



## MAY 2024 EDITION

### **The Voice of Business**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce hosted a Meet and Greet for the those elected in May for Pearland City Council and Pearland ISD. We want to thank all of those who attended. It is our vision to continue to connect business with elected officials in our community.

### **Employment Situation**

The April 2024 Houston Area Employment Situation that was released by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast shows Pearland has the lowest unemployment percentages in the region (**3.3%, down from** last month's 3.7%). Brazoria County's unemployment is 3.8%. The Houston region's unemployment is currently 4.2%, while the national average is 3.8% (page 16 of the report). The report shows growth in primary areas like Leisure and Hospitality and Professional and Business Services.

[Click Here for full employment report](#)

### **Sales Tax Update**

The City of Pearland receives updates on sales tax collection from the state. Sales Tax collections are a great tool to evaluate the local economy. The report is always from two months prior, so the most recent report reflects March's numbers. The total net collections increased compared to the previous March by \$278,557 or 0.9% and is 3.8% behind the city's adopted annual budget. Overall, the year-to-date collections for Pearland are up .8% compared to last year. Page 2 of the reports compares Pearland to other cities across the state.

[Click here for the report](#)

### **Development in Pearland**

Levy Group had their official groundbreaking on May 16. The 38-acre business park situated at the corner of Beltway 8 and Almeda School Road will offer two class-a tilt wall multi-use warehouse buildings totaling 661,000 square feet.

There have been new permits pulled according to the City of Pearland's Active Commercial Permits website. A Dollar General has pulled a permit for 2730 Manvel Rd, and a Via 313 Pizzeria at 9250 Broadway. These and many more are highlighted on the website.

The Chamber also held multiple Ribbon Cuttings in the month of May including:

- [Intuitions Recovery and Wellness Center](#)
- [Pilates Powerhouse](#)
- [LIT Java Coffee and Books](#)
- [Thrive Rehab Care of Pearland](#)
- [Fresh Look by Eva](#)
- [Click here for the LinkedIn Post on Levy Group](#)

[Click here for Active Permits Map](#)

### **Small Business Development Center**

The San Jacinto College Small Business Development Center has held an office at The Commerce Center since 2009. The SBDC Team provides free qualified and confidential advising, tools, resources and information for small businesses and startups to set them on the path to success.

[Click Here to meet the SBDC Team](#)

### **Chamber Report**

The Chamber celebrated Small Business Week from April 28 to May 3. The Chamber engaged 207 individual businesses throughout the week through 11 events, 3 committee meetings and 1 ribbon cutting.

We also want to congratulate KnP Social for being awarded the Emerging Business Award. The Emerging Business of the Year Award, presented by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, celebrates and recognizes a business or business owner who has made significant contributions to the economic growth of the Pearland Community. This award spotlights those who exemplify outstanding dedication to fostering community development and demonstrate an exceptional entrepreneurial spirit.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Leadership Pearland Class will graduate from the program on June 20 during our monthly luncheon. This luncheon will include a leadership conversation with Houston legends: Rudy Tomjanovich and Calvin Murphy.

[Please click here to RSVP for the June 20 luncheon](#)