

## New indoor mall opens on Laurent Street

by Peter Moralez

361 Pop-Up-Shops (361) is the concept of local merchant Joe Capers and his wife, Ninfa. The shopping mall is located at 2504 North Laurent Street in the former Beall's store location. There are currently fifty-two different vendors offering a wide range of retail and craft items all under one roof.

"I've been in retail since the late seventies," said Capers. "I started with JC Penny's in the Houston area, so my experience with retail is very established in what was referred to as the brick-and-mortar industry. Since those early days, the retail industry has changed dramatically with the growth of online shopping, and what I feel was a steady decline of customer service."

Capers says that he and his wife are working diligently to create a space where customer service has come back into play.

"What customers can find at 361 is a large area populated by count-

less number of vendors offering a wide range of one-of-a-kind items, a pleasant shopping experience where a customer has the opportunity to deal face to face with a vendor, and make purchases that are available immediately," he said.

There is ample parking available at 361, and, just as important is, ample air conditioning, along with food trucks, ice cream, and refreshment booths readily available to shoppers.

"We have a very diverse list of vendors that offer an ever increasing array of items, such as baked goods and jellies, women's and baby clothes, a woodwork carving merchant who makes walking sticks, picnic tables, and anything you may want made to order, hand made car fresheners, handmade crafts, a printer who can transfer images onto virtually what ever you want, jewelry, handbags, and luggage, flowers and plants, CBD products, and even a merchant that sells insurance," Capers said.

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361 Pop up shop vendors ready to welcome public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Contributed photo.



Robin Cadle Food Bank CEO. Contributed photo.

## Food Bank set for grand opening at new location

by Peter Moralez

The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, (FBGC) is near completion of their work at their new 19,000 square foot location on the corner of Ben Jordan and State Highway 185. They will have an open house on the weekend of September 16 and 17, 2022. Their

address is 801 South Laurent and the ribbon cutting will take place at 9am on Friday.

"We are looking forward to a great turnout on this weekend, and we are inviting the entire public to come out and join us for the celebration," said Robin Cadle, chief executive officer of FBGC. "We are also encouraging visitors to

come and spend a little time with us to see what we do and hopefully get a feel for wanting to volunteer and help us in our tasks."

FBGC hands out food in the eleven county regions they serve. The eleven counties are Calhoun, Colorado, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda,

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# Wednesday farmers' market going strong

by Meridith Byrd

Did you know that the Victoria Farmers' Market is open on Wednesdays?

Last summer, following 2 years of unprecedented growth at the market, the farmers had the idea of adding a second market day in addition to Saturdays. This is a huge benefit to the farmers by giving them an additional day each week to sell their products, and to the community by providing increased access to local foods. The Wednesday market had its debut in mid-October to coincide with the peak of the fall produce season.

Everything at the Victoria Farm-

ers' Market is grown, raised, or produced by local farmers and vendors. While a typical Saturday market has 15-20 vendors, on Wednesdays you will find 8-10 vendors selling hand-picked produce, meats from animals raised on pasture (not in a commercial feedlot), farm fresh eggs, local honey, plants for your home and garden, and a wide variety of homemade goodies including pickles, jellies, breads, pastries, salsa, and more.

The Victoria Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, which employs a full-time market manager and part-time assistant manager. Each week the farmers can donate any

unsold fruits and vegetables directly to the Food Bank, helping the Food Bank provide more fresh healthy produce to clients.

Shopping at the Victoria Farmers' Market gives customers the privilege of talking directly to the person producing the food. A study conducted by the American Farm Bureau found that 72% of consumers know little to nothing about farming and ranching, so these conversations help the farmers sell their food while also educating their customers. Farmers markets are beneficial to communities, and Victoria is no exception. The market is all at once an outdoor grocery, social event,



Wednesdays are market days too. Contributed art.

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gathering place, and an opportunity to meet new people.

The growth of the Victoria Farmers' Market has inspired people to begin producing food with the sole intent of selling at our market. So many of our vendors began as customers who were empowered to try out farming, pickling, baking, and canning for themselves. According to the USDA, farmers who directly sell to consumers are more likely to continue farming than those who do not.

April through June and October through December are "peak produce season" at the Victoria Farmers' Market. Having a second market day during the week is especially beneficial during these times, when farmers must harvest every 1-2 days.

Just like on Saturdays, the Wednesday market is held in the parking lot of the Pattie Dodson Public Health Center on Navarro. The market opens at 9:00am and closes at 12:00pm during the summer (we will return to normal operating hours of 9:00 to 1:00 beginning October 1). Fresh foods and friendly farmers – see what the Victoria Farmers' Market is all about.

*Meridith Byrd is the Director of Community Engagement for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. She also manages the Victoria Farmers' Market. Contact her at 361-218-9246 or mbyrd@food-bankgc.org, and follow Victoria Farmers' Market on Facebook.*

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Rick McBrayer, Emergency management coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management. *Contributed photo.*

Whether you're the leader of a local government agency or a resident trying to protect yourself and your family, preparing now will greatly improve your ability to respond to an emergency.

The memory of Hurricane Harvey is still fresh and painful for many residents, but even if you fared well in that storm, that's no guarantee that the next one will be a similar experience. Victoria got lucky during Harvey: We prepared for a Category 4 storm, but we only experienced Category 1 winds because of the way the storm shifted to the west. If we are hit by a real Category 4, the measures you took during Harvey may not be enough.

One of the first steps of hurricane preparation is making sure you are insured. Because new premiums can take time to take effect, this should be taken care of as soon as possible.

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# History will judge property taxation harshly

by Chad Byrd

Another property appraisal season has graced us with yet another episode of economic injustice under a thin veil of legitimacy. Like many of you, I formally protested my property appraisal, but I set out to speak to the principle of the matter rather than the particulars of my property. On June 24th, I read the following statement to a three-person Appraisal Review Board at the Victoria CAD office. An unsuccessful outcome was expected and delivered.

"I have prepared a statement I would like to submit as evidence. Sure, I could do the research. I could submit plenty of photos. I could have an appraiser try to intimidate me with threats of an even higher appraisal again. Then

I could make a case to this review board to get a negligible decrease, but I am simply not wired to tolerate operating within a flawed system or to grovel to keep more of my money. Let me be perfectly clear: The system you are representing today is flawed to its very core and should be deemed unconstitutional. The idea that a duly owned property can be taxed in perpetuity is equivalent to renting property from the government, which is something we are taught only happens under the oppressive rule of communism. Property ownership is essential to freedom, but we are now suffering under the bureaucratic nightmare that is property appraisal and taxation, which is subjectively generated and arbitrarily applied. The fact that the historical, money-making,

6,200-sqft Power Avenue Warehouse [Prop ID 63597] in the downtown area is valued at less than \$188,000 should be enough to make anyone question the validity of the system."

"I fully understand that the tax rates set by the self-serving taxing bodies are what ultimately determine our tax bills, but it doesn't make appraisal districts any less complicit in the scam. We are told taxation is the price for living in a civilized country, but there is nothing civilized about property taxation. The major driving force behind price increases is the federal government devaluing the dollar through constant inflation of the money supply with unceasing debt accumulation and by enabling fractional reserve banking. So, while they destroy our curren-

cy from the top, which makes our earnings worth less every year, the local taxing bodies and appraisal districts conspire to pass the resulting price inflation onto us to add insult to injury. There is nothing virtuous or moral about the entire scheme."

"Families are becoming less equipped to manage the encroachment of government growth every year, and my family is no exception. We are a one-income household. I am a stay-at-home dad who raises and homeschools our two children. I try to make a little money on the side to bridge the ever-growing gap, but our earnings are not keeping up with the economic consequences of government actions at every level. We pay about \$2,000 per year just for school taxes that we could otherwise use to fund our homeschooling efforts. The appraised value of our home, which was built in 1975, has increased by 65% to over \$211,000 since we bought it in 2011. During that same period, our property taxes have increased by 45%, which shows that the bulk of your appraisal increases get converted to tax increases, making the appraisal district the de facto tax man. Make no mistake—our home has not increased in value relative to other hard assets that retain their value. We are victims of a worthless dollar."

"I know you have a sense of obligation in this role and your



Property taxes going up again? Contributed art.

duties are mandated by the State, but history is replete with examples of people following unethical laws in official capacities that lead to oppressive outcomes. Our own revolution was fought over much less. Over the last couple decades, jury nullification has become more widespread due to the conscience of jurors rising above the enforcement of bad laws, and all appraisal review boards would be wise to follow suit by viewing cases through the lens of morality in order to counteract the bad laws under which they're expected to act."

"I'll close by reiterating that property tax is rent, and this very board has been assembled to assist in rent seeking. Since there can be no appealing to reason within the unreasonable parameters set by the property-appraisal, tax-collection cartel, I must appeal to your humanity. I am seeking the lowest possible appraised value you can muster for a shabby 1975 home with a less-than-modest household income. Please do the right thing for all of us."

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# City of Victoria, UHV break ground on Ben Wilson improvement project



An image from a March 1 presentation to the City Council shows the proposed design for landscaping on Ben Wilson Street near the UHV campus. *Contributed art.*

Past and current leaders from the City of Victoria and the University of Houston-Victoria, community leaders and elected officials gathered in June to celebrate the start of the Ben Wilson Corridor Improvement Project.

The project is centered on the section of Ben Wilson Street that divides the UHV campus from Airline Road to Red River Street.

The project will reduce the street to one lane in each direction and add grass and landscaped center dividers from the north end of campus to Red River Street as well as crosswalks in front of UHV University Commons, 3006 N. Ben Wilson St.

These pedestrian safety improvements will allow students to move freely about the campus and

give the area a consistent identity. The additional grass cover is ex-

pected to slightly improve drainage in the area.

“We are excited to see this project begin construction after all this time,” said UHV President Bob Glenn. “UHV first began discussing the Ben Wilson Corridor in 2015. Since then, it’s been a long process, and we are happy to partner with the City of Victoria.”

The project is managed by the City and funded by state bonds that will be repaid by UHV.

“The city is pleased to be able to support UHV in its goal of becoming a destination university,” said Mayor Jeff Bauknight. “A thriving university greatly benefits our local economy and raises Victoria’s profile as a regional hub for high-quality, affordable higher education. This project will establish the area as the entryway to the UHV campus and will help to sustainably manage increased foot traffic in the area.”

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# Summer Recap

by Dr. Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent

We are just a few short weeks away from the start of the 2022-2023 school year and I could not be more excited for what is in

store. Academically, we are very much back on track coming off the difficulties of the pandemic. In many grades and subject areas, we have made more progress than students throughout the state of Texas. We recognize this was

a collective effort between students, teachers, and the support from home. We have more things planned to elevate student learning opportunities, of course, and I am excited to share those with you in the coming weeks and months.

I want to both recognize and celebrate our teachers, staff, students, and families that supported summer learning this year. We had a record number of students and staff coming to school for several weeks and the program was a tremendous success by every measure. We believe this will continue to pay long-term dividends for student learning.

I want to recognize many of the “unsung heroes” that help make a school and district function. To all our support staff (maintenance, buildings and grounds, nutrition, transportation, technology, and campus support staff) who have worked tirelessly and flexibly throughout the summer, thank you! As a student, parent, or teacher, it can be very easy to take for granted the amount of work that needs to happen over the course of the summer and our staff are nothing short of amazing. Regardless of the obstacles in front of them, they always find a way to make everything work and make our buildings look fresh for the start of the year. I state proudly that my first paying job in a school district was as part of the custodial/maintenance staff, so I know firsthand how much effort it takes and am eternally grateful.

The Bond Oversight Committee has been meeting regularly throughout the summer to keep the Mission Valley project moving forward. We have selected an architect (RMA). We have also selected a delivery method (Construction Manager At-Risk). With the CMAR on board, we can start working with the architect to design the school. This process will involve numerous groups of stakeholders at various points. Many thanks to the oversight committee for their diligence and direction.

The Business Office has been hard at work transitioning from this past school year and into the coming school year. Closing out and starting new often finds many of the people in the business office working seven days a week for several weeks in a row. Their hard work is often overlooked, but I want to recognize them here.

Talent Acquisition Support and Retention staff (some places refer to this as human resources) are tireless in recruiting new talent for



Dr Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent. Contributed photo.

VISD as we prepare for the start of the year. We still have many unfilled teaching positions so if you know of anybody who is interested in teaching for VISD, please send them our way!

Our Communications Department at VISD is nothing short of amazing. There are so many areas that our district has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years and the one compliment I hear more than any other is the quality and volume of information coming from the communications office. What many of you may not realize is that for most of the summer everything (news releases, videos, website updates, social media posts, the district app, the communications newsletter, etc., etc.) that happened on the communications front was completed by a staff of just one person. Heroic effort.

Finally, countless teachers have been engaged in professional development throughout the summer. For many in education, it is like we have two very different jobs. There are 9 months when students are in session, and we are focused on teaching and learning and what feels like a different job in the 3 months of summer when we all focus on professional development and preparation for the coming year. Many years ago, when I first began in education there was some “time off” in the summer for teachers, but that is an inaccurate perception in the world we currently live in. I am thankful to the teachers who are tirelessly devoted to their craft and their students.

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# Council OKs purchase of land for public safety headquarters



Public safety headquarters. *Contributed art.*

These services are currently housed in facilities that are often inadequate, unsafe, decentralized, and outdated. For example, the current Victoria Police Department headquarters was constructed in 1966, when the police department only had about fifty employees; today the department has 130 licensed officers and thirty-eight civilian employees spread between the police department building, City Hall, the Victoria Mall and 700 Main Center.

A 2017-18 study by Dewberry Architects took stock of the City's public safety needs and recommended that the city build a new public safety campus. However,

that study did not include site options or provide direction on what to do with newly vacated spaces.

The city revisited the project in 2021 by hiring FGM Architects to review and update the 2018 study. Some of the needs that were identified include:

- Larger interview rooms for police investigations
- More break room areas and officer wellness opportunities
- Improved technology and security
- A central building serving multiple functions
- Adequate courtroom space to improve case flow and safety

- Sufficient, secure on-site parking for employees and the public

After exploring options, officials determined that the City's public safety needs could only be addressed with a new centralized building.

The new headquarters will also account for personnel growth. During the next 20 years, staff is expected to grow by about sixty police department employees (sworn officers and civilians), three fire department administration employees (not including new firefighter/EMTs, who will be housed at new or existing fire stations) and twelve court employees.

After looking at existing spaces that could potentially be used for the headquarters, city officials decided that the best way to meet space and location needs for the new facility was to build on undeveloped land. The property at 2501 N. Main St. was determined to be a

suitable location based on its central location, space needs, citywide growth projections and compatibility of nearby development.

About fourteen acres will be used for the public safety headquarters. The remaining land, which is mostly in the floodplain, could be used by Parks & Recre-

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The design process is scheduled to begin in late 2022 pending approval as part of the budget for fiscal year 2023. Design is expected to be completed in fall 2023, with construction beginning in early 2024.

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# Thirteen VC students earn Paramedic Certificates

Thirteen students recently graduated from Victoria College's Emergency Medical Services Program with a Paramedic Certificate. The graduates will hold EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic certifications to include 41 credit hours over four semesters, totaling 1,500 hours of classroom, lab and clinical instruction, often while working full time in the EMS or allied health fields.

Caleb Lemke of Yorktown was

named class valedictorian and is employed by Victoria Fire/EMS. Madelyn Bishop of Victoria was named class salutatorian and is also employed by Victoria Fire/EMS.

Jose Acosta of Victoria received the Best in Lab Award, and C. Ben Swanner of Victoria received the Best in Clinic Award. The 2022 J. Alan Baker Award was presented to Tyler Havel of Yoakum.

Other certificate graduates were



VC students earn Paramedic Certificates in May 2022, at the Victoria ISD Fine Arts Center. *Contributed photo.*

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For more information on Victoria College's Emergency Medical Services Program, call (361) 572-6447 or email [Susie.Jewchow@VictoriaCollege.edu](mailto:Susie.Jewchow@VictoriaCollege.edu).

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Cada año, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Victoria ofrece Programas de Educación Profesional y Técnica (CTE, por sus siglas en inglés). Estos programas están diseñados para desarrollar plenamente las habilidades académicas y técnicas de los estudiantes secundarios que se inscriben en programas de CTE bajo la guía de maestros, administradores y consejeros de CTE. La siguiente es una lista de los programas de estudio ofrecidos:

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  - La Ciencia Animal
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- Administración de Empresas
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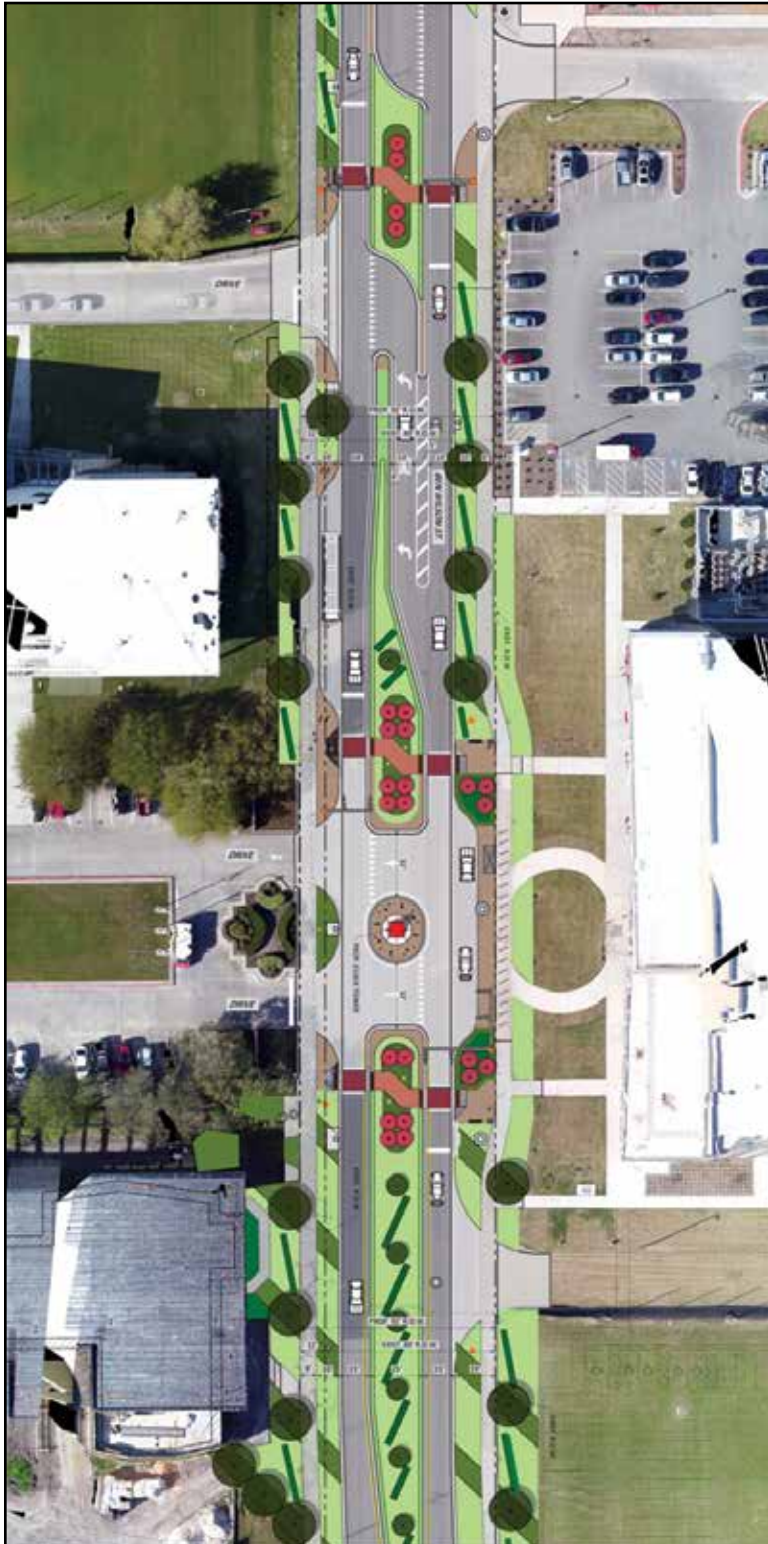
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An image from a March 1 presentation to the City Council shows the proposed new layout for Ben Wilson Street near the UHV campus. *Contributed art.*

**UHV**, from pg. 5

Before the project was approved, the city conducted numerous studies to make sure the street would still be able to handle traffic after the lane reduction.

“We looked at every type of data: traffic counts, transportation studies, current and future volumes,” said Public Works Director Ken Gill. “We’re confident that the new street will be able to meet our traffic needs now and for the next 30 years.”

The finished design will also include ample space for drivers to

pull over for emergency vehicles.

**What to expect**

On June 6, contractor crews will begin cleaning the storm sewers in preparation for drainage work. Lanes will close periodically during this time, but the road will remain open to two-way traffic.

The street is expected to be southbound-only at some points during the project. The city will provide updates about upcoming lane closures.

The entire project, including the landscaping, is expected to finish in fall 2023.

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# City Council to consider duck pond construction contract



This concept photo provided by a consultant shows the chosen roof design and color scheme for the redesigned duck pond gazebo. The new gazebo will stand on an overlook protruding over the surface of the pond. *Contributed art.*

The City Council will consider whether to approve a construction contract for the Riverside Park duck pond at their July 19 meeting. If the contract with Lester Con-

tracting is approved, construction will begin in September and is expected to finish in October 2023. The September start date will give the city time to complete certain tasks, such as the excavation of a holding pond, that must happen before construction can start.

The new layout of the pond was designed by Luck Design Team and approved by the City Council in 2020. Since that time, the city decided to add a walkway around the perimeter of the new pond. Other features include:

- A wall around the edge of the pond to prevent erosion
- A duck feeding area with seating along the side of the pond
- Water fountains with LED lighting
- A floating fishing pier
- A more spacious gazebo overlooks protruding over the surface of the pond



This concept photo from a 2020 presentation to City Council shows what the duck pond might look like with a new wall around the edge to prevent erosion. *Contributed art.*

The new gazebo location will be easier to maintain, will be closer to parking and will offer a scenic view of the pond.

The total cost of the construction contract is \$1.6 million. This does not include the cost of some secondary features that will be purchased directly by the city to save money, such as the gazebo, the pier, and the holding pond. The cost of these features is approxi-

mately \$250,000, with the city saving an estimated \$160,000.

In 2021, the city applied for and received a \$621,000 grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife toward the cost of the duck pond.

City Council meetings are hosted at 5 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 105 W. Juan Linn St. Meetings are broadcast live on channels 15 and 115 and online at [www.victoriatx.gov/tv15](http://www.victoriatx.gov/tv15).

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# Riverside Golf Course Lands American Junior Golf Association tournament

The City of Victoria has secured a three-year contract to host an American Junior Golf Association invitational tournament, the Victoria Texas Preview, at Riverside

Golf Course.

The first Victoria Texas Preview invitational will be hosted in spring 2023. The City will have the chance to renew the contract

after three years.

The AJGA hosts invitational golf tournaments for players aged 12-19 seeking to play at the col-  
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## FOOD, from pg. 1

Refugio, Victoria, and Wharton counties.

“We don’t actually hand out food to the general public at our location, with the exception of provisions in a one-time emergency situation,” Cadle said. “What we do is distribute to our member network of almost 100 food pantries in the region we serve.”

From those numerous locations both food and limited general house cleaning supplies are handed out to the public on a weekly or monthly basis based on each specific location. Anyone can go to their website and look for location of service close by and when and where the distribute provisions. That website address is tfbgc.org

In 2013 they handed out approximately 2.9 million tons of food. “That figure, as of 2021, has increased to 8.6 million tons,” she said. “The first great spike that increased our disbursement was directly after Hurricane Harvey. The second, as you might imagine, occurred with the advent of the outbreak of Covid-19.”

There are thirty-four employees at FBGC but the need for volunteers is ever present. “The tasks that our employees do on a daily basis would hardly be feasible with out all the volunteers that roll up their sleeves and assist us,” Cadle said. “Unfortunately, many of the individuals that makeup our volunteer base are senior citizens.”

As that volunteer base continues to age, the need for assistance from younger members of the public will become even greater.

“What we really need is for younger people to come in and help us to accomplish our work,” she said. “While we are incredibly thankful for all the work that our volunteers perform, from the individuals that walk in the door ready to assist, as well as the countless merchants and companies that send volunteers on a daily, weekly, monthly, and semi-annually ba-

sis,” Cadle said.

Subsidies are provided to FBGC by the federal government, local farmers, grocery stores and donors that drive-up daily with bags of food.

“Grocery stores such as HEB, Wal-Mart, Dollar General, as well as the Farmer’s Market provide provisions weekly to supplement what comes from the federal government,” she said. “Local farmers provide fresh produce to us for disbursement and for that we are very thankful.”

Most of what the FBGC receives is shelf stable foods such as canned goods, and staples such as rice, beans, and cereals.

“We have installed a huge refrigerator and freezer to accommodate perishable items so we can supply our providers with products such as meat, milk, eggs, breads and countless other item,” Cadle said. “It is our goal to provide healthy and balanced provision to those in need, and perishable items play a huge part in any balanced diet, as well as the ability for food recipients to prepare healthy meals is part of our goal.”

The work that the FBGC does, as well as the service they pro-

vide to countless families in their 11-county region goes on every day. “We also provide bag lunches to school children during the spring and summer breaks,” Cadle said. “All those bag lunches have to be individually prepared which is a great undertaking.”

According to Cadle, “All are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the work that we are doing and having the opportunity to meet other individuals that are working to make a difference in the lives of countless others.”

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**AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER  
RENOVACIÓN DEL PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)**

NÚMERO DE PERMISO 83763

**SOLICITUD.** Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) la renovación del permiso de calidad del aire número 83763, que autorizaría la continuación del funcionamiento de la operación de las actividades de mantenimiento en todo el sitio situado en 201 Formosa Drive, Point Comfort, Calhoun Condado, Texas 77978. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación se ofrece como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o del anuncio. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-101.891666%2C35.948333&level=12>. La instalación existente está autorizada a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: solventes exentos, contaminantes orgánicos, materia en partícula incluyendo materia en partículas con diámetro de 10 micrones o menos y materia en partículas con diámetro de 2.5 micrones o menos, y contaminantes inorgánicos.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el 2 de junio de 2022. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la Corpus Christi oficina regional, y la Biblioteca pública del Condado de Calhoun, 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Calhoun Condado, Texas a partir del primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El expediente de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe, está a disposición del público en el Corpus Christi oficina regional de la TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la misma. La información contenida en la solicitud indica que esta renovación del permiso no supondrá un aumento de las emisiones permitidas ni dará lugar a la emisión de un contaminante atmosférico no emitido anteriormente. **La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin buscar más comentarios del público o dar la oportunidad de una audiencia de caso impugnado si se cumplen ciertos criterios.**

**COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO. Puede presentar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección indicada a continuación.** La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios del público al elaborar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios. Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la TCEQ para ser tratadas en el proceso de permiso.

**OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO. Puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado si usted es una persona que puede verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos de la instalación tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, deberá presentar lo siguiente (1) su nombre (o, en el caso de un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal y número de teléfono durante el día; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el número de permiso; (3) la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería/n afectado/s por la solicitud y las emisiones atmosféricas de la instalación de una manera no común al público en general; (5) la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad en relación con la instalación; (6) una descripción del uso que usted hace de la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalación; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas que presente durante el periodo de comentarios. Si la solicitud la realiza un grupo o asociación, deberá identificarse con nombre y dirección física a uno o varios miembros que estén legitimados para solicitar una audiencia. También deben identificarse los intereses que el grupo o asociación pretende proteger. También puede presentar sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud/permiso que satisfagan sus preocupaciones.**

**El plazo para presentar una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado es de 15 días a partir de la publicación del anuncio en el periódico. Si la solicitud se presenta a tiempo, el plazo para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se ampliará a 30 días después del envío de la respuesta a los comentarios.**

Si se presenta a tiempo cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. A menos que la solicitud se remita directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo enviará por correo la respuesta a los comentarios junto con la notificación de la reunión de la Comisión a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios o estén en la lista de correo de esta solicitud. La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios a tiempo y que no hayan sido retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el objeto de la misma se limitará a las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas o a las cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relativas a los problemas de calidad del aire pertinentes y materiales presentados durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificación quedan fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para ser tratadas en este procedimiento.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Además de presentar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que se le incluya en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos sobre esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección que figura a continuación.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben presentarse vía electrónicamente en [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, 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, formará parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o sobre el proceso de autorización, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, P.O. Box 700, Point Comfort, Texas 77978-0700 o llamando a Ms. Tammy Lasater, La Gerente Corporativa de Permisos de Aire al (302) 383-1598.

Fecha de emisión del aviso: 17 de junio del año 2022

**HURRICANE**, from pg. 3

sure you're covered for any type of damage you may experience. Flood insurance only covers damage from rising water, so if your water damage is a result of rain coming in through a hole in the roof, you may not be covered. Also, even if you're not a homeowner, renter's insurance can help to protect your belongings.

If you choose to evacuate, plan your destination and your direction of travel well in advance, and be sure to get on the road early. Remember that the supply chain may be affected even as you move away from a storm, so take supplies with you.

Store important documents in a waterproof container that you can easily move to a safe place. You should also make digital copies.

If you choose to shelter in place, you will need at least five to seven days' worth of supplies, including nonperishable food; drinking water; medication; and anything you may need to care for pets, seniors, or neighbors.

Based on our conversations with utility providers, we know that our region is susceptible to power outages even during a weak storm because of our many aboveground power lines. You should assume that you might lose utilities and that they could remain out for several days. The city has made upgrades to its water system since Harvey, but losing water is still a possibility. Make sure you have a non-electric can opener, batteries, and water for flushing the toilet.

Remember that hurricane winds can blow away items in your yard, such as lawn furniture and swing sets. Be sure to move or secure these items so that they don't turn into debris.

The Office of Emergency Management is watching the tropics and will work with the City and County to release information on any storm that becomes a threat to our region. For more tips on preparing for a storm, you can view the Official South Texas Hurricane Guide from the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov/crp/hurricaneguide](http://www.weather.gov/crp/hurricaneguide). To sign up for emergency text alerts, text "SWIFT911" to 99538.

Rick McBrayer is the emergency management coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management.

# Fourteen students graduate from VC's Physical Therapist Assistant Program



Victoria College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program honored its Spring 2022 graduates with a Pinning Ceremony on May 13. *Contributed photo.*

Fourteen students graduated from Victoria College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program at the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

The graduates were Jonathan Baines, Hillary Cisneros, Brittany Franz, Elizabeth Garza-Romero, Sonya Gomez, Lauren Lightfoot, Clay Mitte and Cynthia Sanchez, all of Victoria; Ashley Goetz of

Georgetown; Timothy Castillo of McQueeney; Anita Sandoval Vacek of Palacios; and Marinda Navarro of Port Lavaca.

Franz was given the Academic Award, and Sanchez was given the Leadership Award. Navarro and Lightfoot were named recipients of the Most Inspirational Award.

VC's Physical Therapist Assis-



A young golfer watches his shot at Riverside Golf Course in 2017. *Contributed photo.*

## GOLF, from pg. 11

lege level. Players can compete at AJGA tournaments to improve their rankings and win scholarships. AJGA tournaments attract golfers from around the country and the world.

"Because of our high-quality golf facility, our community now has a chance to get exposure on a national level," said Sports Tourism Manager Michelle Myers. "We hope that these players and their families will fall in love with Victoria once they see everything our community has to offer."

AJGA tournaments that were hosted in Dallas, College Station, and Lubbock in 2021 had an av-

erage economic impact of about \$213,300 compared to about \$13,700 in expenses. The Cameron McCormick Junior All-Star and Preview at Texas Tech has had an economic impact of \$2.2 million over a 6-year period.

Head Golf Professional Rolando Hernandez said Riverside Golf Course is a popular choice among local and regional event organizers, hosting about 20-30 events per year. The Victoria Texas Preview will be the first three-day event at the golf course.

"Hosting an event like this that encourages overnight stays will be great for our community," Hernandez said. "I'm excited to bring these talented young golfers to the course and see what kinds of scores they can shoot."

For information and updates about the golf course, follow Riverside Golf Course on Facebook. To book a tee time, call 361-573-4521 or visit [www.playriverside-gc.com](http://www.playriverside-gc.com).

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## AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER RENOVACIÓN DEL PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)

NÚMERO DE PERMISO 17030

**SOLICITUD.** Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) la renovación del permiso de calidad del aire número 17030, que autorizaría la continuación del funcionamiento de la turbina de combustión de gas natural y un generador de vapor para recuperación del calor situado en 201 Formosa Drive, Point Comfort, Calhoun Condado, Texas 77978. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación se ofrece como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o del anuncio. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.6888&lng=-96.5472&zoom=13&type=r>. La instalación existente está autorizada a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: contaminantes orgánicos, óxidos de nitrógeno, dióxido de azufre, materia en partícula incluyendo materia en partículas con diámetro de 10 micrones o menos y materia en partículas con diámetro de 2.5 micrones o menos, y monóxido de carbono.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el 21 de junio de 2022. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la Corpus Christi oficina regional, y la Biblioteca pública del Condado de Calhoun, 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Calhoun Condado, Texas a partir del primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El expediente de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe, está a disposición del público en el Corpus Christi oficina regional de la TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la misma. La información contenida en la solicitud indica que esta renovación del permiso no supondrá un aumento de las emisiones permitidas ni dará lugar a la emisión de un contaminante atmosférico no emitido anteriormente. **La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin buscar más comentarios del público o dar la oportunidad de una audiencia de caso impugnado si se cumplen ciertos criterios.**

**COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO. Puede presentar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección indicada a continuación.** La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios del público al elaborar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios. Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la TCEQ para ser tratadas en el proceso de permiso.

**OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO. Puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado si usted es una persona que puede verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos de la instalación tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, deberá presentar lo siguiente (1) su nombre (o, en el caso de un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal y número de teléfono durante el día; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el número de permiso; (3) la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería/n afectado/s por la solicitud y las emisiones atmosféricas de la instalación de una manera no común al público en general; (5) la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad en relación con la instalación; (6) una descripción del uso que usted hace de la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalación; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas que presente durante el periodo de comentarios. Si la solicitud la realiza un grupo o asociación, deberá identificarse con nombre y dirección física a uno o varios miembros que estén legitimados para solicitar una audiencia. También deben identificarse los intereses que el grupo o asociación pretende proteger. También puede presentar sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud/permiso que satisfagan sus preocupaciones.**

**El plazo para presentar una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado es de 15 días a partir de la publicación del anuncio en el periódico. Si la solicitud se presenta a tiempo, el plazo para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se ampliará a 30 días después del envío de la respuesta a los comentarios.**

Si se presenta a tiempo cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. A menos que la solicitud se remita directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo enviará por correo la respuesta a los comentarios junto con la notificación de la reunión de la Comisión a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios o estén en la lista de correo de esta solicitud. La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios a tiempo y que no hayan sido retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el objeto de la misma se limitará a las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas o a las cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relativas a los problemas de calidad del aire pertinentes y materiales presentados durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificación quedan fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para ser tratadas en este procedimiento.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Además de presentar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que se le incluya en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos sobre esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección que figura a continuación.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben presentarse vía electrónicamente en [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, 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, formará parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o sobre el proceso de autorización, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, P.O. Box 700, Point Comfort, Texas 77978-0700 o llamando a Ms. Tammy Lasater, La Gerente Corporativa de Permisos de Aire al (302) 383-1598. Fecha de emisión del aviso: 24 de junio del año 2022.

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Most of the vendors reside in Victoria, however, some travel in from Corpus Christi, Edinburg, Weimer, Edna, Port Lavaca, and Yoakum.

“We are very fortunate to be blessed with a great group of vendors that appear to be like-minded in bringing the idea of a pleasant shopping experience to our customers,” he said. “We opened the weekend before July Fourth and our customer base has been expanding since our grand opening. It is like our merchants are interested in the booth next them, looking out for each other, and lending a hand to each other when needed.”

Capers feels that all that comes into play and is visible to consumers when they come into shop. “We have the opportunity to offer unique items to customers that aren’t available anywhere else in Victoria.”

361 is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10am till 6pm, and Sundays from 11a.m. till 6 p.m. You can find them on Facebook at 361-pop-up-shops. To ensure a clean environment as well as a pleasant shopping experience, there is a full-time janitorial staff working throughout the day.

“Our goal is really twofold,” Capers said. “We want to provide customers with a one-stop shopping experience that is both affordable and pleasurable, and secondly, provide vendors with a venue for them to market their wares and build up their customer base and bank account propelling them to open a location of their own.”

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# La Cocina de Tia Yole



Grape smoothie. Contributed photo.

## BREAKFAST-TO-GO GRAPE SMOOTHIE

- 1½ cups frozen California grapes
- 1 banana, sliced
- ½ cup vanilla or honey low-fat Greek yogurt
- ½ cup grape juice
- ¼ cup wheat flake cereal

In blender, blend grapes, banana, yogurt, grape juice and cereal 1 minute. Serve immediately.

## TEQUILA-HONEY-LIME MARINATED DRUMSTICKS

- ½ cup blue agave tequila
- ½ cup untoasted walnut oil
- ½ cup honey
- 2 to 3 limes (1 teaspoon finely shredded peel plus ¼ cup juice)
- 1-teaspoon kosher salt

Optional add-ins:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 shallots, minced
- 12 chicken drumsticks
- Lime and/or orange slices
- Fresh cilantro

1. For marinade, in bowl whisk together tequila and oil. Whisk in honey, lime juice, peel, salt, and

desired add-ins. Cover and refrigerate and marinate up to 2 days.  
 2. Place drumsticks in a self-sealing plastic bag set in shallow dish. Add marinade; seal. Refrigerate 4 to 8 hours, turning occasionally. Drain; discard marinade.  
 3. For charcoal grill, arrange medium-hot coals around drip pan. Grill drumsticks 50 to 60 minutes over drip pan, covered, until chicken is no longer pink (180°F), turning once halfway. (For gas, heat grill. Reduce heat to medium. Adjust for indirect cooking. Grill as above.) Makes 6 servings.

## GRILLED FRUIT CRISP

- 4 cups thinly sliced peeled peaches
- 1 (8-ounce) can pineapple tidbits, undrained (juice pack)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1-teaspoon quick-cooking tapioca
- ½ cup quick-cooking oats
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8-teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Ice Cream (optional)

1. Combine the peaches, pineap-

ple, the 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and tapioca in a medium bowl. Spoon into an 8x8x2-inch metal baking or foil pan; set aside.  
 2. Combine the oats, the ¼ cup

brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg in another bowl. Cut in butter or margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; sprinkle over fruit mixture. Cover pan

tightly with foil.

3. Grill about 50 minutes or until mixture is hot and bubbly. Serve warm, with ice cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

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