,” Fox said. “Our goal is to avoid exposing health care professionals unnecessarily.”

As area hospitals and first responders develop best practices based on the health department’s guidance, the Office of Emergency Management works to ensure that

agencies are coordinating efforts and sharing information.

“We collaborate with other departments to develop what’s called a Situation Awareness Report,” said Rick McBrayer, emergency management coordinator. “These reports allow questions and ideas to be shared freely between departments. Currently, the Office of Emergency Management’s role is to put everyone in the right room and make sure they talk to each other.”

Additionally, the City of Victoria has been aiding the health department’s efforts to share information externally in order to reassure and educate the public about the new coronavirus.

“The City is working to support the health department by providing them with resources,” City Manager Jesús A. Garza said. “The health department has been doing a great job of monitoring the situation, and our staff has been

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UHV, VC announce top winners of Black history month poster contest



Winners of the Black History Month Poster Contest display their award-winning posters Friday after the contest reception at UHV. Pictured from front left are third-place winner Pearl Valdez, first-place winner Tuff Bretz and second-place winner Khloe Sifuentes. All three students attend DeLeon Elementary School. Behind them are James Murphy Jr., president of the Victoria Black History Committee, left; UHV President Bob Glenn; and Victoria College President David Hinds. *Contributed photo.*

When Tuff Bretz was working on his Black History Month poster, he knew he wanted to feature someone who was the perfect example of voter activism.

That's when he learned about Mary Church Terrell, an early activist for civil rights and suffrage.

"I thought she was a good example of someone who was an activ-

ist," Tuff said.

Tuff, a 10-year-old student at DeLeon Elementary School, won first place Friday for his poster during the Black History Month Poster Contest reception at the University of Houston-Victoria. He received a \$2,000 UHV scholarship and a Victoria College summer camp voucher.

The annual contest is a partnership between UHV, Victoria College and the Victoria Black History Committee Inc., and is open to all fifth graders in Victoria. Students were asked to design posters around the theme "African Americans and the Vote."

About 70 posters from the Victoria Independent School District were submitted for the contest. The posters then were judged by representatives from UHV, Victoria College and the Victoria Black History Committee.

"The poster contest is an excellent way to see history through the eyes and artistic talents of our local youth," UHV President Bob Glenn said. "These posters reflect what the students have learned about individuals who have had a part in shaping our history as a region and a country."

Tuff's poster included photos of Terrell picketing for civil rights

as well as QR codes that linked to websites with her speeches. His poster also had small toy lights that shined on her portrait. Tuff thanked his mom, Trish Bretz, for helping him with the project.

"I'm really shocked that I won," Tuff said.

Khloe Sifuentes, also a 10-year-old student attending DeLeon Elementary School, won second place. Her poster featured a timeline of important events leading up to and after the Fifteenth and Nineteenth amendments. Khloe received a \$1,000 UHV scholarship and a VC summer camp waiver.

"It's exciting to win," Khloe said. "I learned more about the history of African Americans' right to vote."

Pearl Valdez, 10, won third place for her poster featuring the 15th and 19th amendments, as well as activists Martin Luther King Jr.

and Charlotte Forten Grimke. The DeLeon Elementary School student said she drew her poster by hand using colored pencils and markers.

This is the first time Pearl has entered an art contest, and she said she is excited to have placed in the top three. She received a \$500 scholarship and a VC summer camp waiver.

"I learned a lot about African American history, and that's why I wanted to feature two people who stood up for civil rights in my poster," Pearl said.

Honorable mention selections in the poster contest were:

- Trent Herman, Vickers Elementary School
- Bear Steele, Vickers Elementary School
- Blake Flessner, DeLeon Elementary School
- Xiomara Tunchez, Vickers Elementary School



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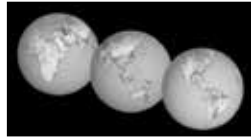
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Coronavirus frente a la gripe: Las diferencias y lo que necesitamos saber

A medida que los médicos, otros expertos médicos y el público aprenden más sobre el Coronavirus Novel 2019, o COVID-19, los científicos están aprendiendo más sobre las similitudes y las diferencias entre COVID-19 y la gripe. Ambos virus causan enfermedades respiratorias, sin embargo, la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) informa que hay diferencias importantes entre los dos y cómo se propagan.

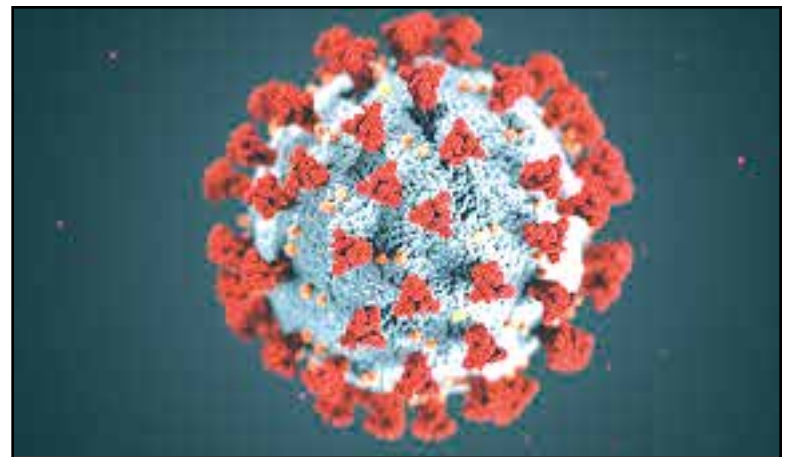
En primer lugar, COVID-19 y los virus de la gripe tienen síntomas similares de la enfermedad y una amplia gama de enfermedades de enfermedades leves a graves, e incluso la muerte. En segundo lugar, ambos virus se transmiten por contacto, gotas (por ejemplo, por estornos y toses), y el contacto con superficies que pueden transportar la infección, como ropa, utensilios y muebles. Como resultado, las medidas comunes de

salud pública, como la limpieza de superficies de alto contacto, como las manijas de las puertas y los pasamanos, lavarse las manos y toser en el codo o un tejido (e inmediatamente desechar el tejido), son acciones importantes para prevenir la transmisión la enfermedad a los demás. Los médicos también recomiendan quedarse en casa si usted está enfermo.

Si bien los síntomas parecen los mismos, hay una gran diferencia entre los pacientes que sufren un caso grave de COVID-19 y la gripe. La gripe tiene un período de incubación más corto desde la infección hasta los síntomas diagnósticos y puede tardar 3 días en propagarse de persona a persona. La gripe se propaga más rápido que COVID-19, que puede tardar de 5 a 6 días en propagarse de persona a persona. Además, la gripe puede transmitirse antes de que alguien tenga síntomas, un factor

importante en la propagación de la gripe. Como resultado, los niños, las mujeres embarazadas, las personas mayores, los pacientes con enfermedades crónicas y los que tienen sistemas inmunitarios comprometidos corren el mayor riesgo de contraer la gripe.

La OMS (WHO) informa que un portador de COVID-19 puede virus de 24 a 48 horas antes de la aparición de los síntomas, lo que reduce la amenaza de transmisión a otras personas. La transmisión presintomática de la gripe es de 3 a 5 días. Sin embargo, cuando aparecen los síntomas de COVID-19, el rango de gravedad de la enfermedad es proporcionalmente diferente de la gripe. Los datos de la OMS sugieren que el 80% de las infecciones por COVID-19 son leves o asintomáticas, pero el 15% son infecciones graves que requieren oxígeno y el 5% son infecciones críticas que requieren cuidados



Corona virus. Contributed photo.

intensivos.

Entonces, ¿quién está en mayor riesgo? Los expertos médicos dicen que las personas de edad avanzada, especialmente las que tienen condiciones preexistentes, tienen un mayor riesgo de enfermarse de COVID-19. Hasta ahora, la OMS dice que los niños, desde recién nacidos hasta los 19 años, son menos propensos a contraer COVID-19. Estudios adicionales en China también sugieren que los niños que capturan COVID-19 son más propensos a atraparlo de adultos, en lugar de viceversa. Sin embargo, los niños desempeñan un papel importante en la propagación de la gripe.

Actualmente, los científicos están desarrollando más de 20 vacunas COVID-19, pero actualmente no hay vacunas o terapias con licencia disponibles. Por el con-

trario, los antivirales y las vacunas están ampliamente disponibles para la gripe. Si bien la vacuna antigripal no es eficaz contra el virus COVID-19, es muy recomendable vacunarse cada año para prevenir la gripe.

Para ayudar a los médicos de Texas a defender a los tejanos contra COVID-19, TMA ha establecido y actualiza continuamente un Centro de Recursos Coronavirus en línea. Visita texmed.org/Coronavirus.

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students still learning English

According to Gov. Abbott's February 2019 State of the State Address, only about 40 percent of Texas third graders are reading at grade level by the time they complete the grade. Of Texas students who take the SAT or ACT college entrance exams, Abbott said, less than 40 percent are prepared for college.

Early Matters — a coalition of Texas businesses, educators, civic and nonprofit organizations and partner cities — says studies have found (PDF) third graders who aren't reading at grade level are four times likelier to drop out of high school compared to proficient readers.

And all of us pay a price for dropouts. A 2010 study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation estimated that each U.S. student who doesn't complete high school costs society an estimated \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes and economic productivity.

"The moral and ethical argument is that, ideally, kids would come to kindergarten more or less equally ready to learn, which is unfortunately not the case," says Superintendent Brian T. Woods of Northside Independent School District (ISD) in San Antonio. "Pre-K helps you correct that. It gives kids a chance to be successful with their age-appropriate peers.

"There's an economic argument to be made," Woods adds. "If students attend pre-K, and thus are more successful in early grades, they're more likely to graduate from high school, have a better trajectory and thus contribute in

a more robust way to the state's economy or the nation's economy."

Expanding Pre-K

Each student qualifying for the Early Education Allotment generates additional funding equal to 10 percent of the basic allotment for education. That amounts to \$616 per student or \$1,232 for each student meeting both criteria (that is, both economically disadvantaged and not fully proficient in English).

Under HB 3, the additional funding may be used for programs including full-day prekindergarten for eligible 4-year-olds, which school districts must offer if they identify 15 or more eligible students. It also may be used for programs and services designed to achieve goals of each district's early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency plans, including initiatives such as teacher attendance at reading academies providing research-based professional development.

Before HB 3, the state required school districts to offer half-day prekindergarten for eligible students, funding it through the Foundation School Program at nearly \$822.2 million in the 2017-18 school year. The new allotment can help pay the extra expense of a full-day program.

According to TEA, 1,058 Texas school districts offered prekindergarten in the 2017-18 school year (most recent data available); of these, 262 offered only a half-day program, 457 offered only a full-day program and 339 offered both.

Districts already offering full-day prekindergarten — or with plans to implement it — can use the extra money to enhance or ex-

pand programs. Districts needing time to institute full-day prekindergarten can seek a state waiver and use allotment funds for

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE PRE-K

Texas children are eligible for free prekindergarten if they are four years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year and meet one of the following criteria:

- unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- economically disadvantaged
- homeless as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a
- child of an active-duty member of the U.S. armed forces
- child of a member of the U.S. armed forces who was injured or killed while on active duty
- child in, or formerly in, the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing
- child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award, which honors peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical first responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty

Districts may offer a program for 3-year-olds who meet the same eligibility criteria, but they are not required to do so.

An Important Investment

Investing in early education could dramatically shape the future of Texas and its children for the better. "I really believe that it's going to be the game changer," says Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney of Aldine ISD in Harris County.

For Goffney, the emphasis on early learning not only makes sense professionally but strikes a deeply personal note. She de-

scribes herself as "a student of poverty," saying that she was born in Coldspring, Texas, to a 15-year-old mother and that she never knew her father.

"We lived in poverty that you can't even imagine, but when I went to school, guess what? I had teachers who treated me as if I were smart, and expected me to be smart, so school was the great equalizer," she says. But, she added, schools can't be "equalizers" if they lack the resources to help disadvantaged students start well.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Larry Taylor, sponsor of HB 3, calls the allotment an "extremely important" initiative.

"Reading at the third-grade level by the end of third grade is a very accurate predictor of future academic success for every student," Taylor says. "Up to the third grade, they are learning to read; from the third grade on, they are reading to learn. This new, strategic funding will be instrumental to improving the educational outcomes for all of our students."

House Public Education Committee Chairman Dan Huberty, the bill's author, says one of HB 3's specific goals "was to get students to be proficient readers by third grade, which we know will set them up for future academic success. The Early Education Allotment, along with other strategies in the bill, sets up a framework and process for the state to make this investment and encourage students to meet this goal."

Welcome Support

For Superintendent Mike Kuhrt of Wichita Falls ISD, the allotment provides important

"That allotment validated what we had been doing," says Kuhrt. "We funded at full day, and that just means we took money from elsewhere to do that."

His district, which expects to receive \$2 million through the allotment this school year, also is instituting reading academies for kindergarten through third-grade teachers.

Superintendent Gonzalo Salazar of Los Fresnos Consolidated ISD says he made a hard decision years ago to recommend changing from full day to half-day pre-K out of concern about growth that, at the time, was straining his district's operational budget and facilities. The half-day program has been supplemented with Head Start for qualifying students, he says.

This year, though, his district is planning for a return to full-day prekindergarten, with careful attention to developing curriculum, preparing facilities and hiring staff.

"If we're going to do it right, we have to start off on the right foot and take the time to plan our full-day pre-K," says Salazar. "I am so glad that the Legislature focused on the needs of public education and heard the voices of superintendents throughout the state," he says. "Is it enough money? Time will tell. But I love the focus on

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Sheriff candidate Fowler heads towards primary run-off election on May 26

Dale Fowler announced his candidacy in the Republican primary on March 3 for Sheriff of Victoria County. Fowler is now headed for a Republican primary run-off election on Tuesday, May 26. The winner of the run-off election will be the next Victoria County Sheriff.

Fowler has been the President of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) since 2001 and held various positions with AEP/CPL between 1984 and 2001. Additionally, Fowler has been a Peace Officer for the past 33 years, beginning in 1986 as a Reserve Sheriff's Deputy. He has served as the Special Assistant to Sheriff T. Michael O'Connor since he took office in 2005.

Fowler's career at the Victoria County Sheriff's Office:

- Holds a Master Peace Officer license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- Recognized as a Master S.W.A.T. operator, with over 12 years of continuous service on the Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team.
- Serves on the Sheriff's Advisory Board, alongside other local leaders who advise the Sheriff on various operational matters such as budget, legislative, contracts and grants, training oversight, etc.
- Was among the first Reserve Deputies at the Victoria County Sheriff's Office who were authorized to work patrol shifts on their own under then Sheriff Dutch

Meyer.

Over the past 19 years with VEDC Fowler has served the Victoria community by working to attract new investment and new jobs that diversify the economic base of Victoria County. He plans to bring the same level of commitment, leadership and community partnership to the Office of Sheriff in order to maintain and improve the lives of Victorians through law and order, safety and security.

Fowler's experience working with state and federal legislators as well as his history in building partnerships will serve the Sheriff's Office well as he strives to expand resources and capabilities. "It is imperative that our county



Dale Fowler, candidate for Victoria County Sheriff. *Contributed photo.*

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Fowler grew up in Victoria and graduated from Stroman High School. He completed his bachelor's degree with a concentration in management from the University of Houston Victoria and is a graduate of the Victoria College Police Academy. He and his wife Dana Kelly Fowler have been married for 35 years and have two adult daughters.

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An abundance of caution



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by Dr. Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent

Victoria ISD is acting out of an abundance of individual caution as it relates to COVID-19. The Coronavirus is still evolving rapidly and much remains to be known. There are some very basic things we can all do right now, however, to ensure we are taking every conceivable precaution. Regular washing of hands is critical. Regular disinfecting of high traffic areas is also important.

Equally important is being mindful of large groups and individual caution. "Social Distancing" includes being thoughtful about non-essential travel, groups or meetings of 100+, foregoing handshakes for a fist or elbow bump, etc. Although we are not required to follow social distancing protocols, Victoria ISD feels we should put student, staff and community safety as our primary concern and limit everyone's exposure to large group social events. As such, we are looking at our VISD

calendar of events and beginning to postpone those that could put large groups of people at risk.

We are asking everyone to work with us in recognizing some of these events may be rescheduled and other events may simply have to be cancelled. I know there will be some in the community who think I am over-reacting and I am fine with that label, because when it comes to the safety of my kids, my staff and my community there is no question for me where my priorities lie. For now, we are looking at our events on a week-by-week basis and asking everyone to help us be thoughtful.

This week, we finalized our pandemic plan. We know countless students, staff and community members have booked spring break travel and feel we needed to have our plan in place before spring break commences. Here too, we are erring on the side of preparation and safety.

One last important point about spring break, social distancing and

travel. Please review the travel guidelines at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website if you or another family member is traveling and follow the guidelines on that website.



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La serie, que se estrena el próximo 29 de marzo en la ATRES-player Premium, contará la vida

de Cristina Ortiz, figura trans más conocida como “La Veneno” siempre enfocó su vida con un tono



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cómico y descarado, aunque en realidad su trayectoria tenía más que ver con una historia de terror y tragedia.

Cristina Ortiz nació en Adra, See CHARLANDO, pg. 9

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Tras su apabullante éxito pasaría por la cárcel, cambiaría físicamente y se empezaría a forjar la leyenda que terminaba de grabarse en 2016 tras su inesperada muerte. Ahora Javier Calvo y Javier Ambrossi —AKA los Javis— se han propuesto rendirle un homenaje a través de la serie ‘Veneno’, la cual ya tiene un primer tráiler que nos ha dejado los pelos de punta.

Las actrices encargadas de dar vida a la artista son Jedet, en una etapa joven de la misma; Daniela Santiago, que revivirá su época dorada en televisión; e Isabel Torres, que mostrará la decadencia que llegó a vivir la Veneno. Asimismo, Ester Expósito también formará parte del reparto, aunque desconocemos la profundidad de su personaje.

Las mejores películas basadas en cómics en Amazon Prime Video. En el catálogo de la plataforma encontramos algunas de las mejores adaptaciones de cómic (o novela gráfica) que se han visto en el cine, desde ‘Persépolis’ hasta ‘Batman Forever’.

CHARLANDO, from pg. 8 Almería, durante la década de los sesenta, para después huir a

Madrid donde saltaría a la fama gracias a la pequeña pantalla. Presumió de cuerpo y cara, así como

abanderó siempre un garbo natural que la convirtió en un icono desenfadado de la comunidad LGTB.



La ficción que narrará la vida y muerte de Cristina Ortiz, la Veneno, uno de los iconos del colectivo LGBTI más importantes de España, llegará en marzo a la plataforma Atresplayer Premium. Contributed photo.

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AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES INDUSTRIALES RENOVACIÓN
PERMISO NÚM. WQ0001165000

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Victoria WLE, LP, 1205 Bottom Street, Victoria, Texas 77901 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación para autorizar Victoria Power Station. Victoria Power Station ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación del Permiso del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) Núm. WQ0001165000 (EPA ID Núm. TX003603), que autoriza la descarga de agua de enfriamiento única y previamente monitoreada efluentes en un flujo promedio diario que no exceda los 112,000,000 galones por día en la fase intermedia a través de Outfall 001; agua de enfriamiento de un solo paso y efluentes previamente monitoreados a un flujo promedio diario que no exceda 202,000,000 galones por día en la fase final a través de Outfall 001; efluentes previamente monitoreados en una base de flujo variable en la fase intermedia a través de Outfall 002; y la purga de la torre de enfriamiento de las “5-6 torres de enfriamiento” y los efluentes monitoreados previamente a un flujo promedio diario que no debe exceder 1,200,000 galones por día en la fase final a través de Outfall 002. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el día 1 de agosto de 2019.

La planta está ubicada por la calle 1205 Bottom Street, Victoria, Texas 77901, en la ciudad de Victoria en el Condado de Victoria, Texas. El efluente tratado es descargado al Río Guadalupe debajo del río San Marcos en el Segmento Núm. 1803 de la Cuenca del Río Guadalupe cuenca. Los usos designados para el Segmento Núm. 1803 son alta la vida acuática uso, recreación de contacto, y el suministro público de agua.

El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecería las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que, si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en la biblioteca pública de Victoria, Victoria Public Library, por la calle 302 North Main Street, Victoria, Texas. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.

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COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud.

El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.** Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”. Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios.

La Comisión otorgará solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que exista un pedido antes del plazo de vencimiento de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o se ha presentado un pedido de reconsideración. Si un pedido ha llegado antes del plazo de vencimiento de la audiencia o el pedido de reconsideración ha sido presentado, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá una aprobación final sobre el permiso y enviará la solicitud y el pedido a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos del solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or por el internet a www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Si necesita más información en español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a El Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: www.tceq.texas.gov.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Victoria WLE, LP a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Sñr. Jeff Martin, Gerente de Planta, al (361) 489 - 3706.

Fecha de emisión: el día 3 de marzo del año 2020

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school, there is generally better attendance and less discipline issues. I am confident that the district is moving in that direction, we just need to do more”, said Baldwin.

With many years of education, training, and business experiences in Victoria, around the United States, and around the world, Baldwin understands the need and value of a strong education system in our community.

Victoria High School Graduate High School exchange student to Switzerland through American Field Service (AFS)

Business Management graduate of Texas State University

Global MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management

Graduate Diploma in Law from the National University of Singapore

Baldwin’s business leadership experience, both in small business and with three Global Fortune 500 corporations, has provided him with solid organizational development skills needed for understanding and solving complex issues. Additionally, he has also had teaching experiences as an adjunct-professor at the University of Houston-Victoria, an adjunct-professor in China, served as high school football coach at the Singapore American School, been a substitute teacher for VISD, and had multiple guest speaker presentations through Victoria Business and Education Coalition (VBEC).

“I have been blessed to experience (by way of living in communities and studying in schools around the United States and world) high achieving academic standards, that I continue to want to help develop for Victoria”, said Baldwin.

Bret Baldwin comes from a rich heritage of educators, who devoted themselves to teaching and instructing students, from his Great-Great Grandfather Henry Sporrer (immigrated from Austria to eventually became the Superintendent of the German-American School before moving to Victoria County to train teachers at Nazareth) to his parents Gene and Jeannie Martin who taught in the Victoria ISD for more than 30 years each.

“My parents taught me the importance of education that started at Northside Baptist School Kin-

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Candidate for Sheriff in May 26 run-off submits vision to voters



Justin Marr, candidate for Victoria County Sheriff. *Contributed photo.*

that I have grown up in the Sheriff's Office. I began as a jailer, later attended the Police Academy (#1 in my class), began service as a patrol deputy, have promoted in rank and now am a Field Training Officer and command the 3rd platoon of the Patrol Division. I have attended law enforcement leadership and command Schools. I have trained countless deputies.

In that same time frame, I have served on the SWAT team, worked crime interdiction, pursuing drug and human smugglers on our highways, and worked specialized interdiction efforts in South Texas. In short, I have years of real "boots on the ground" experience within the Sheriff's Office. This experience is essential for any person to lead this organization. Being a part time volunteer or a part time "special advisor" won't cut it.

I am concerned that the Sheriff's Office has suffered from the physical absence of leadership and a decline in morale over the last several years. I am concerned that the Sheriff's Office has suffered serious personnel shortages in the law enforcement and jail divisions. The cumulative effect of these factors is that public safety has suffered and officer safety is threatened. Public Safety is the primary obligation of the Sheriff's Office. I will immediately take steps to remedy this critical issue.

Presently, one-half of the Sheriff's Office's licensed law enforce-

ment personnel have 2 years or less experience. A glaring example of the absence of experienced personnel is the fact that I am the only patrol officer remaining at the Sheriff's Office who was on scene at the infamous smuggling event in 2003 involving 17 deaths at the "Chubby's" market on Highway 77 in Victoria. I saw those bodies and survivors. Since then, our ranks have been depleted due to several factors.

Among those factors are inadequate pay, the absence of clear guidelines for promotion/advancement and the attendant failure of senior Sheriff's Office leadership to instill in the employee ranks a sense of investment and ownership in their careers. By "investment and ownership", I mean that the employees, through proper training and oversight from the Sheriff and senior officers, should have instilled in them the firm belief that they have undertaken a sacred public trust. They should firmly believe that each one of them, on a daily basis, makes Victoria a safer and better place to live. They should also feel that their commitment to duty and service is recognized by the Sheriff and the public they serve. They should know that the public and the Sheriff have

their back.

To address these and other issues, I will expand recruitment of talented women and men who wish to pursue a career of public service in law enforcement. I will develop a merit based system for skill review and promotion of administrative, detention and enforcement personnel. I will develop advanced training programs for those employees who have demonstrated initiative and leadership qualities. I will work with members of our community and our county government leaders to develop a pay scale which rewards employee dedication, experience and skill. I will continue existing governmental/institutional partnerships and seek new relationships which help address both economic and personnel issues which cannot be fully resolved solely by local government.

To enhance each employee's sense of dedication and investment in our community, I will develop programs to increase interaction between Sheriff's Office employees and the community at large. I firmly believe this interaction will also allow members of our community to develop a sense that the community is also invested in the women and men of the Sheriff's

It is time to decide who will lead the Victoria County Sheriff's Office into the future. My Wife, Jennifer, our children and our parents have a vested interest in the future success of the Sheriff's Office, as

do you. It is my belief that I am that leader.

I have continuously served in the Sheriff's Office for over 20 years. As a professional law enforcement officer, you could say

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010513002

APPLICATION. Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, P.O. Box 667, Bloomington, Texas 77951, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010513002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0122246) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 300,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 279 Halk Road, Bloomington, in Victoria County, Texas 77951. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Black Bayou; thence to Jones Bayou; thence to Victoria Barge Canal Tidal. TCEQ received this application on December 10, 2019. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District Office, 93 Illinois Street, Bloomington, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbe468bbddd6of8168250f&marker=-96.8856%2C28.65278&level=12>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of The Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 Or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Scott Mason, P.E., G&W Engineers, Inc., at (361) 552-4509.

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literacy."

The investment can change lives, emphasizes Superintendent Goffney. Her district has long offered full-day prekindergarten, she says, and its estimated \$18.3 million in allotment funding is being dedicated to enhancing that program and early education in general.

"My grandpa couldn't read, and so he actually signed his name with an 'X'," Goffney says. "And he used to tell me, 'Tonya, if you can read, you can go anywhere.' I tell that story to convey to our team and our teachers that if our students can read, they truly can go anywhere. And if they can't, then we're going to have a problem."

For more information on early childhood education in Texas, visit the Texas Education Agency.

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ergarten, on to Shields Elementary, Vickers Elementary, Howell Middle School, and then to graduate from Victoria High School in 1982. My mother inspired me to become an international exchange student in Switzerland, that dramatically impacted the course of my life - leading to work and studying throughout Asia, and how to serve in multiple capacities to further enhance education and students' learning experiences, wherever I have lived", said Baldwin.

The 2020 VISD School Board election will be held on Saturday, May 2, with early voting beginning held from April 20th through April 28th.

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Spring events at the Farmers' Market



Farmers' market hours on Saturdays. *Contributed art.*

by Meridith Byrd

Spring is such an exciting time at the Victoria Farmers' Market! Early in the season while the weather is mild, the winter crops are still producing, so you can shop for locally grown broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, beets, celery

and brussels sprouts. Our farmers are bringing the first tomatoes of the season, but they sell quickly, so if you enjoy homegrown tomatoes make sure you get to the farmers' market at the 9:00 opening bell. Dewberries and pickling cucumbers, more customer favorites, should be arriving at the mar-

ket soon, so check our Facebook page (@VictoriaFarmersMarket) to keep up with the latest market news!

National Agriculture Week is March 22-28

Agriculture is essential to everyday life, from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. According to the USDA, small family farms (like those at our farmers' market) account for 90% of all farms in America. National Ag Day is Tuesday, March 24, and we are excited to celebrate the farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to bring their goods to our market.

On March 21, customers can stop by the Market Information Booth to receive a coupon for \$2 off any purchase from any vendor (valid only March 21). This is our way of thanking you, our customers, for supporting the small business who are the heart of the farmers' market.

Gayle Bludau with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health will also be at the March 21 market demonstrating how to make one of her favorite recipes and giving out samples to customers.

Learn how to use natural dyes for Easter eggs

In April will have a special demonstration on how to dye eggs for Easter using natural pigments found in beets, red cabbage, onion skins, and different herbs. Kids can take home one dyed egg along with instructions on how to dye their own eggs at home. Watch our


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Meridith Byrd is the Director of Community Engagement for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. She also manages the Victoria Farmers' Market held every Saturday at the Pattie Dodson Public Health Center. Contact her at 578-0591 or mbyrd@foodbank-gc.org.





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Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA RENOVACIÓN

PERMISO NÚM. WQ0012226001

SOLICITUD. Quail Creek Municipal Utility District, 515 Chukar Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso Núm. WQ0012226001 (EPA I.D. Núm. TX 0023477) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizarla descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 220,000 galones por día. La planta está ubicada por la calle 731 Grouse Road, Victoria, en el Condado de Victoria, Texas. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta a un influente sin nombre del arroyo seco (Dry Creek); desde allí Dry Creek (incluyendo los lagos Pridham, Stubbs, y Mills); desde allí New River; desde allí al río Guadalupe debajo del río de San Marcos. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 21 de enero del año 2020. La solicitud para el permiso está disponible para leerla y copiarla en la oficina de Quail Creek Municipal Utility District por la calle 515 Chukar Drive, Victoria, Texas. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.

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AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.**

COMENTARIO PUBLICA / REUNIÓN PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud.** Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”. Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y por qué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envíe por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los para pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o por el internet al <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a El Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: www.tceq.texas.gov.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Quail Creek Municipal Utility District a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Sr. Daniel O. Jiménez al 361-572-0810.

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supporting them in their efforts.”

Burgess said the health department wants people to stay informed about the virus without becoming panicked as the situation develops. For example, she said, if new cases are reported in Texas, this should not necessarily be a cause for alarm.

“We’re expecting to see more cases in Texas,” she said. “It’s not clear whether we will see any cases in Victoria, but it could happen.”

The new coronavirus is known to cause flu-like symptoms, such as fever, coughing and sneezing, Burgess said. People with underlying health conditions or those over 60 years old may develop more serious complications, such as pneumonia. However, about 80% of people only develop mild symptoms.

“This is a public health concern because it’s a new virus and, as with any new virus, we have limited information about it,” Burgess said. “However, there is nothing extraordinary about it compared to other types of respiratory illnesses.”

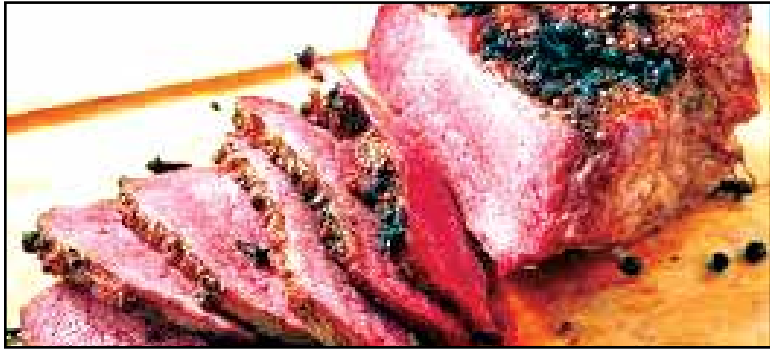
Burgess encouraged community members to take the same precautions that they would take to prevent the spread of other respiratory illnesses, such as washing their hands, cleaning commonly touched surfaces and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

“By being proactive, our community members can make a significant difference,” Burgess said. “They are their own greatest asset.”

(Photo caption: Officials with the City of Victoria, Victoria County, the Office of Emergency Management and VISD meet at the Office of Emergency Management to discuss the local response to the new coronavirus.)

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Luck of the Irish Corned Beef Brisket. *Contributed photo.*

CREAM OF CABBAGE SOUP

4 cups water
2 tablespoons chicken bouillon granules
3 cups diced peeled potatoes
1 cup finely chopped onions
1 cup diced peeled rutabaga or summer squash
½ cup diced carrots
6 cups chopped cabbage
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped green bell pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
1-teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1-cup butter
1-cup all-purpose flour
2 cups milk
2 cups chicken broth
½ pound process American cheese, cubed
½ teaspoon dried thyme
Pepper to taste
Additional milk, optional

1. In a Dutch oven or soup kettle, bring water and bouillon to a boil. Add potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 5 minutes.
2. Add cabbage, celery and green pepper. Simmer, uncovered for 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Add garlic, salt and dill.
3. In a saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour and cook over medium heat, stirring, until golden brown. Gradually add milk and broth, stirring until smooth. Add cheese, thyme and pepper. Cook on low heat until cheese melts. Stir into vegetable mixture. Simmer 5 minutes. Thin with milk, if necessary.
4. Yields: 12 to 14 servings (3½ quarts)

LUCK OF THE IRISH CORNED BEEF BRISKET

4-5 lbs. corned beef brisket with

seasoning packet
3 quarts water
2 onions, halved and stuck with 2 cloves each
6 carrots, peeled and halved
1 large head cabbage, cut into 8 wedges
2 bay leaves
3 sprigs fresh parsley
12 peppercorns, crushed
12 coriander seeds
11-inch cinnamon stick

1. Place corned beef and seasoning packet in large heavy pot; add water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 hour. Add onions and carrots. Bring to a boil and skim off fat.
2. Add remaining ingredients, reduce heat to medium-low and cover. Simmer approximately 2-4 hours until beef is tender. When brisket pierces easily, it is ready.
3. Drain the water, place brisket on a platter and let stand about 10 minutes. Slice diagonally across the grain and serve with cabbage, carrots and onion. Serves 8.

IRISH SODA BREAD

2 cups flour
1-teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1½-tablespoon sugar
6 tablespoons shortening
2/3 cups raisins, brown or golden or mixed

2 teaspoons caraway
1-cup buttermilk

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a large bowl sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, and sugar. Using a pastry blender or fingertips, work the shortening into the flour until the consistency is the same as that of small peas. Stir in the raisins and caraway and mix to distribute evenly.
3. Gradually stir in the buttermilk, ¼ cup at a time, using only enough to allow the dough to come together. Knead the dough for 1-2 minutes.
4. Shape the dough into a round loaf and place on a greased baking sheet. Cut an "X" on the top and over the sides of the loaf. Bake for 45 minutes or until the bread sounds hollow when tapped. Cool on rack.

GREEN VELVET CAKE

1½ cups oil
2 eggs
½ teaspoon green food coloring
1-tablespoon vinegar
1-cup buttermilk
1½ cups sugar
1-teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ cups flour

1-teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt

FLUFFY WHITE FROSTING

3 tablespoons meringue powder
½ cup cold-water
2 cups sugar
¼ cup white corn syrup
½ cup water

1. Combine eggs, sugar, oil and vinegar in bowl. Mix well. Sift flour and soda together. Add to egg mixture alternately with buttermilk, mixing well after addition. Blend in vanilla and food coloring. Pour into 3 greased and floured 8" cake pans.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes. Cool. Frost between layers, top and side of cake. Sprinkle chopped pistachio nuts on top. For Frosting beat meringue powder and ½ cup of cold water until stiff, about 4 minutes.
3. Mix sugar, corn syrup and ½ cup of water in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cool slightly.
4. Slowly add syrup to meringue mixture while beating on low. After adding all syrup to the mixture, turn beaters on high.
5. Beat for about 4 minutes until stiff and glossy.

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