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OFFICERS OF THE YEAR 2025 CEREMONY

Will Chesney
Retired U.S. Navy SEAL

**CONVENTION CENTER TOUR TIME,
EMC BUSINESS HAPPENINGS, & SHRED IT EMC RETURNS!**

CONVENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION

with Kelley



Chief Operating Officer

PROGRESS

Tour time! Much has happened since the Topping Out ceremony in mid-November. Architect Mike Chatham, Grace Design, formerly HHCP, interior designer Jennifer Kennedy, TJNG Partners, and Oak View Group, interim management/operations company, joined us for a walk-through.



All architectural precast is fully installed. Special structural steel topping on the roof of the signature meeting room was put up. The metal decking and exposed columns at the front of the building are now completed.



Inside, wall framing, drywall and insulation work continues. Ductwork is being installed and pressure tested, and coordination with Entergy is ongoing to set the transformers.



The slab-on-grade and storm tie-ins are completed in the parking garage. Overhead electrical and fire protection has started.



Read more about the convention center:



New looks in East Montgomery County **BUSINESS**Happenings



FOOD & DRINK

Jump Start Your Morning

From a dinosaur figurine to chasing her dream, Cal Schouten and her husband are serving up dino-themed drinks at Dino Coffee Company. She credits her friends and family for helping everything come together. Welcome to EMC!

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DINING

Home-cooking in Splendora

America's Blue Collar Diner opened in Splendora. Stop in to visit the new business, enjoy mile-high meatloaf, chicken fried steak, burgers and more.

26601 East River Dr. | Sun-Thur. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Fri-Sat 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.



RECREATION

Practice Your Swing

Work on your golf game indoors at The Practice Lab. The Practice Lab is a NEW indoor golf practice facility featuring four hitting bays, a putting green and chipping area, plus two retail spaces — The Pro Shop for men's and women's golf accessories and The Cata Corner, dedicated to girls' golf accessories.

1419 Northpark Drive | No dress code | No pressure | Just golf

EMCID'S OFFICERS OF THE YEAR Ceremony

Each year, the East Montgomery County Improvement District has the distinct honor of recognizing the hardworking and dedicated law enforcement officers who serve and protect our communities at the annual Officers of the Year Dinner.

In keeping with this year's service-focused theme, attendees heard from retired Navy SEAL and Texas native Will Chesney, whose message reflected the commitment, courage and sacrifice shared by those in uniform.

EMCID extends its sincere gratitude to these officers and to all members of law enforcement who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting our community.

Thank you for your service.

Nominated by their respective departments, the following officers were recognized for their outstanding service:



Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Lizbeth Lewis & Deputy Anthony Ashley



Lone Star College Police Department

Officer Noe Torres



Montgomery County Pct. 4 Constable's Office

Deputy Jose Esteves



New Caney ISD Police Department

Officer Eddie Emanuel



Patton Village Police Department

Officer Joseph Shriver



Roman Forest Police Department

Corporal Carolyn Nguyen



Splendora Police Department

Officer Royce Gest



Texas Department of Public Safety

Trooper Edgar Miranda & Trooper Bradley Hamilton



Woodbranch Police Department

Patrol Officer Brad Crandell

EMCID would like to thank all event sponsors, The Nathaniel Center, and all the brave men and women who serve the community every day.



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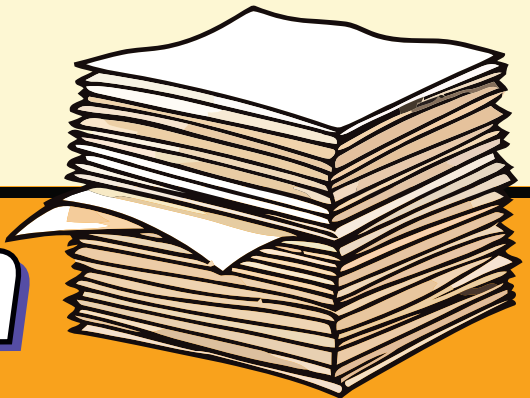
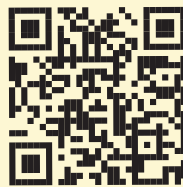
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Saturday, May 9th



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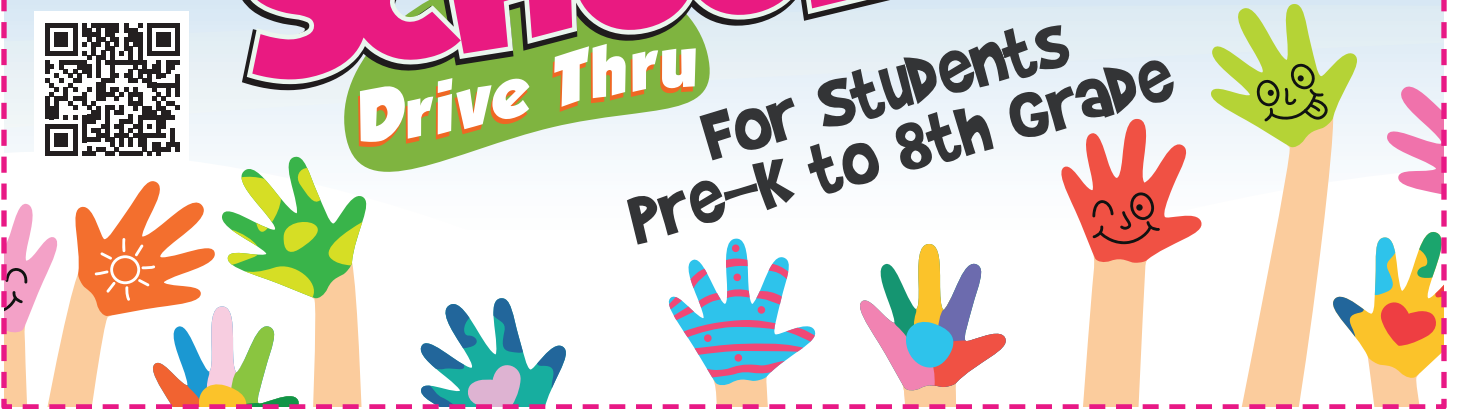
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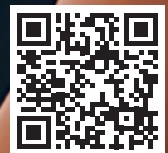
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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Dear Neighbor,

As a lifelong resident of East Montgomery County and as a taxpayer, I notice issues just like you. I hate sitting in traffic, just like you. With the rapid growth we are experiencing, our community, county, and state is facing a mobility crisis. In Precinct 4, active construction of several road bond projects continues with the addition of 3 more that kick off this year.

Just in time for hurricane season, Precinct 4's Disaster Supply Warehouse is almost complete on Gene Campbell Road, which will house emergency supplies that will be quickly accessible to East Montgomery County in the event of a natural disaster.

My mission continues to be improving the mobility, drainage, and public safety in East Montgomery County while using our tax dollars responsibly. While 2026 has been off to a running start, we still have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this year.

Always working to serve you,

Commissioner Matt Gray

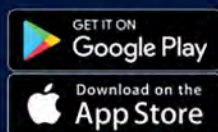


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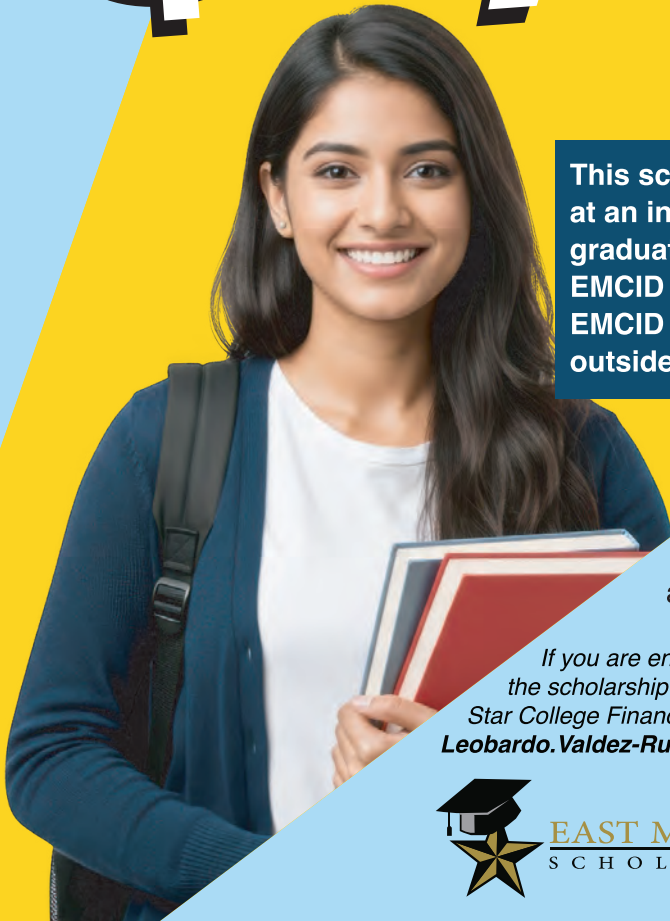
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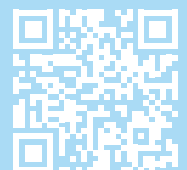
This scholarship provides tuition and fee reimbursements at an institution of higher learning for students who graduated from high school or obtained a GED within EMCID boundaries, or for students who lived inside the EMCID boundaries but graduated from a high school outside the boundaries.

Students attending colleges or universities outside the Lone Star College System (such as University of Houston, SHSU, UT, etc.) may apply for \$1,600 in tuition and fee reimbursement. Receipts will be required.

If you are enrolled within the Lone Star College System, you may receive the scholarship as a credit toward tuition and fees owed by contacting the Lone Star College Financial Aid Office or Leobardo Valdez-Ruvalcaba at Leobardo.Valdez-Ruvalcaba@lonestar.edu.



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