

UHV faculty move into new academic building

In just a few short months, University of Houston-Victoria students will have their first face-to-face classes in University South, the newest academic building on the UHV campus dedicated to science, technology, and mathematics programs.

UHV faculty began moving into their offices in University South, 3007 N. Ben Wilson St., this month. Equipment and other items for research labs and classrooms will be moved into the building throughout the summer, and more faculty are expected to move into the new building within the next month to prepare for the fall semester.

“We are excited to bring everyone on board into UHV’s newest academic facility,” said Chance Glenn, UHV provost and vice president for academic affairs. “This building will be a great step forward for STEM courses, and we are ready to begin the fall semester at University South.”

Groundbreaking on the 58,464-square-foot, three-story

building began in November 2018. University South received an honorable mention award during the American Institute of Architects Corpus Christi Chapter’s 2019 Design Awards Program for architectural design. The building is located next to University Center and University North, and across Ben Wilson Street from University Commons.

Included in the building is an amphitheater classroom, labs, classrooms, dedicated research areas, study spaces, a third-floor patio, an outdoor trellis, conference rooms, and faculty office spaces.

On the first floor is an immersive, 210-degree visualization theater that was funded as part of a \$1.5 million gift from the M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Foundation. The screen in the theater displays images that appear to surround the user, providing an immersive experience. The visualization theater will be available for the science programs to use for presentations and lectures. The theater is a
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University South opens for STEM courses this fall. *Contributed photo.*



The City of Victoria Environmental Services in November replanted the flowerbeds on Loop 463 near Navarro Street. More beds and landscaping will be added through an upcoming partnership with TxDOT. *Contributed photo.*

City partners with TxDOT for future beautification

The newly replanted flowerbeds on the Loop add color to many Victorians’ daily commutes—and thanks to a new Texas Department of Transportation project, there is more where that came from.

The City of Victoria last week finalized an agreement with TxDOT to help fund a beautification

project along 0.72 miles of Loop 463 near Navarro Street. The project will add new beds and brighten existing beds by adding trees, flowers, and other landscaping elements.

Seeds of economic development

During the development of Plan 2035, residents expressed a de-

sire to improve community image along key roadway corridors. The comprehensive plan affirms the importance of “quality of place” enhancements, which help to promote business.

The beautification project is located in a key retail area that
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With family's support, Victoria woman graduates from VC alongside daughter

Jennifer Villarreal had always told her four daughters there was not anything they couldn't accomplish if they put their minds to it. Two years ago, the daughters convinced her to practice what she

preached.

"I kept telling them there was no way I could go back to school," the 47-year-old Villarreal recalled. "I always taught them to never say they can't do anything. You never know until you try. They turned the tables on me."

Even though Villarreal had plenty of reasons to postpone her graduation, she walked the stage on May 8 to receive her Associate of Science degree in business management from Victoria College. Villarreal fell ill with the coronavirus during the Summer 2020 semester. Then in the Fall 2020 semester, she required an emergency surgery.

On Feb. 3, Villarreal's brother, James Evans Jr., passed away at the age of 52. She was also busy homeschooling her 14-year-old daughter, Geneva, during the pandemic and taking care of her husband of 28 years, Anthony, who suffers from health problems.

"People have asked me why I didn't drop out this semester, because a death in the family like that is hard to deal with," Villarreal said. "But he would have wanted me to keep going. He was proud of the fact that I was in college. He had always wanted to, but just was not able to. So, quitting never crossed my mind."

Villarreal's husband also encouraged her to persevere.

"He would actually run everybody out of the room and lock the door so I could have the computer and study," Villarreal said. "He had a couple of doctor's appointments the other day, and he was more concerned with me getting home to study for finals than he



Jennifer Villarreal, left, hugs her daughter, Michaela Villarreal, a day before they both received their associate degrees from Victoria College. *Contributed photo.*

was about his doctor's appointments."

Villarreal, who earned membership in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success, was committed from her first day at Victoria College to excel academically.

"I never really tried hard in high school," Villarreal said. "I never studied that much. When I registered for college and saw my transcript from high school, I was a little disappointed to see that I ranked below the 50th percentile in my graduating class. That made me work hard in my college classes."

Villarreal's achievement was made even sweeter by walking the stage with her daughter, Michaela Villarreal, who also earned her associate degree this spring.

"She motivated me a lot even before she went back to school," Michaela said. "I tease her about being an overachiever. But she is just so focused. I'm really proud

of her."

Villarreal will now attend the University of Houston-Victoria, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration.

"God love all the professors here at VC," Villarreal said. "They were all particularly good with working with me. I am excited and sad to be graduating. I am sad because I don't want to leave VC. It's like my home."

Villarreal finds it almost unbelievable when reflecting on what she has accomplished the last two years.

"I'm ecstatic," Villarreal said. "I can't believe I've made it this far with all the things life has thrown at me. But I do not let anything get me down. I keep going. A lot of it is because of my family. Without them, I would not have gotten here. They have encouraged me from the start. I don't know who is prouder — myself, my husband or my kids."

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Affectionate Arms Adult Care Center reopens



Affectionate Arms Center. Contributed photo.

by Peter Moralez

Affectionate Arms Adult Care Center (The Center) has reopened its doors to serve the Victoria adult community. The Center is located at 3802 North John Stockbauer Street, and its hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Their mission is “To provide adults an opportunity to socialize, enjoy peer support and receive health and social services in a stimulating and supportive environment that promotes better physical and mental health.”

Mary Garcia, Facility Director of the Center said, “We are so thankful that we have been able to reopen our doors to the adult community of Victoria. I feel that we are a valuable asset that offers vital daily assistance in Victoria to adults with special needs, and I am proud that we are able to be back in service.”

Since the outbreak of the COVID pandemic the Center has been forced to close its doors. “As the virus continued to worsen clients, as well as their family members grew concerned about interacting

in a social environment,” Garcia said. “Once it became cost ineffective to operate we were forced to discontinue serving the community.”

Since reopening special procedures have been put into effect to insure the safety of both staff and clients. All who enter the premises are required to have been fully vaccinated, facemasks are required, body temperatures are taken daily, and sanitation stations have been installed to maintain the sanitation of the Center.

Individuals must be at least 18 years old to participate in the daily activities which include breakfast, daily prayer, open discussion revolving around general news topics of local, statewide, and national interest, as well as topics effecting individuals in their daily lives, exercises tapered to the special needs of clients including those with physical restrictions, lunch and relaxation, and finally Bingo, which according to Garcia is one of the most popular activities on a daily basis.

Clients are required to get dropped off and picked up from the Center by, family members or

on Victoria Transit, which works hand in hand to get clients to the Center.

To become a client individuals must have a specific medical need for daily care by a medical professional. The Center takes care of medical needs by handing out all medications required, having an LVN on staff, and an RN on call. Of course if there is a medical emergency the Center will contact 911.

With regard to the meals served daily they are prepared by DeTar Hospital and a dietician creates the menu to serve the health needs of clients.

According to Garcia the cost of running the Center is supplemented by a stipend from the State of Texas, individual and Medicaid pay, and a yearly fundraiser that has not been held for the past two years due to the Virus.

“Without our yearly fundraiser

budgeting has become very tight to operate on a daily basis. In addition our facility has developed many physical issues that have created financial needs,” Garcia said. We also have an immediate need for volunteers and I am appealing to the public for assistance.”

The Center has served the Victoria community since September of 1990 and according to Garcia since their reopening clients have been slow to return. They can ac-

commodate up to 59 clients and when full to capacity offer a ratio of 1 worker for every 8 clients.

“I want to insure the public that the Center is once again open and we are doing everything to insure the safety of all who enter, as well as appealing to the community for volunteers and donations to continue to meet the financial needs of our daily operation,” Garcia said.

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City receives \$621,000 grant to repair duck pond

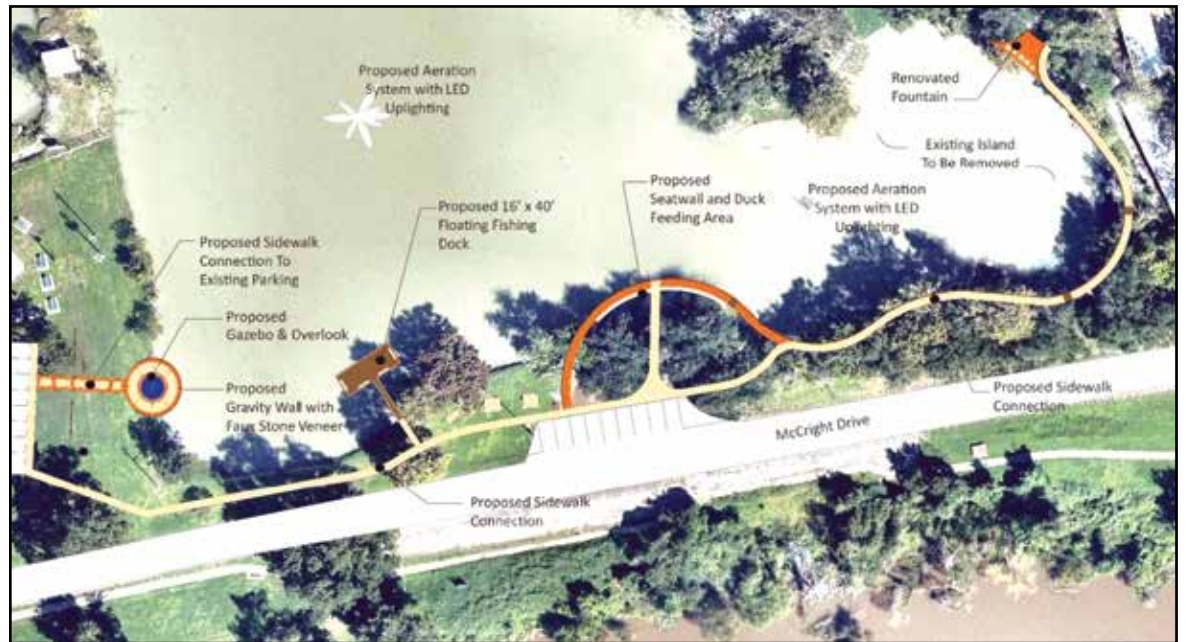
The City of Victoria on May 27 was notified that it had received a matching grant up to \$621,509 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to repair the Riverside Park duck pond.

“We are excited to receive this funding to repair an iconic structure that many of our residents have been missing,” said Assistant City Manager Mike Etienne. “The city is committed to pursuing grant

funding for projects, which will allow us to improve our city and our amenities in a fiscally responsible manner.”

TPWD officials will need to tour the site and review documents before the construction of the pond can be put up for bidding. City officials expect that construction will begin in about three to four months.

The project is expected to be



This preliminary new design for the Riverside Park duck pond was approved by the Victoria City Council on March 3. The final design will include a sidewalk that extends all the way around the outside of the pond. *Contributed photo.*

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Equistar Chemicals, LP se ha registrado con la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) para el Permiso por Reglamento de Calidad de Aire Núm. 811B, el cual autorizará la construcción de una Polietileno de Alta Densidad en 2699 Old Bloomington Road N, Victoria, condado de Victoria, Texas. Información adicional concerniente a esta solicitud puede encontrarse en la sección de anuncios públicos de este periódico.

completed during the first half of 2022.

Problems below the surface

The duck pond had been closed since 2018 because of sidewalk damage that was partly caused by Hurricane Harvey. The City Council in September 2018 awarded a

contract to repair the sidewalk and to dredge the pond to improve water flow.

However, after crews drained the pond, they found that the pond had structural damage that required more extensive rebuilding.

In May 2020, the City Council approved a design contract for the new duck pond. The total cost of the renovation was budgeted for \$1.25 million.

A new source of funding

In October, the City Council authorized the city to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department matching grant for the duck pond project. To be eligible for the grant, the City was not able to proceed with construction as City officials waited to learn whether they would receive the grant.

On May 27, City staff were notified that the duck pond project had been selected to receive funding.

According to plan

The duck pond reconstruction aligns with Victoria’s community-driven 2035 Comprehensive Plan, which includes recreation/amenities as one of five focus areas and calls for investment in upgrades for existing parks.

During a May 18 presentation to the City Council, City of Victoria grants administrator Katy Connally explained to the council that when grant providers decide which projects to fund, they often consider whether a project is aligned with its city’s comprehensive plan or master plans.

The city is in the process of developing a new Parks & Recreation master plan with input from Victoria residents. The plan is expected to be adopted this fall.

Once the plan is approved, City officials will use the plan to seek grant funding for changes and improvements that residents would like to see.

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Dr. Quintin Shepherd. *Contributed photo.*

by Dr. Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent

There is a brilliant song by a group of Bluegrass artists out of North Carolina who call themselves “Deeper Shade of Blue.” They sing under Mountain Fever Records and released an album in 2018 with a hit song by the same title, called “Steam.” As I think about what to write about from week to week, this song came to mind. It came to mind because of just one lyric, “had enough steam to blow the whistle, but not enough to pull the train.”

This feeling is much in line with the JRR Tolkien quote, “I feel thin, sort of stretched, like butter scraped over too much bread.” We all know the feeling when we are just bone tired. I am talking about the kind of tired where no amount of rest or sleep is going to let you feel caught up. Although the Tol-

ien quote is good, I just love this bluegrass lyric because it is so real and raw. It is the feeling of wanting to do something but being too weak to do it. I am sure this is something most, if not all, of us can identify with. We can all easily think of that person who screams at the top of their lungs that something needs to be done, but they are nowhere to be found when it is time to get to work. Sometimes, we may have even been this person... I know I have.

When I quickly flash through this past year and think about some of the high points, I think of many of our Victoria ISD employees and our students. It seems some often do not use their steam to blow the whistle because they are so busy using all their steam to pull the train. Over this past year, I have seen countless occasions where our staff have worked relentlessly to make things better for

our students or for our community. I can think of many phone and text conversations before 5am as we try to get busses out and buildings open and the countless people doing that work. I think of phone calls and texts that come in after midnight when students may be in jeopardy or concerns of safety. I think of principals who come in on weekends to mop up water coming through our roofs. I think of weekends when staff showed up to help feed our community during the ice storm. I think of those teachers, whose workload nearly doubled during the pandemic as they tried to balance face-to-face and remote instruction at the same time. I think of students who worked around every obstacle they met to try to find ways to make what has been an impossibly difficult year as normal as possible. We truly are a 24/7 operation in many respects. These students and staff are the ones who do not complain when things are not going well but roll up their sleeves and help get the train moving. To those students and staff, I thank you.

While it is easy to sit back and blow the whistle, you did the demanding work and were the ones who had the steam to pull the train. You know it was challenging, and you know we needed a hero to step up and help. For some, you have been so busy pulling the train that you did not get the recognition you so justly deserved. To you, I want to say thank you.

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Candidates set for city special election on July 3

by Peter Morales

Editor's note: Emmett Alvarez is both owner and publisher of Revista de Victoria.

A special election will be held in the city of Victoria for the vacant positions of mayor and city council District 3 on July 3, 2021. The election is required due to the untimely death of former mayor Rawley McCoy in March of this year. Jeff Bauknight, former city councilman in District 3 resigned from the remainder of his term to run in the race for mayor creating the need for that position to be filled.

There are three candidates running for mayor, and five candidates in the race for city council District 3. The Mayoral candidates are David Crook, Jeff Bauknight, and Emmett Alvarez. In the

race for city council the candidates are Aaron Franco, Duane Crocker, Lee Andrew Cantu, Joe Geistman and Chad Hall.



David Crook. Contributed photo.

David Crook is a married 34-year-old individual that has lived in Victoria since 2014. He served in the United States Army for eight years and received a medical discharge after he was injured while deployed in the Middle East.

"I decided to run for the position of mayor because I want to con-

tinue to serve and make a difference in the community that I live in," said Crook. "I've attended many city council meetings and while the floor is open for public discussion I don't feel that public concerns are really taken into consideration."

An example that Crook made about listening to public discussion was in reference to the redesigning of Ben Wilson Street across from the University of Houston -Victoria to create a safer environment for students and traffic.

"Instead of making repairs and additions to Ben Wilson I feel that it would be in the best interests of both students and traffic, as well as more cost effective to build a skywalk that would allow students to cross freely from one side of the street to the other and avoid their interaction with traffic completely," he said.

Crook said that he feels while the public may be listened to; their ideas really aren't heard. "If elected I want to make sure that decisions made by both the mayor and city council should be made after careful consideration of how those decisions will really effect the citizens of Victoria. Furthermore I want to insure voters that if elected politics should not be considered. This isn't about Republicans, Democrats or Independents. It's about Victorians."

Emmett Alvarez is a married 59-year-old individual who has previously served on Victoria city council. He is the owner and editor of Revista de Victoria.

"I'm running for mayor because I'm prepared to be mayor," Alva-



Emmett Alvarez. Contributed photo.

rez said. "I have the education, the experience and the leadership to be mayor, and I don't want more or less government, I want the best city government that exceeds our expectations."

If elected Alvarez said, "I will hit the ground running, taking a hard look at the budget for next year, keeping the tax rate low, and I mean no tax increase. I plan to update our Comprehensive 2035 Plan to our 2040 Plan that will propel our city into the future, update our city charter, propose a more vigorous plan for fixing and updating our streets, and proposing a strategic plan for the Southside of Victoria. I will reassess the Tanglewood Subdivision street issues and address the property appraisal values and the unjustifiable increase we are experiencing."

Alvarez stated that he feels it is imperative to reach out to the community for their civic involvement and participation in city government. "I want to make sure that we are able to communicate to all our citizens about what's going on with their city government. I plan to be a hands on mayor available 24/7."

Aaron Franco is a 26-year-old individual running for city coun-

cil. He relocated to Victoria from Corpus Christi in 2019 and is the Financial Center Manager for Frost Bank.

He decided to run for city council in the most recent election because Jeff Bauknight was unopposed. "I decided to run in the last election not because councilman Bauknight was doing a bad job, but because I feel that the city deserved an option as to who would serve them," Franco said. "I'm here to listen to the citizens of Victoria and be a fresh set of eyes and ears and to help Victoria be all that we can be. I also feel that I'm the type of person that can bridge the gap between city council and the constituents that it serves."



Aaron Franco. Contributed photo.

Franco feels that one of the key issues he wants to bring to the forefront is the ever-increasing homeless population in Victoria.

"I recently read that the homeless population in Victoria has tripled in the last couple of years and I feel that it is imperative that we address this issue. We need to find viable solutions to this issue in order to have economic growth here by creating a better living solution for all the residents of Victoria."

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He feels one of the most important ways to address this issue is to educate the public. “I feel that we can bring about change by educating Victorians about homelessness and the need to help resolve homelessness, and not by spending tax dollars, but by everyone working to improve both the housing and economic situation in Victoria. This will improve the livability here, which I feel will improve the desire of new business to move here and invest in Victoria.”

Franco wants to insure all Victorians that “I am here to listen to the needs of my constituents and to address those needs on city council.”



Duane Crocker. Contributed photo.

Duane Crocker is a 52-year-old married individual who has lived in Victoria all his life. He is an attorney and operates a solo practice here.

“I am running for city council because I want to follow up on the programs that Mayor McCoy started before his untimely death, working to improve the cohesiveness of our city government and the constituents that it serves,” he said.

If elected he said, “It is essential to do all that we can do to give the police and fire departments a com-

petitive wage, as well as the tools they need to perform their jobs and insure both their safety as well as the safety of all Victorians.”

He also said that that he wants to, “Improve broadband service in Victoria by dedicating a portion of the 14.5 million dollars the city will be receiving from the American Reserve Plan, which will provide all Victorians quality Internet service.”

Another topic Crocker addressed is the declining condition of Victoria streets. “We need to prioritize streets that are in dire need of repair and improvement. And we need to find the funds to do this. Property tax revenues are barely enough to cover the cost of fire and police.”

He feels that is imperative to increase the tax base in Victoria. “The way to do this is through economic development which will serve to generate both property and sales tax, which in turn will lessen the burden on the ordinary citizen.”

Crocker added, “It is essential that we attract new business to Victoria by offering tax incentives if necessary. I’m not usually an advocate of government subsidizing private industry, however I feel that this will serve the greater needs of our community.”

Lee Andrew Cantu is a 52-year-old married individual who has lived in Victoria for the past 19 years. He is an environmental health and safety senior technician for Dow Chemical. He has served on the Volunteer Fire Department in Bloomington, as well as a co-chair for the Local Emergency Planning Committee in Victoria.

“I am running for city council because I feel that it is time for

me to do my civic duty and that’s why I have thrown my hat into the ring,” he said.

Cantu said that if elected he will, “Work with the other members of city council to see what opportunities we have to catch up with our need for street repair and maintenance, work with law enforcement to improve emergency response by providing the tools necessary and to be a voice for not only the constituents of District 3 but for all the residents of Victoria.”



Lee Andrew Cantu. Contributed photo.

In addition he feels one of the most important needs in Victoria is a new Mental Health Facility. “Since our local mental health facility was shut down it has created an issue that really needs to be addressed. There is a great need for a mental health facility to serve Victorians and I want to insure all Victorians that I will do all that I can do to bring this to the table for discussion.”

He added that he is running his campaign on three major topics. “I feel that I have the experience, the knowledge and the commitment to serve on city council, and I promise to do all I can do to serve all the people of Victoria.”

Chad Austin Hall is a 46-year-old married individual who has lived in Victoria for the past 21 years. For the past 15 years he has



Chad Austin Hall. Contributed photo.

been the general manager of Regional Steel Products.

“I am running for city council because I feel that it is essential that there is a candidate from the business community on the ballot, someone that truly has experience in hiring, firing, payroll and has the ability to create the most effective and lean work environment. Someone that can really make this happen, and is not just using it as a campaign slogan.”

If elected he stated, “The first thing that I will do is to learn all that I can to get up to speed. In addition, one of the key issues I want to address is property taxes paid in Victoria. We need to make housing more affordable in Victoria not

by increasing property tax, but by increasing our tax base.”

Hall said that according to statistics, “The average cost of a home in Victoria is \$195,000 to 207,000, while according to the Department of Urban Development the median income in Victoria is \$72,500. We are pricing ourselves out.”

He feels that people that move to Victoria only stay a couple of years until they move out in search of more affordable housing. Also indicating that 62% of the homes in Victoria were built before 1979. “Even if you can afford a home in Victoria, most of the homes are so old that they will require a high degree of maintenance. This needs to be addressed,” Hall said.

Hall concluded by stating, “I don’t only want to be a representative, I want to be a resource. I have put informational videos on my website to inform and educate people, and I want people to know that they can always reach me because I’m the guy next door.”

Jeff Bauknight and Joe Geisman did not return phone calls for this interview.



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Bootfest is back: Music festival to return in 2021

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Reckless Kelly performs at Bootfest on Oct. 6, 2018, at DeLeon Plaza. *Contributed photo.*

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New Rodeo restaurant earns Keep Victoria Beautiful Business Beautification Award



New Rodeo restaurant, 407 E. Rio Grande St., received the Keep Victoria Beautiful Business Beautification Award for the month of June. *Contributed photo.*

The award is given monthly to recognize businesses that help to beautify the Victoria community through property upkeep, landscaping, and other improvements. The restaurant received a traveling

sign to display during the month of June.

Shown at the June 2 sign presentation, from left, are Rick Madrid, assistant director of the City of Victoria Development Services; Javier Lopez, New Rodeo staff member; Maritza Lopez, New Rodeo manager; Francisco Lopez, New Rodeo owner; Shannon Longoria, KVB board chair; Meredith Byrd, KVB Beautification Committee chair; Kim McGill, KVB board member; Christy Youker, City of Victoria environmental and beautification coordinator; Mike Etienne, assistant city manager; and Darryl Lesak, director of Environmental Services.

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS

Aviso de un Permiso Federal para Operación Preliminar

Permiso Núm: O4212

Solicitud y Permiso Preliminar. Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, 9 Peach Tree Hill Rd., Livingston, NJ 07039-5702, ha presentado una solicitud ante la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para la renovación del Permiso Federal de Operación (en adelante denominado el Permiso) Núm. O4212, Solicitud Núm. 30290, para autorizar la operación de las Plantas Utilities 3 (UT3), una Instalación de Petroquímica. El área a la cual se refiere la solicitud está ubicada en 201 Formosa Dr. en la ciudad de Point Comfort, en el Condado de Jackson, Texas 77978. 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. Usted puede encontrar un mapa electrónico de la instalación en: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.688888&lng=-96.547222&zoom=13&type=r>. Esta solicitud fue recibida por la TCEQ el 17 de abril del año 2020.

El propósito de un Permiso Federal de Operación es mejorar el acatamiento general con las normas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables, como están definidos en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10, por sus siglas en inglés). El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, codificará las condiciones bajo las cuales el área debe operar. El permiso no autorizará construcción nueva. El director ejecutivo ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha hecho una decisión preliminar para preparar el permiso preliminar para la revisión y comentario público. El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ recomienda la expedición de este permiso preliminar. La solicitud de permiso, la declaración de base, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building (Edificio) E, First Floor (Primer Piso), Austin, Texas 78753; en la Oficina Regional de la TCEQ de Corpus Christi, NRC Bldg., Ste. 1200, 6300 Ocean D., Unit 5839, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839; y en la Biblioteca memorial de condado de Jackson, por la calle 411 N Wells St. en la ciudad de Edna, Texas 77957-2730, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El permiso preliminar y la declaración de la base están disponibles en el sitio Web de TCEQ:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

En la oficina central y la oficina regional de TCEQ, también puede revisar y copiar documentos pertinentes para el permiso preliminar, así como los permisos para la Evaluación de Nuevas Fuentes que han sido incorporados por referencia. Cualquier persona que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar puede comunicarse con la sala de archivos de la Oficina Central al teléfono (512) 2392900.

Comentarios/Notificación Pública y Audiencia. Cualquier persona puede entregar comentarios públicos sobre el permiso preliminar. Comentarios relacionados a la exactitud, lo completo, y lo apropiado de las condiciones del permiso pueden resultar en cambios al permiso preliminar.

Una persona que podría ser afectada por la emisión de contaminantes atmosféricos del área del sitio del permiso puede solicitar una audiencia de aviso y comentarios. El propósito de la audiencia de notificación y comentarios es para proporcionar la oportunidad para entregar comentarios sobre el permiso preliminar. El permiso puede ser cambiado en base a si los comentarios relacionados con el permiso permiten el cumplimiento con el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas, Capítulo 122 (ejemplos pueden incluir que el permiso no tiene todos los requisitos aplicables que correspondan o que no se cumplieron los procedimientos de aviso público). La TCEQ puede otorgar una audiencia de aviso y comentarios con respecto a esta solicitud si una petición por escrito es presentada dentro de los 30 días después de la publicación del anuncio en el diario. La solicitud de audiencia debe incluir la base de la solicitud, incluyendo una descripción de como la persona puede ser afectada por la emisión de contaminantes atmosféricos del área de la solicitud. La solicitud también debería especificar las condiciones del permiso borrador que son inapropiados o especificar como la decisión preliminar para expedir o denegar el permiso es inapropiado. Todos los asuntos razonablemente verificables deben ser planteados y todos los argumentos razonablemente disponibles deben ser entregados a no más tardar al final del período de comentarios públicos. Si se concede una audiencia de aviso y comentario, todos los individuos que presentaron comentarios por escrito o una solicitud de audiencia recibirán confirmación por escrito de la audiencia. Esta confirmación indicará la fecha, hora, y lugar de la audiencia.

Comentarios públicos por escrito y/o peticiones para una audiencia de aviso y comentarios deberían ser presentados a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental (TCEQ), OficinadelSecretarioOficial (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por internet al www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ dentro de 30 días después de la fecha de publicación en el periódico de este aviso. Si se comunica electrónicamente con la TCEQ, favor de notar que su correo electrónico, tal como su dirección de correo doméstico, formarán parte del archivo público de la agencia.

Un aviso de la acción final propuesta que incluye una respuesta a los comentarios y denotando cualquier cambio al permiso preliminar, será enviado a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios públicos, una solicitud de audiencia, o que hayan solicitado ser incluidos en la lista de correo. Este envío de correo también proveerá instrucciones para hacer peticiones públicas a la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés), para solicitar que la EPA se oponga a la expedición del permiso preliminar. Después de recibir una solicitud, la EPA solamente podrá objetar a la expedición de un permiso que no cumple con los requisitos aplicables o los requisitos del 30 TAC Capítulo 122.

Lista Para Envío De Correo. Aparte de entregar comentarios públicos, usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envío de correo con respecto a esta solicitud al enviar su petición a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección antes mencionada. Los que se encuentran en la lista para envío de correo recibirán copias de avisos públicos futuros (si hay) para esta solicitud enviados por correo por el Secretario Oficial.

Información. Para más información con respecto a esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, favor de contactar a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas), Programa de Educación del Público (PublicEducationProgram), MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 o llamar sin cargo al 1-800-687-4040.

Se puede obtener más información sobre Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas al Señora Tammy Lasater al teléfono (302) 383-1598.

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includes the future site of a shopping center that is expected to generate \$700,000 in local tax revenue per year.

“This project goes hand in hand with our efforts to promote economic development in this area and throughout the city,” said Assistant City Manager Mike Etienne. “Improving our community’s appearance will encourage people to visit or perhaps settle down in Victoria, and it also helps to make our city more attractive to business investments.”

A TxDOT project...

Funding for the project is supported by TxDOT’s Green Ribbon Program with participation from the city. Under this program, TxDOT works with local governments to add landscaping to state-operated highways.

The city will contribute \$200,000 toward the cost of the \$516,000 project. TxDOT will maintain the landscaping for one year. After that, the city will assume responsibility for maintenance.

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As the name suggests, the Green Ribbon Program emphasizes greenery such as trees that help to improve air quality. However, because of the project’s central location, City staff worked with TxDOT to ensure the project would have an entryway-style design complete with lighting, decorative walls, and eye-catching color.

Environmental Services’ Community Appearance Division helped to coordinate the design to match existing flowerbeds and other landscaping in the city. Parks & Recreation Director Jason Alfaro also provided design input based on his experience as a certified arborist and his past participation in Green Ribbon initiatives in Jersey Village and Bastrop.

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VC graduate takes ‘leap of faith,’ follows mom’s advice to begin new life in U.S.



Luz Meza graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree from Victoria College’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program on May 8. *Contributed photo.*

Luz Meza had to read her letter of acceptance to Victoria College’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program twice before she could believe it.

“My mom handed me the letter,” Meza recalled. “We already had the talk. She said, ‘You know, it’s OK if you don’t get accepted.’ I read it and had to make sure it was my name on it. It was the best surprise ever.”

It was also a reward for Meza’s courageous leap of faith. Meza was 24 years old and living in Guadalajara, Mexico, when her mother, Imelda Marroquin, convinced her to come to the United States and begin a new life.

“I was working and minding my own business in Mexico when my mom called me and said I needed to come here,” Meza said. “She and one of her friends had been going out to schools and came across a handout with information on Victoria College’s PTA Program. She told me I had to try it.”

Meza was convinced and came to Victoria with very little command of the English language. She spent her first two years at Victoria College completing her prerequisite courses while working on her communication skills.

“The language was the biggest barrier at first,” said Meza, who often carried a cross-translation

dictionary everywhere she went. “I needed a lot of work on my writing. Everyone was so helpful and welcoming at Victoria College. I never felt any discrimination at VC because I had a hard time speaking the language. That was big for me.”

Once Meza became more comfortable with her communication skills and completed her prerequisites, she was confronted with new challenges upon entering the PTA Program.

“I had problems trying to change my immigration status,” Meza said. “The whole immigration process kept getting delayed. My interview finally came, and it happened to be right in the middle of my PTA clinical rotations.”

The COVID-19 pandemic was also an obstacle to overcome.

“It was inconvenient and a distraction,” said Meza, who was inducted into Victoria College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Society of Leadership and Success. “The program is tough already. You really have to have a passion for it to make it through. But our class became like a family. We had our good days and bad days. But we really supported each other, and I was able to build some great friendships.”

Meza, 28, has already been hired at the Victoria Pain & Rehab Center. She walked the stage at VC’s

Virtual Commencement on Saturday with her mother in attendance.

“It’s funny that she had me come here,” Meza said. “She was

my motivation. It was hard and sometimes really tough. But I always had my mind set on what I wanted to do.”

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y

**AVISO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR
PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES INDUSTRIALES**

MODIFICACIÓN

REVISADA

PERMISO NO. WQ0003868000

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Calhoun Port Authority, P.O. Box 397, Point Comfort, Texas 77978, que opera Port of Port Lavaca-Point Comfort, una estación marítima de transferencia y almacenamiento de carga ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) una modificación mayor del permiso del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) Núm. WQ0003868000 para aumentar el flujo de aguas residuales domésticas tratadas de 1,500 a 3,000 galones por día (GPD) vía Outfall 001. El proyecto de permiso autoriza la descarga de aguas residuales domésticas tratadas a un caudal medio diario no superior a 3,000 galones por día (GPD) a través del Outfall 001 y de aguas pluviales de forma intermitente y variable a través del Outfall 002. TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el día 3 de diciembre de 2020.

La instalación está ubicada en 2313 Farm-to-Market Road 1593 South, cerca de la ciudad de Point Comfort, condado de Calhoun, Texas 77978. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para obtener la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-96.5475%2C28.644444&level=12>

El efluente se descarga un humedal de marea, de ahí a la bahía de Cox en el segmento Núm. 2454 de las bahías y estuarios. Los usos no clasificados del agua receptora son de alto uso de la vida acuática para el humedal de marea. El uso designado para el Segmento Núm. 2454 son la recreación de contacto primario, el uso excepcional de la vida acuática y las aguas de ostras.

De acuerdo con la 30 TAC §307.5 y los Procedimientos de Implementación de las Normas de Calidad de Aguas Superficiales en Texas TCEQ (junio 2010), fue realizada una revisión de la anti- degradación de las aguas recibidas. Una revisión de anti- degradación del Nivel 1 ha determinado preliminarmente que los usos de la calidad del agua existente no serán perjudicados por la acción de este permiso. Se mantendrá un criterio narrativo y numérico para proteger los usos existentes. Una revisión del Nivel 2 ha determinado preliminarmente que no se espera ninguna degradación significativa en el humedal y Cox Bay, el cual sea identificado que tiene altos usos en la vida acuática. Los usos existentes serán mantenidos y protegidos. La determinación preliminar puede ser reexaminada y puede ser modificada, si se recibe alguna información nueva.

Este aviso combinado se emite porque el lugar público que figura en el NORI para copiar y ver la solicitud, la decisión preliminar del director ejecutivo y el proyecto de permiso se ha cerrado temporalmente y se proporciona un nuevo lugar público, y para obtener más información, se ha cambiado el número de teléfono de contacto.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha revisado esta medida para ver si está de acuerdo con los objetivos y las regulaciones del Programa de Administración Costero de Texas (CMP) objetivos y políticas de acuerdo con las regulaciones de la Oficina General de Tierras y ha determinado que la acción es conforme con las metas y regulaciones pertinentes del CMP.

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 del **Condado de Calhoun, 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Texas.**

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.**

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 TECQ 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 públicos escritos y las solicitudes de reuniones públicas deben presentarse a la Oficina del secretario jefe, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o electrónicamente en www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ dentro de los 30 días a partir de la fecha de publicación periódica de este aviso.

INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN LÍNEA. Para obtener más información sobre el estado de la solicitud, visite la Base de Datos Integrada de los Comisarios en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Busque en la base de datos utilizando el número de permiso para esta aplicación, que se proporciona en la parte superior de este aviso.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA. Los comentarios y solicitudes públicas deben presentarse electrónicamente en www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ o por escrito a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas, Oficina del secretario jefe, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasará a formar parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de autorización, llame al Programa de Educación Pública TCEQ, de forma gratuita, al 1-800-687-4040 o visite su sitio web en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Calhoun Port Authority a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Sr. Daniel Quesada, (713) 380-4783.

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training tool that would help in various educational settings, including virtual reality, data visualization and animations for any of the UHV science programs. There also are separate areas for robotics and the gaming and simulation programs.

“The new STEM building has been designed around students’ needs,” said Amjad Nusayr, a UHV assistant professor of computer science. “Bigger labs and new equipment will certainly enhance the student experience. The STEM faculty are eager to welcome our students and to call University South their second home.”

The new building offers space for all the UHV science programs to be housed in one location.

Before University South was built, science classrooms and labs were scattered between University Center and University North. As the science programs began to grow, students and faculty had to share research space in classrooms or use labs located off-campus as well.

Now, the building offers separate classrooms, labs, lab preparation space and areas dedicated for just research on the second and third floors for biology, chemistry, and physics.

Along with dedicated areas for learning and research, there also are areas squared away for special lab equipment, including the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer. The machine uses magnetic properties of atoms to determine the chemical structure of organic compounds. The spectrometer is used by biology and biomedical science students and will have its own room next to one of the research labs.

Having the space for faculty, students and equipment is a game-changer for the academic programs housed in University South, said Jes McCue, a clinical assistant professor of biology.

“We now have the space, facilities and inspiration to provide our students with advanced lab work experiences they need,” she said. “This is a huge win for all of us, especially our biology majors and biomedical sciences master’s program, as our students will be better prepared to collaborate with and work in rigorous research labs and

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS

AVISO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA UN PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE NÚM. 811B

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Equistar Chemicals, LP, PO Box 513, Victoria, TX 77902-0513 ha solicitado de la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) el Permiso de Calidad de Aire Número 811B para autorizar la modificación de una Polietileno de Alta Densidad en 2699 Old Bloomington Road N, Victoria, condado de Victoria, Texas. La instalación existente, va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: contaminantes peligrosos del aire, monóxido de carbono, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos, material particulado, incluidas las partículas con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos y dióxido de azufre. Además, la enmienda autorizará la adición del siguiente nuevo contaminante del aire: sulfuro de hidrógeno

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un permiso preliminar, el cual, si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio deberá operar. El director ejecutivo ha hecho la decisión preliminar de otorgar este permiso. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del director ejecutivo, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina de la TCEQ y en la biblioteca pública de Victoria, por la calle 302 North Main Street, en la ciudad de Victoria, en el condado de Victoria, Texas. Los archivos del cumplimiento de las leyes de la facilidad, si existen, están disponibles para la revisión del público en la Oficina Regional de Corpus Christi de la TCEQ.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS/REUNION PÚBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o solicitar una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de la reunión pública es el proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre esta solicitud.

La TCEQ tendrá una reunión pública si el director ejecutivo determina que hay suficiente interés de parte del público en esta solicitud o si es solicitada por un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

RESPUESTA A LOS COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. Después del plazo final para someter comentarios públicos posteriores el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales o significativos. Porque no se han recibido peticiones para una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo aprobará la solicitud para este permiso. **La respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, será entonces enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hayan sometido comentarios públicos o que están en la lista de correo de esta solicitud, y será puesta electrónicamente en la Base Integrada de Datos de los Comisionados.**

DISPONIBILIDAD ELECTRÓNICA DE INFORMACIÓN. Por medio del sitio web de la Comisión, en la página www.tceq.state.texas.gov/goto/cid, se pueden obtener los siguientes documentos: la respuesta del director ejecutivo a los comentarios y la decisión final sobre esta solicitud. Una vez que usted haya obtenido acceso a la Base de Datos Integrada de los Comisionados (en inglés. Commissioners’ Integrated Database, o CID) usando el enlace de arriba, favor de poner el número de permiso de esta solicitud, el cual se encuentra en la parte superior de este aviso. 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.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.681388&lng=-96.95&zoom=13&type=r>.

LISTA PARA ENVÍO DE CORREO. Usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista de correo para recibir información adicional con respecto a esta solicitud. Para ser incluido en una lista de correo, envíe su petición a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial a la dirección que se encuentra a continuación en el párrafo titulado “Información.”

INFORMACIÓN. Los comentarios públicos se deben presentar a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por el Internet al www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se agregará al registro público de la agencia. Para mayor información sobre esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, por favor llame a la TCEQ sin cobro al Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, al 1 800 687-4040.

Más información puede ser obtenida de Equistar Chemicals, LP en la dirección en el primer párrafo o llamando a Sñr. Leila Galvan, HSE Staff al (361) 572-2519.

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS


**AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER LA RENOVACIÓN DE PERMISO DE AIRE
PERMISO de CALIDAD DE AIRE NÚM. 47091**

SOLICITUD Union Carbide Corporation, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para renovación del Permiso Núm.47091 de Calidad de Aire, el cual autorizaría el funcionamiento continuo de un UCC Seadrift Ethanolamines Plant ubicado en 7501 Carretera Estatal 185 Norte, Seadrift Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía al público y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.505555&lng=-96.776666&zoom=13&type=r>. La instalación existente y/o las instalaciones relacionadas están autorizadas para emitir los siguientes contaminantes: monóxido de carbono, contaminantes peligrosos del aire, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos y dióxido de azufre.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el 8 de junio de 2021. La solicitud estará disponible para ser revisada y copiada en la oficina central de la TCEQ, en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi, y la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Calhoun, Sucursal Principal, 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Condado de Calhoun, Texas comenzando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El expediente de cumplimiento normativo de la instalación, si alguno existe, está disponible para su revisión en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud está completa administrativamente y llevará a cabo un examen técnico de la solicitud. Además de la renovación, esta acción de permisos incluye la incorporación de permisos por regla, y los cambios en los factores de emisión relacionados con este permiso. Las razones de cualquier cambio o incorporación, en la medida en que se incluyan en el permiso renovado, pueden incluir la mejora del control operativo en la planta o la aplicabilidad del permiso. **La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin buscar comentarios públicos adicionales o dar una oportunidad para una audiencia de caso impugnado si se cumple con ciertos criterios.**

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos, o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del secretario Oficial al domicilio a continuación. La TCEQ tomará en cuenta todos los comentarios públicos en la decisión final sobre la solicitud. **La fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos es 15 días después de que se publique el aviso en el periódico.** Después de la fecha límite para comentarios públicos, el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta para todos los comentarios públicos pertinentes y materiales, o significativos. Cuestiones tales como valor de propiedad, ruido, seguridad del tráfico, y zonificación no están dentro de la jurisdicción de la TCEQ para abordarse en el proceso del permiso.

Después de que el examen técnico de la solicitud se completa, el director ejecutivo tomará en cuenta los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos pertinentes y materiales, o significativos. Si sólo se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo con respecto a la solicitud, será enviada por correo a todas aquellas personas que presentaron comentarios públicos o quienes se encuentren en la lista de correo para esta solicitud, a menos que la solicitud sea remitida directamente para una audiencia de caso impugnado.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO Usted puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado. El solicitante o el director ejecutivo también pueden pedir que la solicitud se remita directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado después del examen técnico de la solicitud. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un proceso legal parecido a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado. A menos que se presente una petición por escrito para una audiencia de caso impugnado dentro de 15 días de esta notificación, el director ejecutivo puede autorizar la solicitud. **Si no se recibe una petición para audiencia dentro del plazo de 15 días, no se dará otra oportunidad para una audiencia.** De acuerdo con la Ley de Aire Limpio de Texas, § 382.056(o), sólo se puede conceder una audiencia de caso impugnado si el historial de cumplimiento normativo del solicitante se encuentra en la clasificación más baja de acuerdo con los requisitos aplicables de historial de cumplimiento normativo y si la petición para audiencia está basada en cuestiones de hecho en disputa que son pertinentes y materiales para la decisión de la Comisión con respecto a la solicitud. Además, la Comisión solo otorgará una audiencia sobre las cuestiones presentadas durante el período de comentarios públicos y no retiradas.

Una persona que puede estar afectada por contaminantes de emisiones atmosféricas de una planta tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si se solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección, y número de teléfono durante el día; (2) el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; (3) la declaración “[yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado;” (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería adversamente afectado por la solicitud y emisiones atmosféricas de la planta de manera que no es común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad con relación a la planta; (6) una descripción de cómo usa la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la planta; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios. Si la petición la hace un grupo o una asociación, uno o más miembros que tienen derecho a solicitar una audiencia deben ser identificados por su nombre y dirección física. Los intereses que el grupo o la asociación buscan proteger también deben ser identificados. También puede presentar sus modificaciones propuestas a la solicitud/al permiso que satisficieran sus inquietudes. Las peticiones para una audiencia de caso impugnado deben presentarse por escrito dentro de 15 días después de este aviso, a la Oficina del secretario Oficial a la dirección a continuación.

Si cualquier petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado se presenta a tiempo, el director ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. A menos que la solicitud se remite directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo enviará por correo la respuesta a los comentarios junto con notificación de la reunión de la Comisión a todas personas que presentaron comentarios o que se encuentren en la lista de correos para esta solicitud. 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 de calidad atmosférica que se hayan planteado durante el período de comentarios.** Cuestiones tales como valor de propiedad, ruido, seguridad de tráfico y zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordarse en este proceso judicial.

LISTA DE CORREO Además de presentar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que le incluyan en una lista de correo para esta solicitud al enviar una petición a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial de la TCEQ en la dirección a continuación. Los que están en la lista de correo recibirán copias de futuros avisos públicos (si hay) para esta solicitud, enviadas por la Oficina del secretario Oficial.

CONTACTOS DE LA AGENCIA E INFORMACIÓN Comentarios públicos y peticiones se deben entregar electrónicamente a www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ o deben enviarse por escrito a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Oficina del Secretario Oficial, MC105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 787113087. Por Favor, tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se agregará al registro público de la agencia. Para más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o sobre el proceso de permisos, por favor llame sin cobro al Programa de Educación del Público al 18006874040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 18006874040.

Se puede obtener información adicional también de Union Carbide Corporation, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979-0186 o al llamar a Sra. Vanessa Peppers, Especialista Ambiental al (361) 553-2174.

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health professions. I am excited to see how these dynamic changes will ripple throughout our UHV and greater Victoria communities.”

More space also means more possibilities for projects, including student projects using the motion-capture lab. Since the motion-capture lab is dependent on volume for students to record in the lab, more students would be able to work in the lab and add more props for animation work as well, said Rogerio da Silva, director of the digital gaming and simulation program. For the gaming and simulation program, there also will be a computer lab with high-performance computers and larger hard drives for graphical performance. With the visualization lab, there could be more than one simulation playing at one time in the theater for projects, he said.

The building also is a great space to host workshops, public events for the community and prospective students for each of the science programs, and even possibly have live demonstrations of robotics and gaming technology during Jaguar Days, he said.

“There are many possibilities in the new building for learning in different ways and in bigger spaces,” he said. “This helps our programs to grow and develop as well.”

Seeing the building come to life after many discussions with faculty is amazing, said Ricardo Teixeira, a UHV associate professor of mathematics and coordinator of the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences petroleum technology program. The building was customized to the needs of the programs, and now the programs have their own spaces for labs and space for students to interact, he said. Students who are in the dual-major program for mathematics and computer science also will have most of their science and math courses in the same building now.

Teixeira, who also is the UHV Faculty Senate President, is excited that all the science and mathematics faculty will be in the same building and share hallways and space.

“University South will be a great space for the faculty and students, and also the community,” Teixeira said.

La Cocina de Tia Yole



Minestrone soup. Contributed photo.

CLASSIC MINISTRONE SOUP

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium onion, chopped
1-tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 large yellow sweet pepper, coarsely chopped
1 medium zucchini, coarsely chopped
2 (14-ounce) cans beef broth
1 (15-ounce) cans cannelloni beans, rinsed and drained
8 oz. green beans, trimmed and cut into 1½ -inch pieces
1 cup dried mostaccioli
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh basil
2 medium tomatoes, coarsely chopped
2 cups fresh baby spinach leaves
Shaved Parmesan cheese

1. In a 4-quart Dutch oven cook garlic and onion in hot oil until tender. Add sweet pepper, zucchini, broth, and 2 cups water. Bring to boiling. Rinse and drain beans. Add drained beans and pasta; return to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for 10 to 12 minutes or until pasta is tender, stirring occasionally.
2. Stir in tomatoes, spinach, and fresh basil (if using). Remove from heat. Season to taste with salt and ground black pepper.
3. Top with Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

ANTIPASTO PASTA SALAD

1-pound seashell pasta
¼ pound Genoa salami, chopped
¼ pound pepperoni sausage, chopped
½ pound Asiago cheese, diced
1 (6 ounce) can black olives, drained and chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
3 tomatoes, chopped
1 (.7 ounce) package dry Italian-style salad dressing mix
¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

1. Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente. Drain, and cool under cold water.
2. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, salami, pepperoni, Asiago cheese, black olives, red bell pepper, green bell pepper and tomatoes. Stir in envelope of dressing mix. Cover, and refrigerate for at least one hour.
3. To prepare the dressing, whisk together the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, oregano, parsley, Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Just before serving, pour dressing over the salad, and mix well.
Yields: 12 servings.

TRIPLE CHOCOLATE TIRAMISU

2 (3-ounce) packages ladyfingers split
¼ cup brewed espresso or strong coffee
1 (8-ounce) carton mascarpone cheese
1 cup whipping cream
¼ cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup chocolate liqueur
1 ounce white chocolate baking squares or white baking bars,

grated
1 ounce bittersweet chocolate, grated
Unsweetened cocoa powder
Chopped chocolate-covered coffee beans (optional)

1. Line the bottom of an 8x8x2-inch baking pan with some of the ladyfingers, cutting to fit as necessary. Drizzle half of the espresso over ladyfingers; set aside.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, beat together the mascarpone cheese, whipping cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla with an electric mixer just until stiff peaks form. Beat in the chocolate liqueur until just combined. Spoon half of the mascarpone mixture over ladyfingers, spreading evenly. Sprinkle white chocolate and bittersweet chocolate over the mascarpone mixture. Top with another layer of ladyfingers (reserve any remaining ladyfingers for another use). Layer with remaining espresso and mascarpone cheese mixture.
3. Cover and chill for 6 to 24 hours. Sift cocoa powder over top of dessert. If desired, garnish with cocoa beans.
Makes 12 squares.

STRAWBERRY ITALIAN ICE

1-cup sugar
¾ cup water
1 tablespoon finely shredded orange peel
2 tablespoons finely shredded lemon peel
1½ teaspoons finely shredded

lime peel
1/3 cup orange juice
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

1. In a medium saucepan combine sugar, water, and peels. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Cool slightly. Strain and discard peels.
2. In a blender container or food processor bowl combine half of the juice mixture and half of the strawberries. Cover and blend

or process several on/off turns or until neatly smooth (leave some small chunks of strawberries). Transfer to a 2-quart freezer container. Repeat with remaining juice mixture and strawberries. Cover and freeze 6 hours or overnight, stirring once after freezing for 3 hours.
3. To serve, scrape across frozen mixture with a large spoon and place into individual serving dishes (if mixture is too firm, let stand at room temperature 20 to 30 minutes).
Makes 8 servings.

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