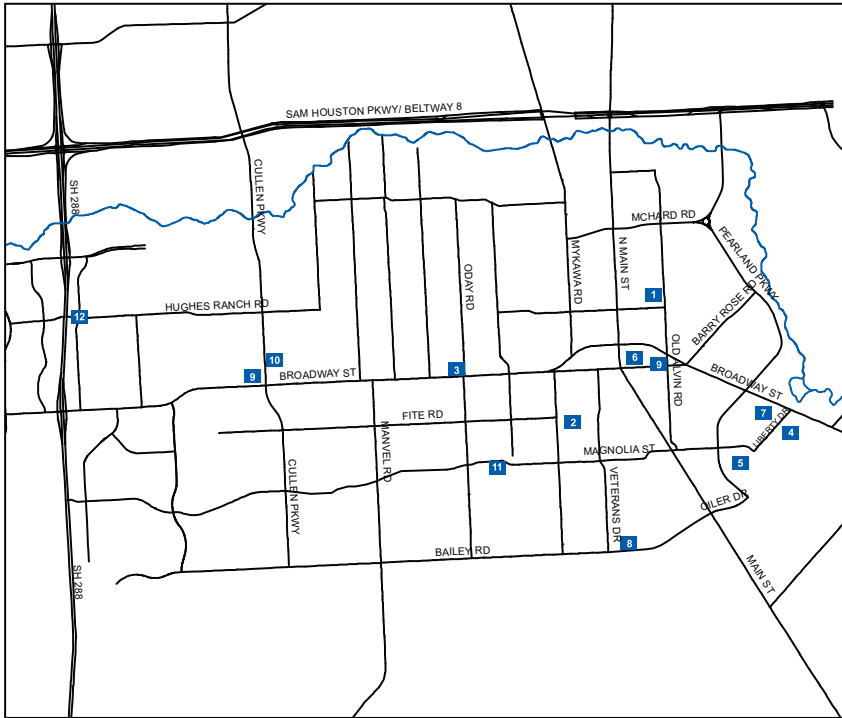


# Pearland, Texas



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# *“Who Can I Call”*

## A Reference Guide for Pearland Residents

# 2011-2013

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The City of Pearland is pleased to offer you this guide to available community services and resources. Inside, you will find brief descriptions of these services, as well as phone numbers to request additional information. We hope you find this easy-to-use reference helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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# Telephone Numbers at Your Fingertips

## Newspapers

Houston Chronicle	713-220-7171
Pearland Journal	281-485-2785

Pearland Reporter News	281-485-7501
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## Parks and Recreation

Pearland Pool (Independence Park)	281-485-6432
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## Public Schools

Alvin ISD	281-388-1130
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Clear Creek ISD	281-284-0000
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Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
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Houston ISD	713-556-6005
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Pasadena ISD	713-740-0000
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Pearland ISD	281-485-3203
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## Police Department

	281-997-4100
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## Post Offices

Pearland	800-275-8777
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## Sanitation Services

	281-652-1603
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## Senior Citizen Services – Knapp Center

	281-485-9875
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## Sheriff's Department – Brazoria County

	281-756-2395
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## Social Security Administration

	800-772-1213
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## Tax Office

	281-997-6948
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## Taxi Services – Liberty Cab

	713-695-6700
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## Television-Cable – Comcast

	713-462-9000
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## Utilities

AT&T Customer Service (telephone)	800-288-2020
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CenterPoint Energy (natural gas)	281-331-4449
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CenterPoint Energy (lighting & power)	713-207-2222
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Comcast (cable)	800-288-2020
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Texas Electric Choice (lighting & power)	866-797-4839
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Water	281-652-1603
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## Voter Registration

City Hall	281-652-1600
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Tax Office	281-997-6948
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## Welfare

Brazoria County General Information	281-756-1427
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Brazoria County Health Department	281-485-5346
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Fort Bend County General Information	281-342-3411
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Harris County General Information	713-946-6861
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Please take a moment to let us know what you think.

Write down your comments and send to us:

Public Affairs  
City of Pearland  
3519 Liberty Drive  
Pearland, Texas 77581  
dschielke@ci.pearland.tx.us

City Manager  
City of Pearland  
3519 Liberty Drive  
Pearland, Texas 77581  
kbittick@ci.pearland.tx.us

## Telephone Numbers at Your Fingertips

<b>Animal Control</b> .....	281-652-1970
<b>Automobile License Registration</b>	
Brazoria County Sub-Tax Office .....	281-997-6948
Randalls Grocery Store (Pearland-Silverlake) .....	281-504-0273
F & F Key & Lock (Pearland) .....	281-997-7700
<b>Better Business Bureau</b> .....	713-868-9500
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b> .....	281-485-3634
<b>Colleges</b>	
Alvin Community College .....	281-756-3500
San Jacinto College South .....	281-484-1900
UH - Clear Lake Pearland .....	281-212-1690
<b>Court Houses</b>	
Brazoria County .....	281-331-6101
Fort Bend County .....	281-342-3411
Harris County .....	713-755-5000
<b>Child Abuse Hot Lines</b> .....	<b>1-800-252-5400</b>
<b>Community/Social Services</b>	
Brazoria County Shot Clinic .....	281-485-5344
Christian Helping Hands .....	281-485-9776
Meals on Wheels .....	281-485-5081
Pearland Neighborhood Center .....	281-485-1987
Women's Center of Brazoria County .....	281-485-0934
Youth and Family Counseling .....	281-485-7447
<b>Constable – Brazoria County, Precinct 3</b> .....	281-997-9777
<b>District Attorney's Office</b>	
Brazoria County .....	281-756-1230
Fort Bend County .....	281-341-4460
Harris County .....	713-755-5800
<b>Driver's Licensing</b>	
Alvin Department of Public Safety .....	281-585-4525
Webster Department of Public Safety .....	281-486-8242
<b>Hospital</b>	
Memorial Hermann Hospital Southeast .....	281-929-6100
<b>Justice of the Peace</b> .....	281-485-1528
<b>Juvenile Services (Child Support)</b>	
Brazoria County .....	281-756-1498
Fort Bend County .....	281-342-6222
Harris County .....	713-755-6077
<b>Library</b> .....	281-652-1677
<b>Municipal Court (Pearland)</b> .....	281-997-5900
<b>Municipal Utility Districts Water &amp; Taxes</b>	
#2, #3, #6 (Silverlake) Southwest Water .....	713-405-1750
Emerald Point/Fieldstone STS .....	281-579-4500
Savanah Aqua Tex .....	888-370-6527

## Message from the Mayor

Dear Pearland Resident:

Please let me take this opportunity to welcome new residents as well as greet current residents of Pearland. Pearland's competitive nature and entrepreneurial spirit are both evidenced by its positive business climate and thriving economy. Newcomers to Pearland will find themselves in an active community comprised of friendly neighbors and great business opportunities. Over 100 years old and still growing, Pearland is the perfect environment for progress; it is a place where teamwork still works.

The mission of Pearland is to provide for our citizens the following:

- A prosperous economy
- An efficient, caring and responsible government
- A world class educational system
- A safe, equitable and social environment...without sacrificing the quality of our natural environment

In support of our mission, I would like to invite you to participate in your City Government by attending the City Council meetings. Council meetings are held every second and fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive. Please feel free to contact me at 281-652-1662, or by e-mail at [council@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:council@ci.pearland.tx.us) with any questions or concerns regarding the government of the City of Pearland.

Sincerely,



Tom Reid, Mayor

# City Government

281-652-1600  
www.cityofpearland.com

## City of Pearland

3519 Liberty Drive

Pearland, Texas 77581

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

The City of Pearland is governed by the Council/Manager form of government in accordance with the Home Rule Charter adopted by the voters in February, 1971.

The City Council is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It consists of 5 council members elected at-large for 3-year, staggered terms, and the Mayor who is also elected at-large, for a 3-year term. The Mayor votes only in the case of a tie. Elections are held annually. The Mayor and Council provide community leadership, develop policies to guide the City in delivering services and achieving community goals, and encourage citizen awareness and involvement.

Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive. Council agendas are posted outside of City Hall and to the city website 72 hours prior to meetings.

Requests for public documents are available through the City Secretary at 281-652-1651. The City Secretary can also answer questions about voter registration, city elections and early voting.

### Elected Officials

[council@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:council@ci.pearland.tx.us)

**Mayor, Tom Reid**  
term expires May 2014  
**Woody Owens**  
term expires May 2013  
**Scott Sherman**  
term expires May 2012

**Susan Sherrouse**  
term expires May 2014  
**Felicia Kyle**  
term expires May 2012  
**Ed Thompson**  
term expires May 2013

City Manager Bill Eisen, appointed by the City Council, is responsible for implementing City Council policies using resources appropriated by the City Council. City services are delivered by several departments including City Manager's Office, City Attorney, City Secretary, Finance, Human Resources, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Engineering, Inspection Services, Planning, Economic Development, Public Affairs, Parks & Recreation, Emergency Management Services, Public Works, Animal Control, Municipal Court, Utility Billing, Project Management and Police.



### City Facts

Incorporated: 1959 • Size: 73 square miles  
Population: Estimated 97,000 within city limits

# Government Offices

## NATIONAL

President . . . . .202-456-1414  
Senator (Cornyn) . . . . .713-572-3337  
Senator (Hutchison) . . . . .Houston 713-653-3456  
or 202-224-5922  
Representative, District 22 . . . . .Sugar Land 281-494-2690  
Clear Lake 281-489-1095  
or 202-225-5951

## STATE

Governor . . . . .800-843-5789  
Lt. Governor . . . . .512-463-0001  
Attorney General . . . . .800-621-0508  
Secretary of State . . . . .512-463-5770  
Comptroller of Public Accounts . . . . .800-531-5441  
Texas Workforce Commissioner . . . . .888-469-5627  
Agriculture Commissioner . . . . .Austin 512-463-7476 or 800-835-5832  
Senator, District 13 . . . . .Houston 713-236-0306 or 512-463-0113  
Senator, District 11 . . . . .Pearland 281-485-3117  
Representative, District 29 . . . . .512-463-0707  
Representative, District 131 . . . . .Houston 713-776-0505 or 512-463-0744  
Representative, District 129 . . . . .512-463-0734  
Representative, District 27 . . . . .512-463-0494

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

Court House . . . . .281-331-6101  
County Judge . . . . .281-756-1200  
Commissioner, Precinct 3 (West Pearland) . . . . .281-331-3197  
Commissioner, Precinct 2 (East Pearland) . . . . .281-756-1548  
Commissioner, Precinct 4 (West of 288) . . . . .281-756-1529  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1 (Alvin) . . . . .281-331-3524  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2 (East Pearland) . . . . .281-485-1528  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1 (Manvel) . . . . .281-756-2410  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 2 (West of 288) . . . . .979-345-2671  
Constable, Precinct 2 (West Pearland) . . . . .281-756-2491  
Constable, Precinct 3 (Pearland-Alvin-Brookside) . . . . .281-997-9777  
Constable, Precinct 4 (West of 288) . . . . .979-345-2115  
Drainage District #4 . . . . .281-485-1434  
Tax Assessor/Collector . . . . .281-997-6948  
Sheriff . . . . .281-331-9000  
District Attorney . . . . .281-756-1230

## Pearland Independent School District\*

**281-485-3203**

www.pearlandisd.org

1928 N. Main  
Pearland, Texas 77581

All P.I.S.D. mail should be addressed to:  
P.O. Box 7  
Pearland, Texas 77588-0007

(\*Please see Clear Creek ISD,  
Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD  
and Pasadena ISD telephone  
numbers listed on Page 23.)

### Board of Trustees

**Adele Brennan**

term expires – May 2014

**Rusty DeBorde**

term expires – May 2014

**Sam Gray**

term expires – May 2013

**Virgil Gant**

term expires – May 2012

**Pam Boegler**

term expires – May 2013

**Andrew Solomon**

term expires – May 2012

**Rebecca Decker**

term expires – May 2013

## Alvin Independent School District\*

**281-388-1130**

www.alvinisd.net

301 E. House St.  
Alvin, Texas 77511

### Board of Trustees

**Pete Vincent**

term expires – May 2012

**Sue Stringer**

term expires – May 2014

**Earl Humbird**

term expires – May 2012

**Mark Patterson**

term expires – May 2012

**Eddie Martinez**

term expires – May 2013

**Tiffany Wennerstrom**

term expires – May 2013

**Charles McCauley**

term expires – May 2014

## City Contact Information

**Animal Control**

281-652-1970

**City Attorney**

281-652-1664

**City Manager's Office**

281-652-1662

**City Secretary**

281-652-1653

**Community Development/  
Building Permits & Inspections**

281-652-1638

**Crime Victim Assistance**

281-997-4304

**Economic Development**

281-997-3000

**Emergency Medical Services**

281-652-1956

**Engineering**

281-652-1637

**Finance**

281-652-1755

**Fire (Non-emergency)**

281-997-5851

**Fire Marshal**

**Office of Emergency Management**

281-652-1954

**Public Affairs**

281-652-1626

**Human Resources**

281-652-1618

**Job Line**

281-652-1621

**Municipal Courts**

281-997-5900

**Parks & Recreation**

281-412-8900

**Planning and Zoning**

281-652-1768

**Police (non-emergency)**

281-997-4100

**Projects**

281-652-1732

**Public Works**

281-652-1900

**Recycle Center**

281-489-2795

**Utility Billing**

281-652-1603

## Texas Trivia

From where does the State name "Texas" come? The name Texas comes from Tejas, an Indian word meaning friendly.



## Boards and Commissions

281-652-1651

The Mayor and City Council are assisted by many advisory boards and commissions. Members are volunteers who devote numerous hours to community activities in their areas of expertise.

Residents interested in serving on a board or commission should contact the City Secretary's Office at 281-652-1651 or stop by City Hall at 3519 Liberty Drive for additional information.

### Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Contact: Animal Control  
281-652-1973

### Charter Review Commission

Contact: City Attorney  
281-652-1678

### Electrical Control Board

Contact: Building Official  
281-652-1633

### Building/Fire Code Board of Adjustments & Appeals

Contact: Building Official  
281-652-1633

### Gas and Plumbing Code Board

Contact: Building Official  
281-652-1633

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Contact: City Planner  
281-652-1635

### Zoning Board of Adjustments

Contact: City Planner  
281-652-1635

### TIRZ Board No. 2

Contact: City Manager  
281-652-1662

### Economic Development Corporation

Contact: PEDC  
281-997-3000

### Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board

Contact: Parks & Recreation Director  
281-412-8900

### Library Board

Contact: Pearland Library  
281-652-1677

### Civil Service Commission

Contact: Human Resources  
281-652-1656

### TV Channel Review Board

Contact: Public Affairs  
281-652-1626

### Health Facilities Development Corporation

Contact: City Attorney  
281-652-1678

Every effort is made to keep citizens well-informed and involved. In addition to the information provided in this guide, all residents receive Pearland's Annual Report & Calendar and a community newsletter, Pearland in Motion. Public access channel 16 airs 24 hours a day with information about city and community activities. The City is also on-line at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com).

## City Ordinances

Following is a summary of city ordinances that affect residences and businesses. A complete list of ordinances is available at the City Secretary's office located at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, or the Pearland Public Library located at 3522 Liberty Drive. Or, visit the City website at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com) under "City Ordinances".

- 1. Fireworks** – Not allowed in the city limits and for a distance extending 5,000 feet outside the city limits, but in the city's extra-territorial jurisdiction. For more information call the Fire Marshal at 281-652-1950.
- 2. Curfew** – Minors under the age of seventeen (17) have a curfew, as follows:
  - Sunday through Thursday – 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
  - Friday and Saturday – 12 a.m. to 6 a.m.
  - During school hoursFor more information call the Police Department at 281-997-4100.
- 3. Animal Control** – Dogs and cats must be licensed. Licenses are available at the Animal Control office at 2002 Old Alvin Road. Pearland has a leash law for dogs and cats. 281-652-1970
- 4. Trash Burning** – Not allowed in the city limits or outside of limits in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).
- 5. Firearms** – Subject to certain exceptions, discharging firearms is not allowed in the city limits.
- 6. Peddlers** – Subject to having the proper city permit, it is unlawful for any peddler ("door-to-door" salesperson) to enter your property. In addition, it is illegal for a peddler to walk on your property if you have a sign clearly posted that says "No Solicitation Allowed" or "No Peddlers Allowed" or to solicit on a Sunday.
- 7. Sexually Oriented Business** – Places location restrictions on Sexually Oriented Businesses in Pearland.
- 8. Tree Preservation** – To protect trees from new development and preserve the greenery in Pearland.
- 9. Noise** – Loud disturbing noises, such as motorized equipment, vehicle horns, and stereos are subject to time and volume restrictions.
- 10. Garage Sale** – To regulate illegal signs, and home businesses acting as garage sales in residential areas. A \$15 permit fee is required for all garage sales. Fee includes three garage sale signs, permit, and, if purchased 3 days in advance of sale, advertisement on cable TV channel 16 and the City website.
- 11. Graffiti** – Requires a property owner to remove graffiti from their property within 10 days after being notified by the City of the presence of graffiti on their property.
- 12. Sex Offenders** – Makes it unlawful for registered sex offenders, involving a victim less than 16 years old, to establish a permanent or temporary residence within 1,000 feet of certain places where children commonly gather.

Please call City Hall at 281-652-1651 for other questions and information, or visit the City's website at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com).

# Transportation

## Bus Service

Greyhound Lines 713-759-6565  
www.greyhound.com  
Gulf Coast Center "Connect" 800-266-2320  
www.gcmhmr.com

"Connect" is a van-on-demand service for Brazoria County residents. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. \$1.00 each way. Will pick up and deliver to the Medical Center for \$3.50.

## Airline Transportation

www.y2houston.com  
George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)  
281-230-3100  
2800 North Terminal Road  
Houston, Texas 77032

IAH is Houston's largest airport, located 37 miles from Pearland. IAH is readily accessible via IH 45 and the Sam Houston Tollway.

### Fast Facts about IAH Airport

- Service to over 170 domestic and international destinations
- 40 million passengers served in 2010
- 7th busiest airport in the U.S.
- 17 passenger airlines

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)  
713-640-3000  
7800 Airport Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77061

William P. Hobby Airport is Houston's second largest airport. Hobby is located approximately ten miles from Pearland. Hobby is readily accessible via IH45 and SH35.

### Fast Facts about Hobby Airport

- Nonstop or direct service to over 34 destinations in the U.S.
- 9 million passengers served in 2010
- 41st busiest airport in the U.S. for total passengers
- 6 scheduled passenger airlines

## Taxi Service

Liberty Cab 713-695-6700

## Rental Car Agencies

Avis 800-331-1212  
Budget 800-527-0700  
Dollar 800-800-4000  
Enterprise 800-736-8222  
Hertz 800-654-3131  
National 800-227-7368  
Thrifty 800-367-2277

## Traffic Engineering 281-652-1908

Traffic engineers assess and improve the traffic control devices within the City limits. They aim for efficient and safe flow of traffic by designing streets and signage plans which comply with state, county, and city regulations.

## Mobility Plan 281-652-1732

Over the next few years, several major road projects are slated for construction including:

- SH35 (Main St.) - BW8 to Walnut St.
- Dixie Farm Rd. - FM 518 to SH35
- Cullen Parkway - FM 518 to McHard Rd.
- Shadow Creek Parkway - SH288 to FM 521
- Orange St. - SH35 to Hatfield Rd.
- Walnut St. - SH35 to Veterans Dr.
- Magnolia St. - Harkey Rd. to Morgan Rd.

# Chamber of Commerce 281-485-3634 www.PearlandTexasChamber.us

## Pearland Chamber of Commerce

6117 Broadway St.  
Pearland, Texas 77581-7803  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday  
Fax: 281-485-2420  
E-Mail: [CommerceInformation@PearlandTexasChamber.us](mailto:CommerceInformation@PearlandTexasChamber.us)

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce, a private, not for profit corporation with a 501-c-6 IRS designation, is a voluntary business organization with approximately 700 members. The Chamber offers a variety of services with the common goal of promoting a healthy economic atmosphere while preserving the excellent quality of life the area enjoys.

The mission of the Chamber of Commerce is to build business, leadership and community by acting as the voice of business. The Chamber strives to create and promote an environment for trade and commerce through strategic partnerships and advocacy to enhance the economic growth for members and community.

Believing that partnerships work, the Chamber has aligned itself with Pearland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC), the Economic Development Alliance of Brazoria County, Economic Alliance-Houston Port Region, Greater Houston Partnership, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, Small Business Development Center and Senior Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE). The Chamber also maintains a leading role in monitoring legislative and government policies that may have an effect on the Pearland area.

The Chamber also works to support our businesses by offering networking and educational opportunities. Other services include providing relocation and newcomers packets, annual business directories, maps, and other useful information. The Chamber takes Pearland very seriously and works to promote and strengthen business through the following divisions:

### Administrative Division

- Chairman's Club
- Facility Team
- Leadership Council

### Community Development Division

- Chamber and Community Communication

### Commerce Development Division

- Business Retention & Expansion
- Biz Connect
- Industrial Tours
- Pearland Purchase Power
- Strategic Workforce Advocacy Team (SWAT)

### Gov-Link Team

- Elected Official Reception
- Brazoria County Day
- Pearland Day in Austin

- Pearland Votes! Campaign
- Small Business Summit in Washington D.C.

### Transportation & Environmental Team

- Hurricane and Evacuation Planning
- Monitor progress of proposed widening of Highway 35 and elevated highway
- Support mobility plans

### Membership Division

- Ambassador Team
- Business Before Hours Breakfast
- Monthly Membership Luncheon
- Business After Hours
- Speed Networking
- Business Showcase and Taste of the Town
- Salute to Business Golf Classic
- Making Your Membership Work for You
- Party on the Patio
- Christmas Open House

## Visitor Information

281-485-3634  
www.visitpearlandtexas.us

### Pearland Destination Marketing

6117 Broadway

Pearland, Texas 77581

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Fax: 281-485-2420

E-Mail: bryan.roller@pearlandtexaschamber.us

The Pearland Destination Marketing Division (PDM) is a service provided by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce to promote Pearland as a tourist and meetings destination that results in the increased occupancy of guest rooms and bookings for area meeting facilities. In addition, the PDM promotes area events and attractions and our close proximity to many of Houston's top destinations. The PDM is guided by the Chamber of Commerce Destination Marketing Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of area hotels and attractions, and community leaders. The Pearland PDM offers the following brochures and services:

#### Brochures:

- Pearland Restaurant Guide
- Pearland Tourism Guide
- Hotel Maps
- Texas State Travel Information
- Other area attractions and city information

#### Services:

- Event & Meeting Planning Assistance
- 24/7 Information Center (at 6117 Broadway)

## City Utilities

Water and Sewer

281-652-1603

www.cityofpearland.com/utilitybilling

The Utility Billing Department is located on the first floor of City Hall at 3519 Liberty Drive, and open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Accounts can be viewed and paid online at [www.cityofpearland.com/utilitybilling](http://www.cityofpearland.com/utilitybilling) or by bank draft. Payments may be mailed or deposited in the drive through night drop box located at City Hall or at the Westside Event Center, located at 2150 Country Place Pkwy. Payments placed in the night drops are collected M-F at 8 a.m. and posted the same business day. A satellite office is located at the Public Safety Building, 2555 Cullen Parkway.

#### To reconnect or apply for new water service:

Call Utility Billing at 281-652-1603 or go online to the web address listed above or apply in person at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive at the Utility Billing Office or at the Public Safety Building, 2555 Cullen Parkway.

### Public Works Division

281-652-1900

The Public Works Division provides the following services:

#### Water Production

Water is supplied from 11 water wells and two pump stations in the city, as well as contracts with the City of Houston. Water is tested daily throughout the system to ensure a high quality product and compliance with state and federal regulations. Field Service technicians gather consumption information from yard water meters once a month. The City urges all residents to use water wisely to help assure an adequate supply of water for the future.

#### Wastewater Collection and Treatment

Pearland maintains 80 sanitary lift stations and 5 treatment plants for wastewater. The wastewater goes through a rigorous series of tests to assure high quality water is discharged to local streams.

#### Water and Sewer Line Maintenance

Pearland has 463 miles of water mains and 379 miles of sanitary sewer. This department is on call 24 hours per day to ensure the continued safe transport of both drinking water and sanitary waste.

#### Streets & Drainage

The City maintains all public streets in Pearland (almost 800 miles) except those owned by the state (e.g. FM 518 and SH 35). This department repairs potholes, cleans ditches along roadways, rehabilitates asphalt roads, and maintains underground storm sewers.

#### Traffic Operatons

This department is responsible for maintaining traffic signals at approximately 75 intersections, as well as school zones, street signs and street markings.

To report hazards (pot holes, street maintenance, cracked sidewalks, etc.), call 281-652-1900.



## Texas Trivia

What is the State Food Dish?

Chili

## Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Municipal Courts

Several hospitals are utilized for transport of the sick and injured, including:

Memorial Hermann Hospital Southeast	281-929-6100
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center	281-332-2511
Bayshore Medical Center	713-359-2000
St. Joseph's Medical Center	713-757-1000
Texas Medical Center	713-791-6161

**Pearland Municipal Court** **281-997-5900**  
2555 Cullen Parkway E-mail: [priffel@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:priffel@ci.pearland.tx.us)  
Pearland, Texas 77581

The Municipal Court is a criminal court and has exclusive original jurisdiction over Class C misdemeanors and City Code violations that occur within the territorial city limits and are punishable by fine only. Arraignment and trial dockets are scheduled on a weekly basis.

### Court Hours

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

### Adult Arraignment

Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### Juvenile Arraignment

Every Monday at 3:00 p.m.

### Trial

Every Thursday

Court will be held on the above days and times unless the day falls on a holiday.

## Texas Trivia

What is the State Flower?

The Bluebonnet



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. What is the population of Pearland?**

A. The total estimated population of the city and unincorporated areas (Silverlake, Country Place, etc.) is 126,000. Inside the city limits the estimated population is 97,000 (as of 2010 Census).

### **Q. What is the area of the city?**

A. The combined city-limit and unincorporated areas is approximately 73 square miles. Inside the city limits, Pearland is 47 square miles.

### **Q. Does the city have a job hot line?**

A. Yes – call 281-652-1621 for information concerning current job openings with the city. To request an application, call the Human Resources Department at 281-652-1618. Job postings are placed on the bulletin boards at the entry foyer of City Hall, and are available on the city's website at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com) under Job Opportunities.

### **Q. Where is a small claims court for civil suits?**

#### **Brazoria County:**

A. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 – 2 in East Pearland; 3801 E. Pear Street in Pearland; 281-485-1528.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 – 1 in West Pearland; 7313 Corporate Dr. in Manvel; 281-756-2410.

#### **Ft. Bend County:**

A. Call 281-342-3411. Justice of the Peace is determined by the caller's address.

#### **Harris County:**

A. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2-1 in Houston; 10851 Scarsdale, Suite 500 in Houston; 281-481-9630.

### **Q. Where do I pay a city traffic ticket?**

A. At the Municipal Court located at the Public Safety Building at 2555 Cullen Parkway in Pearland; phone 281-997-5900.

### **Q. Where do I vote?**

A. Voting locations are advertised prior to each election. You may also get information online at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com) or call City Hall at 281-652-1600, or your county courthouse: Brazoria County Courthouse 281-331-6101; Harris County Courthouse 713-755-5000; Ft. Bend County Courthouse 281-342-3411 for your precinct number and polling location. Any registered voter who resides within a newly annexed territory may vote immediately in city elections, as soon as the annexation is effective.

### **Q. Who do I contact with questions about trash pick-up?**

A. Utility Billing (Water) Department at 281-652-1603.

# FAQ's

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Q. Who should I call about street and/or sewer drainage problems?***

A. Call the city Service Center at 281-652-1900 and provide a general description of the problem. For Mary's Creek, Cowarts Creek, and Clear Creek call Brazoria Drainage District #4 at 281-485-1434.

### ***Q. Who takes care of detention ponds in subdivisions?***

A. Detention ponds are the responsibility of the homeowners associations or the developer as stated on the recorded plat for that subdivision.

### ***Q. Where do I pay city property taxes?***

A. City taxes are due at the same time you pay other property taxes. Taxes may be mailed to 111 E. Locust, Ste. 100, Angleton, Texas 77515 or be paid in person at the substation tax office located at the Public Safety Building, 2nd Floor, 2555 Cullen Parkway in Pearland. For tax information and locations, call 281-997-6948.

### ***Q. What is the city's property tax rate?***

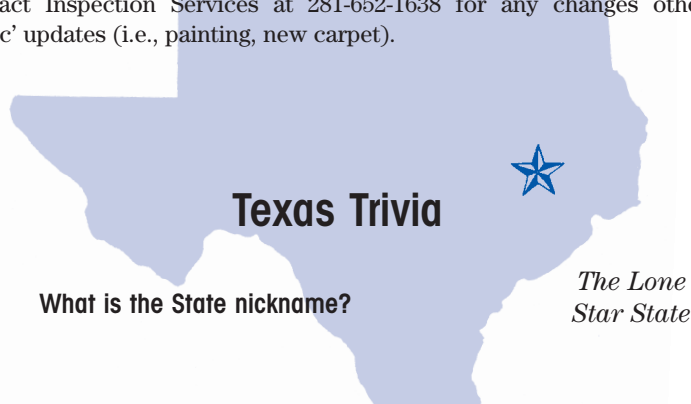
A. Pearland's property tax rate is currently \$0.6651 (per \$100 Valuation). Property tax revenues are used for operating expenses and retiring long-term debt. This property tax rate has declined by 4.4¢ since 2004.

### ***Q. Where do I report service requests, or call with my questions?***

A. For service requests, call 281-652-1900. For questions, call 281-652-1600 or go online to [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com) and select 'Citizen Action Center.' Citizens can also sign up on the website to receive city news emails.

### ***Q. When do I need a residential building permit?***

A. Contact Inspection Services at 281-652-1638 for any changes other than 'cosmetic' updates (i.e., painting, new carpet).



## Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Municipal Courts

**For Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies dial 911**

### **Pearland Police Department**

**281-997-4100  
(Non-Emergency)  
[www.pearlandpd.com](http://www.pearlandpd.com)**

The Police Department provides a full range of professional services, including uniformed patrol, traffic safety, crime prevention, and 911 emergency communication. The Department also participates in community outreach and safety education programs such as the Texas Help End Auto Theft (HEAT) program, the Citizens Police Academy, and Neighborhood Watch. For more information on these programs, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 281-997-4100.

### **Pearland Fire Department**

**281-997-5851  
(Non-Emergency)  
[vriley@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:vriley@ci.pearland.tx.us)**

The Pearland Fire Department (PFD) is a professional fire fighting organization comprised of 50 volunteers and 24 paid personnel. PFD provides quality fire protection and prevention services to the community of Pearland and the surrounding areas. PFD respond to thousands of calls per year including structure, vehicle, grass/brush fires, auto accidents, water rescues, hazardous materials situations and assistance to police and EMS calls. PFD also provide public services such as animal rescue, public fire education and fire prevention programs. If you would like to join the fire fighting team, please call the Fire Chief at the number above or email [info@pearlandvfd.org](mailto:info@pearlandvfd.org).

### **Pearland Fire Marshal/Office of Emergency Management**

**281-652-1954  
[rlgarcia@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:rlgarcia@ci.pearland.tx.us)**

The Pearland Fire Marshal/Office of Emergency Management is responsible for fire prevention, public fire education, investigation of the origin and cause of fires, investigation of environmental crimes, enforcement of applicable fire codes, and the maintenance of an Advanced Level Emergency Management Plan. This is accomplished through fire inspections of new and existing businesses, plan reviews of new construction, acceptance testing of new fire protection systems, the steadfast pursuit of those believed responsible for Arson and Environmental Crimes, and the routine review, updating and exercising of the comprehensive All-Hazards Emergency Management Plan.

### **Emergency Medical Services**

**281-652-1956  
(Non-Emergency)  
[www.pems.us](http://www.pems.us)**

Pearland EMS consists of dedicated health care professionals supported by the City of Pearland. Each day in Pearland there is a minimum of 4 fully staffed MICU-capable ambulances located in four strategically located stations across the City. EMS serves a rapidly growing population that covers an area of approximately 81 square miles. EMS also offers free child safety seat checks.

Pearland EMS provides 911 Emergency and non-emergency services to the community 24 hours 7 days a week. The main office is located at 2010 Old Alvin Road, and business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pearland EMS offers CPR, Baby-sitting, and First Aid classes on a regular basis. Please call for more information or visit us at [www.pems.us](http://www.pems.us).

# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Rental Information

Pearland residents will find the perfect venue for all types of special occasions. From beautifully landscaped parks and pavilions to intimate indoor banquet and meeting rooms, Pearland has the facility to accommodate the event. Whether hosting a baby shower, a wedding reception, family reunion, or anything in between, make sure to contact Pearland's Parks & Recreation to reserve the perfect location for any special event.

Contact the Parks Department at 281-412-8900 for additional information or visit [www.PearlandParks.com](http://www.PearlandParks.com).

## Senior Activities

### Melvin Knapp Senior Center

281-485-9875

The Melvin Knapp Center provides programs and services designed specifically for active senior community members 50 years and older. The Melvin Knapp Center is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a variety of programs such as exercise, crafts, trips, bingo and so much more. Call the Center for a copy of the activity newsletter featuring monthly activities. Hot lunches are served daily through the county. Talk to the county site director – located at the Melvin Knapp Center – to get enrolled today. Please call the Center for more information or visit [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com).

## Texas Trivia

What is the State Tree?

The Pecan Tree



## Library

281-485-4876

281-652-1677

<http://bcls.lib.tx.us>

### Pearland Library

Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

As part of the Brazoria County Library System, the Pearland Library, located at 3522 Liberty Drive, is staffed and managed by the county, while the City owns and maintains the building. The City and the county entered into this partnership almost thirty years ago with the opening of Pearland's first library on November 11, 1970. The City constructed a new 20,000 square-foot facility which opened March of 2000 across from City Hall.

In addition to an extensive collection of materials in print and on videocassette, audio cassette, compact disk, DVD and now internet access, the Library offers many programs for young readers. Pre-school story time for ages 2 1/2 – 6 is offered on Tuesdays and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. During tax season, volunteers from AARP are usually available to offer free tax help – contact the Library for additional information.

### Pearland Westside Library

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday & Sunday Closed

Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

713-436-8600

<http://bcls.lib.tx.us>

A second location, or sub-location, of the Pearland Library is open for limited hours at the City's Westside Event Center, located at 2150 Country Place Parkway in Pearland, 77584.

## Keep Pearland Beautiful

3523 Liberty Dr.  
Pearland, Texas 77581

**Linda Cowles**  
Executive Director

**281-652-1659**  
[www.keeppearlandbeautiful.org](http://www.keeppearlandbeautiful.org)

Keep Pearland Beautiful, is a non-profit environmental organization affiliated with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. The Mission of Keep Pearland Beautiful is to empower Pearland citizens to take responsibility for their environment.

## Stella Roberts Recycling Center **281-489-2795**

Operated by City of Pearland under the Parks & Recreation Dept. • 5800 Magnolia

The Recycling Center is open Monday-Friday noon - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and is closed Sundays and holidays. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items are accepted Wednesday- Friday noon - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Non-residents must pay for HHW disposal. For more information, visit [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com) or call 281-412-8900. Effective October 2011 HHW can be picked up curbside (see below).

## Residential Garbage Service **281-652-1603**

Provided by Waste Management Company

**Residential collection** requires the use of disposable plastic or paper bags, is not to exceed a total weight of 50 lbs., and is picked up twice each week. Waste must be placed curbside by 7 a.m., but no earlier than 6 p.m. on the previous day (Ord. 181-8 Sec. 2).

**Schedule of Pickup Days**

MONDAY & THURSDAY
TUESDAY & FRIDAY
WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

**Recycling Service** - Recycling containers can be obtained at City Hall, Utility Billing Dept., during regular business hours. (An additional bin can be purchased for \$8.) Recyclables are picked up once a week. Acceptable items: Newspapers, flattened cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, all plastics (except #6 styro-foam), magazines, catalogs, telephone books, printer and copier paper, cereal boxes, and mail (i.e. junk mail).

**Bulk Trash and Brush Pickup** - Bulk trash and brush will be picked up at "curbside" on your second scheduled pickup day. Brush or tree limbs must be cut to a length not to exceed 4 feet, tied in bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter and no more than 50 lbs. in weight. Landscape waste and lawn clippings may be accumulated and placed in clear plastic bags for collection and recycling (Ord. 181-8 Sec. 12-6). Bulk trash consists of appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet (cut in 4-foot length), lawn mowers, etc. Appliances that contain refrigerant must be drained and tagged by a certified refrigerant recycler prior to disposal.

**Unacceptable items** include automobiles, scrap iron, heavy metal, vehicle tires, boats, car or boat motors, large tree trunks, bricks, debris from construction or renovation projects and items too heavy or bulky to be handled without specific equipment. Effective October 2011 Waste Management will pick up oil, paint, pesticides, batteries, or any material designated "HAZARDOUS" by federal, state, or local authorities by appointment. Please call 281-652-1603 for more information.

**Garbage Pickup Holiday Schedule** - Waste Management observes six holidays a year: New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Days. If garbage collection falls on one of these days, service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day. If recycling or yard trimming pickup falls on one of these days, these services will skip that week and resume the following week.

# PARKS

## Department of Parks and Recreation

**281-412-8900**  
[www.PearlandParks.com](http://www.PearlandParks.com)

Pearland's Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of activities for people of all ages. From self-improvement classes offered to everyone -- toddlers through seniors-- to sports and swimming, Pearland's Parks & Recreation Department is sure to offer an activity that fits any interest.

### Special Events

- Kid Fish Fest
- Tree Lighting Ceremony
- July 4th Celebration
- Paws in the Park
- Winterfest
- Summer Outdoor Concerts
- Christmas Parade
- Trick or Treat Trail

### Special Programs

- Youth Leagues
- Adult Leagues
- Swim Lessons
- Recreation Classes
- Youth/Adult Tennis
- Senior 50 and up Programs

### Pearland Parks & Recreation Facilities Information

The Pearland Parks & Recreation vision is to be the leader in providing quality services that connect the community through people, parks and programs. Pearland boasts a number of quality ball fields, beautiful parks, and outstanding facilities that are safe and accessible to all.

**Community Center**  
3523 Liberty Drive  
Phone: 281-412-8900

**Westside Event Center (WEC)**  
2150 Countryplace Parkway  
Phone: 713-436-8600

**Independence Park Pool**  
3919 Liberty Drive  
Phone: 281-485-6432

**Stella Roberts Recycling Center**  
5800 Magnolia  
Phone: 281-489-2795

**Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium**  
4141 Bailey Road  
Phone 281-412-8999

**Centennial Park**  
3219 McLean Road

**Melvin Knapp Senior Center (KC)**  
2424 South Park Avenue  
Phone: 281-485-9875

**Independence Park**  
3919 Liberty Drive

**Southdown Park**  
2150 Countryplace Parkway

For a complete listing of neighborhood and community parks, please visit [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com)