

# The Insider



Splash Pad at Heritage Park, Splendora

Photo submitted by Jeanne Attales





## A Message from Our President & CEO

### Washington, D.C. Affecting Us?

Sometimes we seem so far removed from the political and legislative maneuvers 1,400 miles away in Washington. You may ask yourself how does Washington, D.C. affect New Caney, Porter or Splendora, Texas? The answer: the national strategy currently being posed by the Trump administration directly has an impact on how our area develops. Believe it or not, creating deliberate uncertainty among foreign companies is a strategy, and it leaves those companies unsure about how to proceed with expansion.

Some background: The White House is considering imposing more tariffs, trade restrictions and trade imbalance remedies, which would mean a company's cost to do business with the U.S. becomes more expensive for them. So international companies have a choice to make: stay put and expand their facilities in their own country, risking possible tariffs, or expand into the U.S. and avoid those things? In an effort to alleviate risk, manufacturing companies have greatly increased their interest in constructing production, assembly and warehousing facilities in the U.S., and yes, in East Montgomery County, too.

In the past month we have actively engaged with companies from Sweden, Poland, India, Malaysia, Germany, Italy, and Mexico about expansion opportunities in East Montgomery County.

One such recent success story is YMER Technology, a company from Sweden, which is leasing a 10,000-square-foot building at our industrial park and now needs to expand with an additional 55,000-square-foot facility to produce and assemble cooling systems for the large turbine windmills you see across the wind-rich areas of Texas. When YMER moves into its new facility it will have the third largest footprint of any business at the industrial park, behind the Walmart Distribution Center and Keysteel.

Companies like YMER will continue to knock on our door to alleviate unknown risks associated with importing their products that are manufactured abroad. Prepare for more business news in the coming months concerning more international projects in East Montgomery County.



*Frank McCrady  
President & CEO*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank McCrady". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "F" and "M".



## Business

### New Businesses Joining East Montgomery County



Ross Dress for Less, March 10  
Back Pew Brewing's The Sanctuary, April 6  
Schlotzsky's Austin Eatery, May 3  
Bank of America, May 7  
The Toasted Yolk Cafe, May 16  
Pizza Cucinova, May  
Ulta Beauty, June 1 (Grand Opening June 8)  
Big Rivers Waterpark/Gator Bayou, June 29  
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, June  
Sub Zero Ice Cream, June  
RC's NYC Pizza & Pasta, July  
Airi Poke & Ramen, Summer  
Buffalo Wild Wings, Summer  
Yummy Tummy Pastries, Summer  
Gringo's Mexican Kitchen, Fall  
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, Late Fall  
Olive Garden, TBD

*\*Dates are accurate prior to printing of publication. Dates may change.*

## Community

### Insider Challenge: Cool Summer

We know there will be some hot temperatures this summer, so we asked you on our Facebook page to send in your coolest pictures at the two EMCID Splash Pad Parks in Roman Forest and Splendora. We received some really great ones!



Photo submitted by Kimberly Ritch

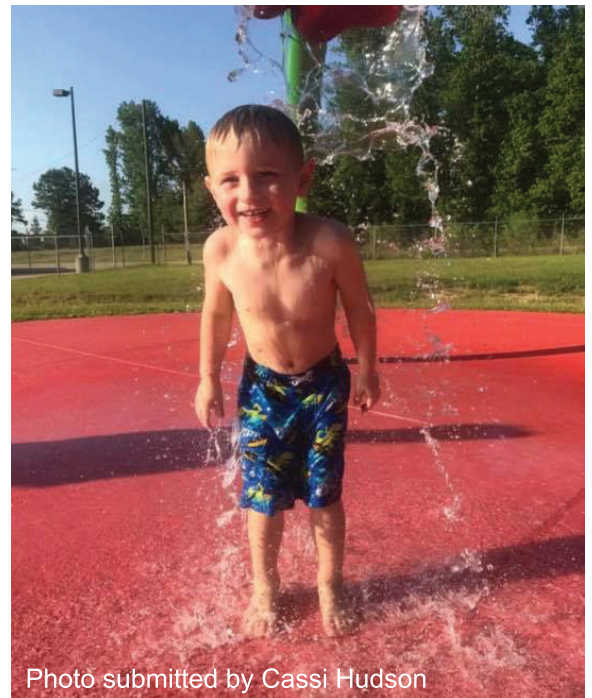


Photo submitted by Cassi Hudson

Additional pictures and September's challenge on page 5!



# Community

## Eleven Honored as Officers of the Year for East Montgomery County; DA's Office Presents DWI Public Service Award

Officer of the Year



Ofc. Carolyn Prickett  
Splendora ISD  
Police Dept.

Officer of the Year



Ofc. Sharlene Hackett  
LSC System  
Police Dept.

Officer of the Year



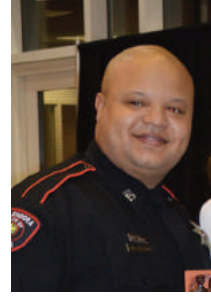
Lt. Chris Hernandez  
Patton Village  
Police Dept.

Officer of the Year



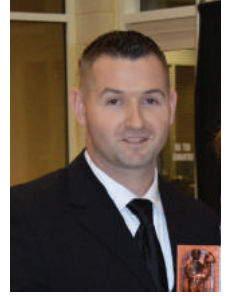
Ofc. Carlos Herrera  
Roman Forest  
Police Dept.

Officer of the Year



Dep. Michael-Ryan St. Romain  
Splendora Police  
Dept.

Officer of the Year



Ofc. Fred Young  
Woodbranch  
Police Dept.

Officer of the Year



Cpl. Gene Barnett  
Montgomery  
Co. Constable's  
Office, Pct. 4

Officer of the Year



Det. Stacey Sherlock  
Montgomery Co.  
Sheriff's Office

Officer of the Year



Dep. Karen Martinez  
Montgomery Co.  
Sheriff's Office

Officer of the Year



Trooper Bruno Miauro  
Texas Dept. of  
Public Safety

Officer of the Year



Trooper Benjamin Polansky  
Texas Dept. of  
Public Safety

Public Service Award



Dep. Jose Amstutz  
Montgomery  
Co. Constable's  
Office, Pct. 4



EMCID recognized 11 local Officers of the Year at its annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner held February 26 at the EMCID Complex in New Caney. The 14th annual event honored officers who were selected by their superiors from the local school districts and college, city police departments, the Constable's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. EMCID President and CEO Frank McCrady and Brenda Webb, Chairman of the Board, presented the officers with trophies and gift bags with items donated from local businesses. State Senator Brandon Creighton provided each officer with a certificate of appreciation, a Texas flag that was flown over the State Capitol, and a leather key chain with the State Seal of Texas on it.

Tyler Dunman, Assistant DA, presented Deputy Jose Amstutz with the Constable's Office the DWI Public Service Award for his handling of the fatal crash in 2016 that killed Patton Village Sergeant Stacey Baumgartner.

Dwayne Gill (left), who is a Michigan State police recruitment coordinator and was voted in 2005 as World's Funniest Cop, entertained the crowd with his experiences in law enforcement and encouraged the officers present and the community to stay strong together.

# Community

## First Responders Presented With \$100,362 in Hurricane Preparedness Grants



June 1 is the first official day of the 2018 hurricane season. It's almost guaranteed that no one is looking forward to it after the devastation Harvey caused last year. However, our first responders in East Montgomery County now have some additional tools to help with rescue missions should Mother Nature direct her wrath on the Houston area once again.

In an emergency meeting, the Board of Directors voted on September 4, 2017 to authorize \$200,000 for special grants available to first responders for hurricane preparedness efforts.

In January the Board presented checks to the Porter Fire Department and Precinct 4 Constable's Office to purchase an 18' air boat with V8 engine for swift water rescue, flood evacuation, and evidence recovery, a 30 hp outboard motor for the fire department's boat, 10 dry suits, training at a river rescue school, and boat wheels, which allow the boats to roll from dry land to water and back again.

The Board is expected to present additional checks for other emergency grant requests this month.



Top: Chief Deputy Barry Welch accepts a check for \$77,749 on behalf of the Constable's Office. Bottom: Assistant Fire Chief Cleave Pamphile accepts a check for \$22,613 on behalf of the Porter Fire Department.

## Insider Challenge: Cool Summer



Photo submitted by Robin Patterson

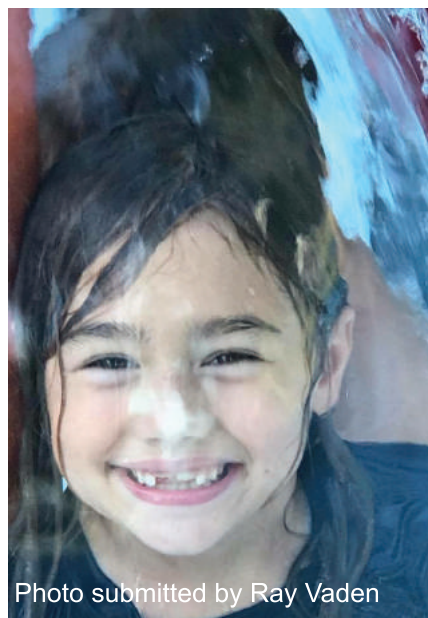


Photo submitted by Ray Vaden

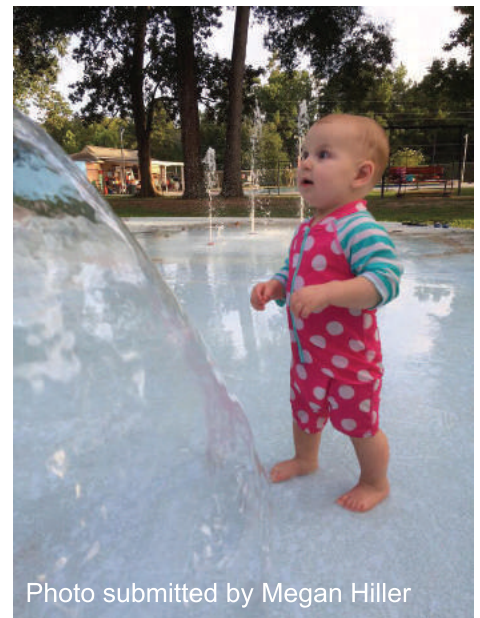


Photo submitted by Megan Hiller

## September Insider Challenge: Big Fun at Big Rivers

We want to see you enjoying your summer at Big Rivers Waterpark and Gator Bayou Adventure Park, opening June 29! You can email (preferable) your selfies and pictures to [kmattlage@emctx.com](mailto:kmattlage@emctx.com) or attach pictures in the comments section of a Facebook.com/EMCID post, to be posted to the page sometime in July. Your picture may be featured in the September edition of *The Insider*! Have a fun and safe summer.



# Community

## Annual Spring Extravaganza Boasts Egg-cellent Community Turn Out





# Attention Class of 2019:

## Intern for EMCID & Earn Money for College!

Apply by August 1!



### \$750 Paid Internship

The East Montgomery County Scholarship Foundation will pay three high school seniors - one each from New Caney, Porter and Splendora high schools - to work for the East Montgomery County Improvement District this coming fall.

*(Those attending early college high school are eligible. On the application, please select the school in which you are zoned to attend.)*

Learn about what EMCID does for economic, community and educational development, and our industry professionals will help you advance your work skills in accounting, business, communications, event planning and festivals.

Apply at [www.emctx.com/scholarships/work-study-program](http://www.emctx.com/scholarships/work-study-program)

# GET A FREE \*YEAR OF TUITION!

Receive a credit or tuition reimbursement of  
up to **\$1,600!**

\*Based on the 2017-2018 Tuition & Fees Schedule for Lone Star College System





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# Back to School Bash

Tuesday, September 11, 5 - 8 p.m.

## Important Dates

### June 2018 - August 2018

Greater EMC Chamber Luncheon	June 6	11:30 a.m.	EMCID Complex Atrium
EMC Scholarship Foundation Meeting	*June 14	12 p.m.	EMCID Complex Conference Rm.
EMC Economic Development Corporation Meeting	*June 14	1:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex Conference Rm.
EMCID Regular Meeting	*June 14	5:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex Board Rm.
Free Children's Immunizations	June 26	9:30 - 1:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex
Independence Day Holiday (EMCID Complex Closed)	July 4	All Day	
Greater EMC Chamber Luncheon	July 11	11:30 a.m.	EMCID Complex Atrium
EMCID Regular Meeting	*July 12	5:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex Board Rm.
Greater EMC Chamber Luncheon	August 1	11:30 a.m.	EMCID Complex Atrium
EMCID Regular Meeting	*August 9	5:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex Board Rm.
Classes Begin for Splendora ISD	August 15		
Classes Begin for New Caney ISD	August 20		
Free Children's Immunizations	August 21	9:30 - 1:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex
Classes Begin for Lone Star College - Kingwood	August 27		
Free Children's Immunizations	August 28	9:30 - 1:30 p.m.	EMCID Complex

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Please visit [www.emctx.com/calendar](http://www.emctx.com/calendar) for an up-to-date listing of events.

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