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# Palacios 2024: The Year In Review - July - Dec.

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We closed out the year with a look back at the first six months in the City By the Sea in last week's final edition of 2024, and this week, we get caught up on all that was over the final six months of the 2024 calendar.

**July**  
The Palacios Lions Club light the summer night sky ablaze in color with fireworks for the 75th annual 4th of July celebration. A trio of Palacios were fortunate for the quick action of Palacios Police Officers who awoke the three sleeping individuals and helped them to escape an early morning blaze in the 800 block of Rorem. A Texas Historical Marker dedica-

tion for the Pierce brothers was held at Hawley Cemetery. New bayfront shelter began to take shape with the laying of foundations. The Palacios Police Dept. graduated its 2nd class of participants in the PPD Citizen's Academy Program. The Deutschburg Community Club was recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the Lavaca Navidad River Authority Community Partnership Program. Mayor Rick Cink passed out Keys to the City to the Palacios Little League All-Star team coaches Trent Weixelman - minor baseball, Hank Serna - minor softball, and Brittany Garcia - major softball. Tidehaven's Thrilla from the Killa 7-on-7 team came up short in the Div. II title game against Gunter. Palacios took a direct blow from category one Hurricane Beryl. Palacios ISD Trustee in Pos.

7 Marcos Aparicio announced his resignation and Terri Adams was appointed to fulfill his remaining term. The Palacios Economic Development Corp. welcomed new directors Selina Garcia and Donny Tran to the board of directors. Dave Campbell's Football Magazine forecast for the football season had the Sharks on the outside looking in at the playoffs. Palacios was still recovering from Hurricane Beryl, which left residents without power after toppled trees damaged power lines. The Salvation Army's Mobile Kitchen set up shot offering free meals to citizens still struggling without power. The Tidehaven Tigers were ranked no. 10 in the DCTF preseason poll. Shark hurler Reis Bowers signed to continue his career on the diamond at Blue Mountain

Community College in Pendleton, Oregon. PISD announced Dr. Jared Duncum as the lone finalist for the Superintendent vacancy. For the second time in less than 11 months, Palacios City Manager Cindy Raleigh took a 'leave of absence' from her post. The Matagorda Co. Seawall Commission welcomed newest Commissioner Erwin Janszen aboard. Part of the City of Palacios' \$5-million citywide drainage project made its way up 4th St. from South Bay. Palacios Aquatic Club swimming siblings Evelyn and William Garcia qualified for the State Swim Meet. Longtime local champions to the 4-H cause, Patty Frankson and Mark Page, were recognized with a 4-H 30 Years of Service Award at the annual banquet.  
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This month's *Did You Know?* Happy Hour, will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thurs. (Jan. 2) at *Dock 35 Bar & Grill*, located at 1520 Henderson Ave. Pam Oliver of the Palacios Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker.

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*Looking to keep shining into the New Year*

A pair of young native Palacians lit up the dark December night with sparklers, anticipation and joy of what the New Year will bring for all those around the world. We at the Beacon, from our family to yours, wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

## Co. jobless rate went up in Nov.

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST  
Palacios Beacon

Matagorda County's latest unemployment figures, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), increased ever so slightly from 5.0% in October to 5.3% during the month of November. Specifically of Matagorda County's labor force of 17,634 individuals, a total of 932 are looking for employment opportunities.

"The No. 1 economy in America is built by Texans," said Governor Abbott. "Texas leads the nation in annual job creation and more Texans are working than ever before as we break record after record for total employment. With the Best Business Climate in the nation and a strong and growing workforce, Texas is where the future is building. To drive continuing job creation and expand economic opportunity for more Texas families, we will end burdensome overregulation, empower businesses of all sizes, and equip more Texans with the skills needed for the good-paying, high-demand jobs of tomorrow. Working together, we will keep Texas growing."  
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## Three seats up for grabs on City, PISD in May

BY RYAN WEST  
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*Filing begins Jan. 15*

Think you've got what it takes to help lead the city or the school district? If so, there's plenty of time for you to put your name on the line for a run as a candidate for either the Palacios City Council or Palacios ISD Board of Trustees.

and the Palacios ISD Trustee election to be held May 3, 2025. On the City ticket, up for grabs will be Position 2, Position, 4, and Position 5; of which are currently being occupied by Councilmembers Chip Woolf, Margie Wier and Joe Ramirez.

Filing will begin on Jan.15 and will run through Feb. 14 for the Palacios City Council

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THE quick response of the Palacios Volunteer Fire Dept. kept a barrel fire that had spread to the surrounding grass from reaching the residence in the 1300 block of 8th St. last week. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)

## Palacios BEACON begins 118th year of publication

As those around the world turns their calendars to January 1, 2025, the *Palacios Beacon* completed another year of service to the community and begins its 118th year of publication.

Our files reveal the printed word remains of the utmost importance in the conveyance and recording of the news and events of the day, the weeks, the months and the years.

In the Dec. 1, 1955 issue of the *Beacon*, a story entitled 'Nobody Cared - That Hurt', which related to the departure of an old cottonwood tree on Main St., a longtime landmark. In it, a paragraph, read "Why, I guess I've seen more in my hundred odd years than I'll remember."

That, too, is true of man and his mind...yet the printed word remains, recorded on the pages of time.

Our files have recorded the days of prosperity, aftermath of disaster, births and deaths of generations of our fellow Palacians.

With the continued cooperation of our readers and advertisers, the *Beacon* will go on recording the happenings of the day, the births, the deaths, and the general news whether it be joyous, disastrous or tumultuous.

May 2025 be the year that Palacios finally reaches the long awaited horizon of prosperity.



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