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WELCOME

We want to welcome you to The Brazoria Herald magazine, A Brazoria Chamber of Commerce digital publication. This magazine will serve as a monthly newsletter for our community. We hope to tell the local stories of our members, small businesses and get the local monthly news and events to our surrounding area.



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Brazoria Chamber Member Spotlight



Friends of Brazoria
Wildlife Refuges



Contributed photos - "FOBWR" website

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Brazoria, San Bernard, and Big Boggy refuges. We raise funding through donations, grants, and gifts to help fund wildlife-refuge projects, educational programs, and other activities. Members of FOBWR are dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly at our area refuges and within the community.

From their website, the mission statement of the The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges (FOBWR) is to support the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex in its charge to manage the conservation and restoration of wildlife and plant resources and their habitats within the Brazoria, San Bernard, and Big Boggy refuges.

The FOBWR advocates and supports the refuges' public-use mandate for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and environmental education.

Our FOBWR activities include:

- Construction of public-use facilities at the refuges
- Discovery Environmental Education Program (DEEP) at Brazoria NWR
- Clean-up efforts at the refuges
- Promote public awareness of area refuges and wildlife
- Coordinate the annual Migration Celebration
- Host the biennial A Taste for Nature fundraiser for a designated refuge project
- Fundraise for refuge projects and programs
- Raise funds for land acquisition.



Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1966, was the first of the Texas Mid-coast Refuges to be established in response to declining waterfowl populations along the Texas coast. In 1990, Texas Oil Company sold more than 25,000 acres of land between Bastrop Bayou and Chocolate Bay, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, tripling the size of the refuge. Today, the refuge includes nearly 46,000 acres of salt marsh, coastal prairie, freshwater wetlands and Columbia Bottomland forest. (FOBWR)



The refuge has multiple areas that have been opened for public use opportunities. The Big Slough Recreation Area offers many opportunities to view and photograph wildlife, walking trails and an auto tour loop with freshwater and saltmarsh habitats that attract a variety of wildlife. An Information Pavilion near the entrance of the refuge has interpretive panels and also information on the self-guided auto tour including a brochure or compact disc. Brazoria NWR is open every day sunrise to sunset. Use the address: 2020 CR 227 Freeport, TX to get directions to the public use area. The three mile road into the refuge provides opportunities for viewing raptors, shrikes, and scissor-tailed-flycatchers perched on the fence posts. Restrooms are available near the Information Pavilion. (FOBWR)



WILDLIFE OBSERVATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Auto Tour Loop, The auto tour offers excellent wildlife viewing and photo opportunities. Olney Pond and Cross Trails Pond, depending on the season, feature shore birds such as dowitchers, yellowlegs, black neck-stilts, and many others. Ducks and wading birds that you might see include blue wing teal, northern shoveler, coots, pied-billed grebe, ibis, great and snowy egrets, great blue and tricolored herons, roseate spoonbills and many many others. Have your camera and binoculars handy.



Friends of the Wildlife refuge are always striving to make a lasting impact on the future generations. They accomplish this by their curated programs for youth and their flexible volunteer opportunities.

FOBWR provides curated programs to educate and develop a love for wildlife and our local environments. The Discovery Environmental Education Program (DEEP), presently serves over 2,500 4th and 7th grade students from Brazosport and Angleton ISDs.

The Birds of Prey program is hosted at area Elementary Schools in Brazoria, Matagorda, and Wharton County throughout the year. The BOP programs are offered for free to the area schools and are supported by donations from individuals, small businesses, and corporations.

Financial support for the Non-Profit primarily comes from sponsors and grants. Over the years the FOBWR has been able to invest approximately 6 Million dollars back into the local refuge community with sidewalks, pavilions, educational infrastructure, microscopes and nature trails.

“These are national wildlife refuges, they belong to all of us. If you want to look out for your wildlife refuges, let your congressman know that they mean something to you, they listen, stated Phil Huxford, board member of FOBWR.”

“Volunteering itself, to me, is an honor. I can tell you in the 30 plus years that I have volunteered I have had so many opportunities. I have learned and met different people, it's been rewarding and life changing, said Huxford.”

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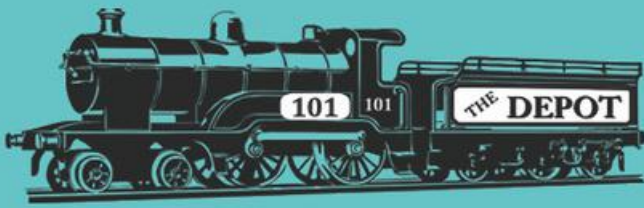
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STUDENTS SERVED





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Tuesday, April 1st Martes 1 de abril	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 2nd Miércoles 2 de abril	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 8th Martes 8 de abril	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 9th Miércoles 9 de abril	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 15th Martes 15 de abril	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 16th Miércoles 16 de abril	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 22nd Martes 22 de abril	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 23rd Miércoles 23 de abril	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 29th Martes 29 de abril	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 30th Miércoles 30 de abril	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



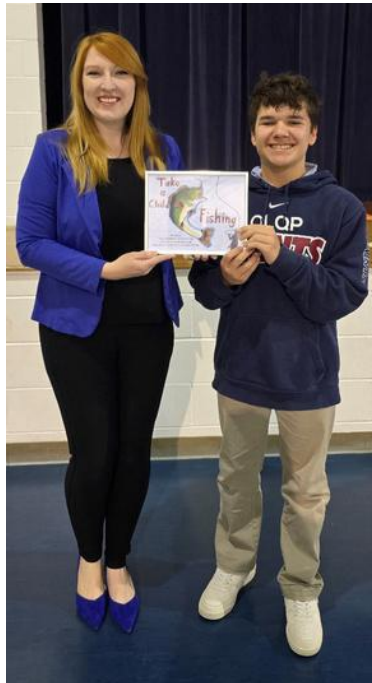
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PORT FREEPORT ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 25TH ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT LOGO DRAWING CONTEST



Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Amanda Veliz presents to 2nd place winner Cora Albarran, a student at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School.



Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Amanda Veliz presents to 3rd place winner Anthony Salazar, also from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School.



Amanda Veliz, Public Affairs Manager with Port Freeport, presents to logo drawing contest winner Luz Juarez, student at West Brazos Junior High School.

FREEPORT, TX – As Port Freeport celebrates its centennial year, the 25th Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) holds special significance for the community. Port Freeport is excited to announce the winners of this year's logo drawing contest. First place was awarded to Luz Juarez, a West Brazos Junior High School student, who received a \$150 Visa gift card and a framed print of her winning design. Second place went to Cora Albarran from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, who received a \$75 Visa gift card and a framed print of her artwork. Anthony Salazar, also from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, took third place and received a \$50 Visa gift card and a framed print of his drawing.

“This year is special for Port Freeport as we celebrate 100 years of maritime service and community engagement,” said Ravi Singhania, Chairman of the Port Freeport Commission. “The Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament has been a cherished community event for 25 years, creating lasting memories for families. We congratulate the winners and thank all the participants, teachers, and families for supporting this widely attended event.”

The contest is open to youth aged 3 to 14 and in Pre-K through 8th grade within the Port’s Navigation District. Each year, participants showcase their creativity, and the winning design is featured on various event materials, including flyers, posters, advertisements, and T-shirts.

In recognition of their efforts, the top 15 finalists will each be awarded gift cards to local restaurants. Additionally, the Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County submitted the highest number of entries, and its art coordinator will be awarded a gift card to purchase art supplies, recognizing their commitment to encouraging student participation. This year, the contest received over 350 entries from students throughout the Port Navigation District.

“As we celebrate this milestone year for Port Freeport, we continue to be inspired by the creativity and talent of the students who participate in this contest,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director and CEO of Port Freeport. “This event not only showcases their artistic abilities but also promotes a sense of community spirit and engagement. We look forward to celebrating another successful Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament with families throughout the district.”



The 25th Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament will occur on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8 a.m. to noon at Freeport Municipal Park. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this cherished community event. For more information on becoming a sponsor, please visit our website at <https://www.portfreeport.com/freeport-community>, check out the Port Freeport Facebook page, or call (979) 233-2667.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranks nationally as 6th in chemicals, 14th in total foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers.

A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Linde, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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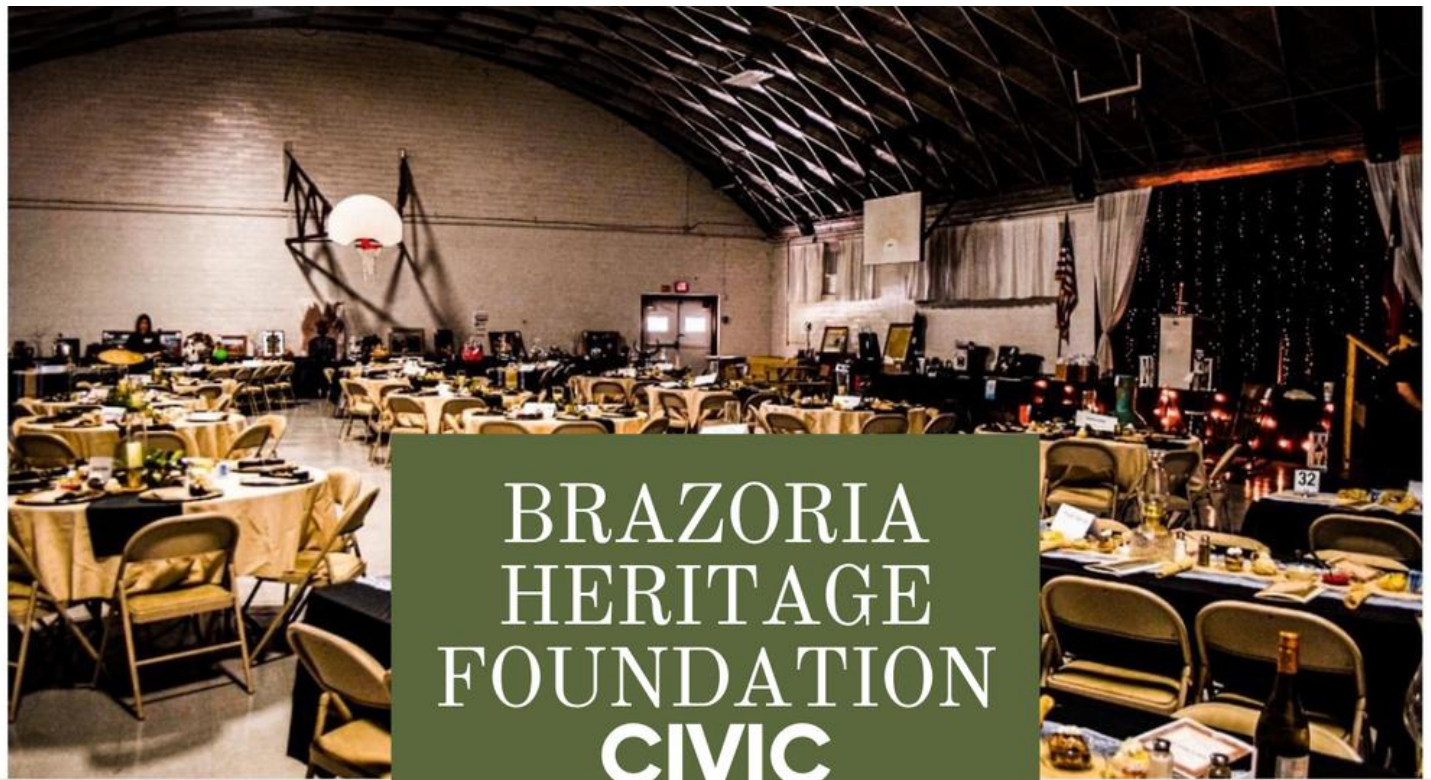
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Passion Week

SCHEDULE

PASSOVER DINNER

6-9PM/ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

5 PM/ FRIDAY, APRIL 18

SUNRISE CELEBRATION

7AM/ SUNDAY, APRIL 20

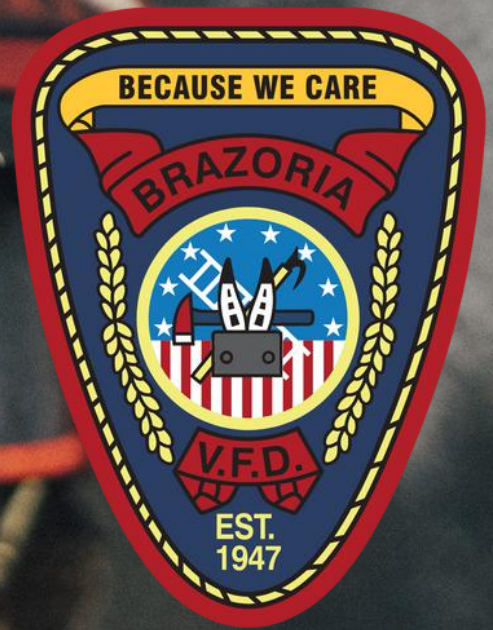
CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

9:30AM/ SUNDAY, APRIL 20

RESURRECTION SERVICE

10:30AM/ SUNDAY, APRIL 20





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BRAZORIA LIBRARY



APRIL 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4th Annual Edible Book Fest AARP Tax Aide 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2 Storytime Frog 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	3 Movers & Shakers 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-3 Book Club 4:00 p.m. Ages: 19+	4 	5 Tangled Up 4:00 p.m. General Interest
7 Come and Go Table Top Crafts all week	8 AARP Tax Aide 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.	9 Storytime Library 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	10 Movers & Shakers 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-3 Friends of the Library Meeting 6 p.m.	11 Tales & Treasures String Art 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-11	12 Stem Saturday Marble Maze 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-11
National Library Week					
14 	15 AARP Tax Aide 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.	16 Storytime Bunny 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	17 Movers & Shakers 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-3	18 	19
21 	22 Teen Tuesday Checkers Tournament 4:00 p.m. Ages 12-18	23 Storytime Rain 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	24 Movers & Shakers 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-3	25	26
27	29 LEGO Club Flower 1-7:00 p.m. General Interest	30 Storytime Flowers 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	April Library Love Challenge April 1st-30th. Read 10 hours and get a prize! Sign up on Beanstack by going to bclstx.beanstack.org or by scanning the QR code. 		



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APRIL

School Age Events

Tales and Treasures: String Art
Friday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m.

String art is a creative and fun craft that can transform simple thread into beautiful works of art.

Paper Plate Marble Maze
Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Design, build, and test out your marble maze.

Teen Events

Teen Tuesday: Checkers Tournament
Tuesday, April 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Hey Teens, you asked so here it is! Come battle your way through a checkers tournament to see who the Checkers Champion will be!

Adult Events

Book Club: *A Season of Perfect Happiness* by Maribeth Fischer
Thursday, April 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Every month, we dive into an exciting book, meet up, and discuss everything from characters to plot twists. Whether you're a casual reader or a bookworm, you're welcome here!

Business Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Curbside Mon.-Sat. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

General Events

4th Annual Edible Book Fest
Tuesday, April 1st

Use food to create a work of art inspired by a favorite book, a character, or simply a love for reading and libraries.

Entries due at 4:00 p.m.

Tangled Up - Crochet
Saturday, April 5th at 4:00 p.m.

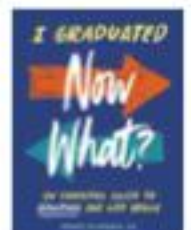
Has crochet been on your mind? Come join us in learning and sharing ideas for our next project. All levels of experience are welcome.

LEGO Club: Flower
Tuesday, April 29th from 1-7:00 p.m.

Calling all builders and nature lovers! Get ready to unleash your creativity at the LEGO Flower Workshop. Whether you're a LEGO pro or a first-time builder, this event is for you!

BCLS Can Help You With

Adulting



Follow our Socials!



BRAZORIA LIBRARY

**Paper Plate
MARBLE MAZE** ••

Ages 6-11

**Saturday, April 12th
at 2:00PM**

**Design, Build, and
Test out your own
Marble Maze.**



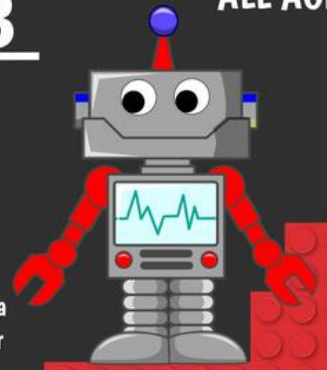
LEGO CLUB

ALL AGES

**Tuesday, MARCH 25th
1-7:00PM**

Theme: Robot

Join us for a hands-on, interactive LEGO robot building event that's perfect for all ages! Whether you're a seasoned builder or a first-timer, this is your chance to bring your creativity to life and build robots using the iconic LEGO bricks!



Movers & Shakers

Every Thursday at
10:30am



Join us for movement, music,
and a storytime. **Ages 0-3**



Brazoria Community Library Association Meeting



COLOR OUR WORLD

Teens!

Apply now to be a Summer Volunteer!

Summer Reading Challenge is June 1 - July 31



Tales & Treasures String Art

**Friday, April 11th
at 2:00 PM**

String art is a creative and fun craft that can transform simple thread into a beautiful work of art.




APRIL LIBRARY LOVE

Reading Challenge

April 1 - 30 All Ages
Read 10 hours, earn a prize!
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Drawn to the Library

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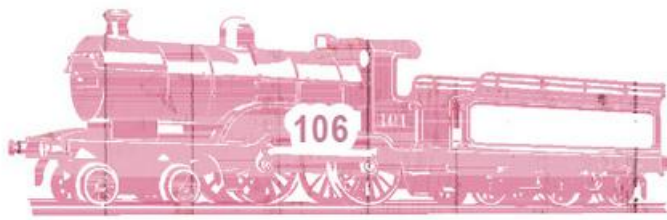
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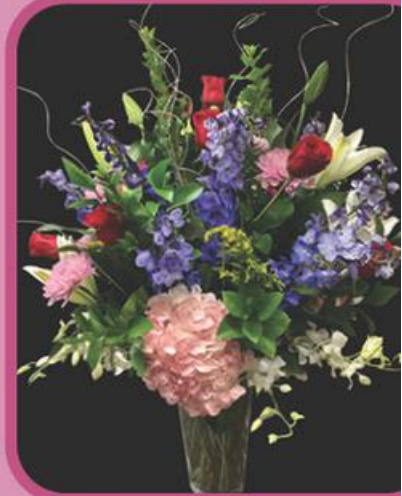
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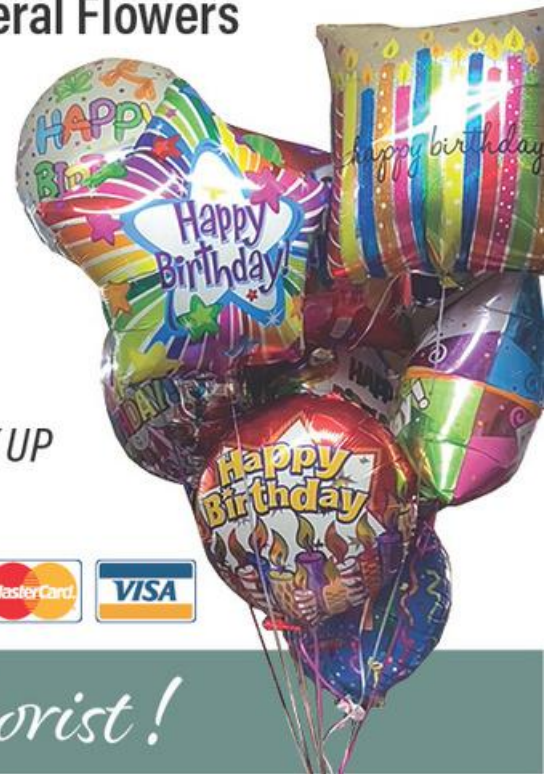
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Brazoria Chamber of Commerce, meet
& mingle breakfast**



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WBJH Dance Tryouts

Mandatory Parent Meeting

April 1st @ 6:00 PM in the LGI
room (WBJH 6th grade building)

Tryout Practice

April 24th 3:00-5:00
in the WBJH back gym

Dance Tryouts

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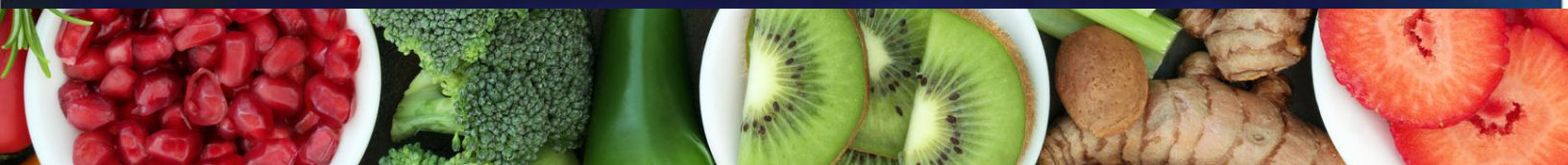
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What's the big deal about fire ants?

These tiny pests are more harmful than you might think



Spring is here and it's time to enjoy the great outdoors!

Spring has arrived and it's time to do that landscaping project, plant that garden, play with the kids in the grass. But first, let me tell you a few things about fire ants that you should know. I will start with the ugly truth and then some good news. Can't we all use some good news these days especially when it comes to fire ants?

The ugly truth about fire ants

Fire ants haven't always been here. Many of us can remember what it was like before they made their way across the Texas border. They originated from South America and apparently stowed away on a ship that came into the Port of Mobile, Alabama in the early 1900's. Since then, they've been making their way across the United States. They love the warm tropical climate here and enjoy life with no natural predators. So what makes them so bad and so difficult to get rid of? First of all, they are omnivores which means they eat everything.

Unlike other ant species, which subsist only on plant life, fire ants will devour plants, insects, animals, and even electrical equipment. In addition to harming your family and pets, they can eat through power lines, wreak havoc with lights, junction boxes, and HVAC equipment, and damage machinery, irrigation, and transformer boxes. Not only do they eat everything but they are VERY aggressive.

When they get a hint that their mound has been disturbed, they come boiling out by the thousands ready to attack! They swarm onto their prey, then send an alarm pheromone to the other ants to begin their attack. Individual worker ants can bite and sting several times. When stinging, the worker attaches to the skin with its jaws (mandibles), pulling the skin, pinching it, and raising it slightly, causing a pricking sensation. Then the ant arches its back, doubles under its abdomen, and forces the stinger into the tissue injecting venom.

After inflicting the first sting, it may remove the stinger and, rotating or pivoting around its head, may sting several more times, leaving a circular pattern of sting injuries. The venom they inject causes a burning sensation and sometimes red bumps. Urgent medical care may be required if a severe allergic reaction occurs.



Why are these terrorists so difficult to get rid of? A fire ant colony is all about the Queen! A fire ant queen can live up to 7 years and lay up to 2,000 eggs a day while worker ants only live about 5-6 weeks. Her mature colony can be 500,000 ants. It's the job of the worker ants to feed the queen, tend to the eggs, and protect the colony. A fire ant queen only needs 6 worker ants to continue her colony. This is why so many feel like they just chase the mounds around the yard. The over-the-counter pesticides may kill a few hundred or thousand worker ants, but unless the queen is stopped, the colony lives on. The only way to eliminate a fire ant colony is to STOP the queen. How do we stop the queen?

Ready for some good news?

Our proven treatment sterilizes all egg-producing queens in the fire ant colony. Once applied, worker ants carry our potent, food-like granular bait down to the depths of each fire ant mound where they feed the queen(s). The worker ants are critical for carrying the bait, eating it, and feeding the queen. Once the queens have been sterilized, the entire colony will disappear in just a few weeks. Colonies that have been unstoppable for many years will finally be gone! However, because the ants fly to mate, new colonies will move in from neighboring properties.

For this reason, we recommend treatment three to four times a year to keep the fire ant colonies under control. After application, there is no re-entry interval, which means that you, your family, and your pets can walk anywhere on the property immediately after a treatment has been applied. Get in touch with Fire Ant Professionals for a free quote to get rid of your fire ants. Our services are fully licensed, insured, and 100% guaranteed to control your fire ant infestations.

Ready for some great news?

Fire Ant Professionals is keeping the fire ants under control at the Brazoria city parks - Lion's Club Park, American Legion Hall Park, and Wilson City Park. We hope that you and your loved ones will enjoy these parks this Spring. If we can eliminate fire ant colonies that the city had been fighting for years, we can do the same for your property. Let us know if we can help you take back your property from those tiny terrorists (aka Red Imported Fire Ants).

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Playground at Lions Club Park in Brazoria



Before - Feb 2025

The mound on the left had been treated with poisonous pesticide. The ants that survived just moved a few feet to the right..



After treatment - Mar 2025

We layed bait treated with an insect growth regulator that the fire ants fed to the queen. Six weeks later the mound is completely gone..



BEFORE - Feb 2025

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AFTER - March 2025

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CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR PICTURES

Wednesday October 23rd

CAP & GOWN

Presentation November 18th

Orders November 21st During 5th Period

SENIOR AWARDS

Thursday May 15th @ 6:30pm CHS Auditorium

BACCALAUREATE

Sunday May 18th @ 5pm Brazoria First Assembly

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Thursday May 22nd @ 9:45am Griggs Field

GRADUATION

Thursday May 22nd @ 8pm Griggs Field





BARROW ELEMENTARY

APRIL 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>Chess Club, 7:30 am PALs Meeting, 4 pm</p>	<p>PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY World Autism Awareness Day, wear blue! StuCo Meeting, 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Chess Club, 7:30 am</p>	<p>LIBRARIAN APPRECIATION DAY STAAR Pep Rally</p>	
<p>ASST. PRINCIPAL WEEK →</p>		<p>READING STAAR—GRADE 5</p>	<p>READING STAAR—GRADE 4</p>	<p>READING STAAR—GRADE 3</p>	<p>Autism Awareness Friday MAKE-UP TESTING DAY</p>	
		<p>Board Mtg. 6 pm SCIENCE STAAR—GRADE 5</p>		<p>Autism Awareness COLLEGE SHIRT DAY BE PALs annual Campus Egg Hunt</p>		
		<p>Earth Day MATH STAAR—GRADE 5</p>	<p>MATH STAAR—GRADE 4</p>	<p>MATH STAAR—GRADE 3</p>	<p>Autism Awareness Friday MAKE-UP TESTING DAY</p>	
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BARROW UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

17

2ND :10:30-11:15

3RD :11:30-12:15

4TH:12:15-1:00

5TH :1:00-1:45

BE Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

18

NO SCHOOL

Good Friday!

MAY

02

6 PM

BE Talent Show

MAY

07

2ND GRADE

3RD GRADE

FIELD DAY!

MAY

08

4TH GRADE

5TH GRADE

FIELD DAY!

MAY

16

9 AM @ GRIGGS

FIELD

*CBISD ELEMENTARY
TRACK MEET!*

MAY

19

3RD : 9:00 AM

2ND :1:30 PM

*END OF YEAR
AWARDS!*

MAY

20

5TH : 9:00 AM

4TH :1:30 PM

*END OF YEAR
AWARDS!*

MAY

21

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WILD PEACH ELEMENTARY - APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH	2 	3 	4 	5
6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	11 	12
13 	14 	15 A - Alphabet Countdown Board Meeting, 6 pm	16 B - Alphabet Countdown 	17 C - Alphabet Countdown Grade Level Egg Hunts	18 	19
20 	21 D - Alphabet Countdown 	22 E - Alphabet Countdown Happy Lunch day	23 F - Alphabet Countdown 	24 G - Alphabet Countdown 	25 H - Alphabet Countdown 	26
27 	28 I - Alphabet Countdown 	29 J - Alphabet Countdown 	30 K - Alphabet Countdown 			

WILD PEACH ELEMENTARY PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 1!

Registration Hours: 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM and
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Registration Location:
Wild Peach Elementary
3311 County Road 353, Brazoria
979-799-1750

PRE-K MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.
KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD
BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025



Wild Peach Elementary

Upcoming Events

2025

APRIL

2

World Autism Day

Today and every Wednesday during the month of April we will wear blue.

APRIL

4

Adventure Dash Day

Parents will only be able to observe from outside the fence.

APRIL

17

Campus Easter Egg Hunts

Pre-K @ 1:00/Kindergarten @ 1:45/ First Grade @ 2:30/Bridges AM @ 9:30/
Bridges PM @ 1:15/ Dorsten & Boethel @ 1:30

APRIL

25

Golden Streak Attendance Prom

Everyone come in their Sunday best. Those with perfect attendance during the qualified period will be invited to Attendance Prom.

Upcoming May Events! More details will follow

May 7th – Pre-K and Kindergarten Lunch with Loved Ones

May 8th – First Grade Lunch with Loved Ones

May 9th – Field Day

May 16th – Splash Day

May 20th – Grade Level Awards

May 20th – Fluorescent Fiesta – blacklight attendance party (last attendance incentive for the year)

May 21st – Last Day of School!



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HOW TO JOIN

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This Free Food Market is Open to Anyone in the Community. No one will be turned away. All Food in the West Brazos Market is Free to the public.

Distribution Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm @ West Brazos Junior High
111 Roustabout Dr. Brazoria Tx 77422



Market Distribution Schedule:

November 13th and November 20th

December 4th and December 18th

January 8th and January 22nd

February 5th and February 19th

March 5th and March 19th

April 2nd and April 16th

May 7th and May 21st

BRAZORIA POLICE

“PARTNERS WITH RECOVERY”



Our friends at the Brazoria County Recovery Committee have generously donated to the Brazoria Police Department Narcan kits. The kits are located in a pink and white box outside of the Brazoria Police Department free of charge for those who need it.

It's great to see community support in action, especially when it comes to saving lives. Narcan can make a huge difference in emergency situations.

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Spring Season Ceremony

Sat, April 12th

2025

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Ceremony to follow

**More details
to come!**



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration & Networking will begin at 11:00 AM

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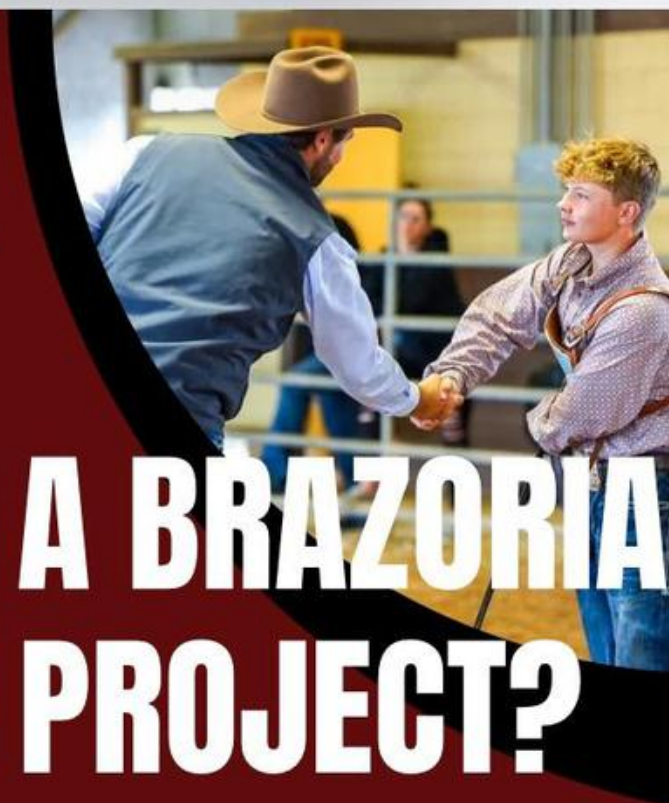
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April 16th 6-9 pm



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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE NEXT FFA MEETING FOR MORE INFORMATION. APRIL 28TH @ 6:00PM IN THE COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL - CAFETERIA

BCPC Career Signing Day Sets Record With 252 Applicants



2024 BCPC Signing Day

Brazoria County, TX – This year, 252 high school seniors are throwing their hats in the ring for safe, high-paying jobs in the petrochemical industry through the Brazoria County Petrochemical Council’s (BCPC) Career Signing Day. The figure sets a new record in applications, as more students explore careers in crafts such as welding, pipefitting and construction.

Before officially signing job offers, students will undergo a rigorous interview process with up to four contractor companies on March 25. Based on these interviews, companies can extend offers allowing students to begin full-time craft careers immediately after graduation.

Now in its seventh year, Career Signing Day has placed more than 300 students in high-demand careers. While working, these students get on-the-job training, classroom instruction and professional certification pathways—all while earning a salary.

To participate, students complete a competitive application process, which includes submitting a letter of recommendation, transcript and personal essay before being selected for interviews.

“With a growing demand for a skilled workforce, Career Signing Day serves as a vital bridge between education and industry,” said Aaron Ennis, BCPC Signing Day Chair.

“This program provides life-changing opportunities for students while strengthening our region’s workforce with highly trained professionals.”

This year's 252 applicants come from 18 high schools across the region, including:

Angleton High School
Alvin High School
Bay City High School
Brazosport High School (Freeport)
Brazoswood High School (Lake Jackson - Clute)
Columbia High School
Danbury High School
Glenda Dawson High School (Pearland)
Iowa Colony High School
Manvel High School
Palacios High School
Pearland High School
Robert Turner College & Career High School (Pearland)
Rise Academy (Alvin)
Shadow Creek High School (Pearland - Alvin)
Sweeny High School
Tidehaven High School (Palacios)



2024 BCPC Signing Day

“The petrochemical industry offers rewarding careers with competitive wages, strong benefits, and room for advancement,” said Joe Bohon, BCPC Workforce Development Chair. “It’s inspiring to see so many students eager to seize these opportunities, and we’re proud to be part of their journey.”

About Career Signing Day

Students who receive job offers will be honored at the official Career Signing Day event on April 22 at 6:00 PM at the Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College. The event will celebrate their achievements and recognize the companies investing in the future workforce of the petrochemical industry.

Companies Encouraged to Get Involved

With the demand for skilled workers rising and growing interest in the Signing Day Program, BCPC invites more contractor companies to participate in this impactful program. Businesses seeking dedicated, entry-level craft professionals are encouraged to connect with BCPC’s workforce development team at bcpcworkforce@gmail.com.



2024 BCPC Signing Day

About the Brazoria County Petrochemical Council The BCPC consists of more than 25 member companies producing thousands of raw materials and intermediate products used in everyday life, resulting in clean water and energy, safe food packaging, effective hygiene products, lifesaving medicine and medical equipment, advanced electronics, sustainable construction materials, affordable clothing and safe and fuel-efficient automobiles.

The annual economic output for the companies associated with the BCPC is \$12+ billion. The total economic impact of the industry supported \$24 billion in total spending.

Through its member companies, BCPC employs 12,259 full-time direct employees, 75% of them living in Brazoria County. For every job created directly by the industry, another 2.85 jobs are created, resulting in 39,995 indirect and induced jobs. Our employees contribute over 35,000 hours of volunteer service to the community each year.

The Brazoria County Petrochemical Council is committed to workforce development, industry collaboration, and expanding career opportunities in the petrochemical sector. Through initiatives like Career Signing Day, BCPC connects local students with high-demand careers that provide long-term stability and growth.

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