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label tissue paper brands



CONVENTION CENTER Update

We've gone vertical!

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CONVENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION

with Kelley



VP/Chief Communications Officer

Progress

We have lift off! The first tilt wall of our 210,070-square-foot convention center went up Monday, August 11 at 7:50 am. It was a glorious day and an impressive week.

The north walls of the administrative offices, kitchen, and maintenance/storage went up quickly, followed by the 60-foot 5-inch tall walls of the exhibit hall/ballroom. These walls are 11 ¼ inches thick! Noticeable gaps in the concrete and structure are left so that cranes can move easily for now.

The following week, structural steel in the offices and kitchen began and excavation started for the parking garage foundation.

On Tuesday, August 26, crews began installing 192-foot long span joists in the exhibit hall.

Head to our website and social media sites for more frequent updates!



A wide look at the soon-to-be Exhibition Hall.



The first wall going up.

See the first week of wall erection time-lapse video:



Read more about the convention center:



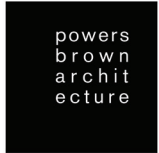
POSTEL crane raising one of the wall panels.



Inside the Admin/Kitchen showcasing the structural beams.



**FUTURE HOME OF
GCP NEW CANEY**



SPRING 2026

GCP Groundbreaking



EMCID's Board of Directors at the GCP groundbreaking.

EMCID's Board of Directors and representatives from GCP Paper, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction Company, and Powers Brown Architecture celebrated on June 27 the official groundbreaking of GCP Paper USA's \$400 million, 565,765-square-foot manufacturing facility in the East Montgomery County Industrial Park in New Caney.

This facility will be the flagship location in the United States and provide approximately 250 jobs when completed in 2026.



Additionally, GCP purchased 35.73 acres from EMCID to build a 450,000-square-foot warehouse. Construction will begin on this project within five years. GCP Paper produces a wide range of paper products, including toilet paper, napkins, kitchen towels, facial tissues, and specialty papers for major retailers.

Welcome to EMCID, Miriam Aurioles!



Administrative Assistant, EMCID

A New Caney High School graduate and longtime Montgomery County resident, Miriam Aurioles brings a passion for community and strong administrative experience to her role at EMCID.

With a background in public service, immigration, and nonprofit work, she's committed to helping operations run smoothly and making every visitor feel welcome. Outside the office, Miriam enjoys coloring, beach trips, and time with her close-knit family.



EXCUSE THE INTER-*RUFF*-TION D O G P A R K S T A T U S



We want to apologize for not having the dog park open yet. We appreciate the calls and grace you've given. The park

has taken longer than we anticipated, and frankly, it should. The project does have several items that have resulted in several changes to the layouts, including finding the ideal park plan, balancing park expectations and needs while developing in a naturally wooded environment, and securing public water and sewer (in lieu of using an on-site well and septic system.) Believe us, these changes, although delaying the project, will be well worth it.

What are we changing? Turf, cooling ponds, dog wash area, water fountains, restrooms, and parking.

We were trying to utilize some things already on the property to save money, but we have decided a park should be as natural as possible. So we're demolishing all existing concrete structures, abandoned electric facilities and crushed concrete parking so that we can restore natural grass turf for dog enclosure areas. The demo bid was awarded in August, and as of print time, crews were scheduled to have begun demolition in early September.

We secured water and sewer commitment from New Caney MUD in July. This secures greatly improved restrooms! This also permits us to upgrade the dog ponds with sensors that automatically fill the ponds when evaporation or splashing occurs.

In accordance with new Montgomery County Engineering criteria that now requires a meeting with Montgomery County Precinct 4 personnel and their approval before handing it off to Montgomery County Engineering, our landscape architects met with Precinct 4 and received the go-ahead letter. At print time, the civil drainage and site plans were with Engineering for review. Once approved, the project will go to the county permitting office and then out for bids.

The initial demolition phase will allow for immediate installation of the previously mentioned improvements.

Please don't put us in the doghouse! We're looking forward to this first phase of our 200-acre park as much as you are. We want to exceed your expectations, not just meet them! We'll have more updates in our January Insider.

New looks in East Montgomery County Business Happenings



Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux Opening 2026

Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux will open its newest location in Valley Ranch Town Center at 22276

Market Place Dr.! The Signorelli Company announced the 7,879-square-foot location will feature 90 big-screen TVs, and feature made-from-scratch Cajun and Creole dishes such as gumbo, fried alligator, voodoo shrimp and grits, and pepper jack boudin, along with classics like hand-pressed burgers, waffle fries, and wings. The full-service bar offers a selection of over 24 beers on tap and a lineup of refreshing signature cocktails. They are expected to open in late Spring 2026.



Hope Media Group, Ready to Engage

Hope Media Group now calls Valley Ranch in New Caney its new global headquarters! The beautiful, new building opened its doors this past June. It touts 50,000 square feet while housing roughly half of Hope Media Group's close to 200 employees,



boasting ample space for the organization's broadcast, podcast and video production studios.

Splendora Welcomes Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply opened its second location in EMC at 25165 FM 2090 in Splendora – next to Puebloritaville. Tractor Supply focuses on a wide range of products for farming, land maintenance, pets, and animal care, including feed, tools, equipment, home decor, and workwear.



The Insider InSights

Due to some updated route information with the Postal Service and how EMCID gets the *Insider* to you, you may be receiving this issue for the first time, while others who had received it now don't. We like to keep the issue within our geographical boundaries as much as possible. If you're new, welcome! If your friend is bummed missing their *Insider*, sign up for Insights.

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2,500 supply kits given to students!

Summer break never seems long enough and although many kids are sad to see their two-month break from school days end; we are always excited to begin the new school year with our annual Back-2-School Drive Thru!

Switching it up this year, instead of holding the drive thru during the evening on a weekday, we moved it to early Saturday morning on July 26th to beat the late-day heat! Our team at EMCID gave out 2,500 school supply kits to the awesome students in the community.



We accepted electronics for recycling!

On Saturday, September 13, EMCID held its Electronics Recycling Event for the community and we helped dispose of several hundred pounds of unwanted (E-waste) electronic waste, including: desktop computers, laptops, tablets, cell phones, televisions, smart displays, gaming devices and other items.



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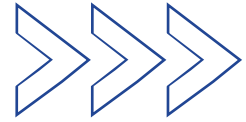


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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Precinct 4 Road Bond Update



Since the voters approved the 2025 Road Bond in May, Precinct 4 hit the ground running on funding and constructing road projects throughout the precinct. Construction is now underway at Ford Road, Sorters Road and Fostoria Road.

Managing the growth in Montgomery County is a never-ending battle, as Commissioner Gray strives to be proactive instead of reactive when it comes to growth and traffic demands. 7 additional road bond projects were initiated in August. Preliminary engineering and design will begin for 2 segments of Old Houston Road, 3 segments of Daw Collins Road, Gene Campbell Road and Galaxy Boulevard.

Various road reconstruction projects are also ongoing throughout the precinct as part of the 2025 Road Bond. Based on citizen feedback, 12 roadways have been repaved in Precinct 4 since receiving the first round of road bond funding in August.

To stay up to date on the progress of the Road Bond projects in Precinct 4, follow along on the website: mctxpct4.org

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!



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