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Taste of Palacios Seafood Festival returns

Seafood, live music and family activities will fill Palacios' South Bay waterfront for the return of the annual Taste of Palacios Seafood Festival on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by the Palacios Beautification Committee, the event will feature vendors along South Bay Boulevard and Fourth Street, with entertainment at the Fourth Street Pier.

Seafood Tasting Tent

The Seafood Tasting tent will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering oysters and chef-prepared seafood dishes, and will be located on the front lawn of the Hotel Tres Palacios, the former Luther Hotel. Armbands include unlimited tastings and are available for $50 online, at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/taste-of-palacios-seafood-festival-tasting-tent-armband; or may be purchased the day of the event.

Tent patrons will experience the finest seafood the Texas Coast has to offer. The talented chefs will be serving up delicious dishes featuring: Farm-raised Texas Coast Oysters on the Half Shell; Copper Shoals Red Drum; Homegrown Texas Shrimp; Philly Wild Gulf Shrimp; Silver Streak Hybrid Striped Bass; and Homegrown Texas Catfish.

Kid Fish

A free kids' fishing tournament, for children ages 5-12, will be held from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. on the 4th St. Pier. Free bait will be provided and fishing poles will be available for a first come, first serve basis. While children participants are not required to hold a valid Texas fishing license, adults assisting are required to hold a valid Texas fishing license.

Registration is required and may be done at https://forms.gle/puNCTQCQ13jfAMaT9 or via the QR code.

Kids' Adventure Zone

The Kids' Adventure Zone will set up shot along South Bay Park near the basketball courts and S'Palacios Splash pad. The area will featuring face painting, sea-life touch tank, inflatable bounce houses and games, and interactive games.

Live Entertainment All Day

The Palacios Seafood Festival will be feature a full days lineup of live entertainment.

The day will kickoff with a DJ playing some opening tunes to begin the day, from 10 - 11 a.m.

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Did You Know? Thurs. at *The Cove*

This month's *Did You Know?* Happy Hour, will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thurs. (Nov. 5) at *The Cove,* located at 405 Main St. This month's featured guest speaker will be representatives of the City of Palacios.

Live music each Fri. & Sat. at *The Cove*

Stop in for a glass of wine or a beer and enjoy live music courtesy Al Flores each Friday and Saturday night at *The Cove,* located at 405 Main St.

Live music Sun. at *El Maton National Hall*

The *El Maton National Hall,* located at 565 FM 1095 in El Maton opens its doors every Sun. at 1 p.m., with live music from 3-5 p.m. Stop in, wet your whistle and hear some tunes.

LWC hosts Jorge Rojas for weekend services

The Living Word Church, located at 1402 12th St., welcomes guest Evangelist Jorge Rojas for services in Spansh at 7 p.m. on Sat. (Nov. 7), and in English ast 10 a.m. on Sun. (Nov. 8).

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Swarm of Sharks cage Cardinal along the sideline...

IT took a swarm of Shark defenders to cage the Columbus Cardinal ball carrier in along the sideline. In on the action for the swarming Sharks were (left to right) Channing Harvey, Issiah Castaneda, Robert Sandoval, Chazz Jimenez and Ayden Gomez. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Early ballots cast, results pending

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-*Publisher*

Over a third of Matagorda County's 22,526 registered voters cast their ballots during the two week early voting period ahead of this past Tuesday's Election Day.

You'll have to wait until next week's Beacon to get the scoop on the results of this week's general election.

In the meantime, we bring you an early voting recap.

In total, there have been 8,411 votes cast, over 37% of eligible ballots, during the two week early voting period, a figure which encompasses in-person votes and mail in ballots.

The last week of early voting saw a total of 3,411 individuals cast in person ballots, with the busiest ballot casting day coming on the final day of early voting, last Friday, when 819 individuals churned through the polling locations.



Filling the basket for OSC...

THERE is no greated expression of the Chrsitmas Spirit in our beloved *City by the Sea* than the 45 year annual blessings bestowed by the Palacios Area Fund's Operation Santa Claus. There is still time to donate - time, gifts or money - to help those less fortunate in our community. (ABOVE) Members of the Palacios Lion's Club and Palacios Chamber of Commerce (left to right) Troy Lewis, Vicky Dulin, Brandi Garcia West, Mona Kocurek and Tammy Lewis display a few of the items already collected for this year's Operation Santa Claus. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

City sales tax rebate up 20% in September

BY RYAN WEST
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The City of Palacios coffers benefited from a 20% increase in sales tax rebates from September compared to the same month last year.

With a sales tax rebate of $128,307, the City of Palacios topped Sept. of '25's rebate by more than $21,000. Despite the 20% uptick, the City of Palacios sales tax coffers are just 1.96% ahead of last year's overall pace. As of September's rebate, Palacios' year to date total registers at $1,106,755 vs. $1,085,452 thru the first nine months of 2025.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Don Huffines distributed a total of $1.3-billion in net local sales tax collected September to Texas communities, an increase of 11.6% over a year ago.

"The Texas economy is strong, and the rising sales tax revenue received by many local governments is an opportunity for local elected officials to reduce property taxes," Huffines said. "Lower property taxes can help make housing more affordable and reduce the everyday financial strain many Texans face."

In September, the state collected $4.4 billion in net state sales tax revenue and $1.3 billion in net local sales tax revenue, which will be distributed to Texas cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose districts. Combined state and local net sales tax revenue collected in September totaled $5.7 billion, 12.4% more than in September 2025.

Local Neighboring Sales Tax Rebate Figures

The total sales tax is from that money that the State Comptroller sends rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special taxing districts. The importance of sales tax collections often describe the local economic condition of a town or a city; it showcases when people shop, dine, stay, and spend money inside the city limits.

Out of the 13 local area cities, eight of Palacios' neighboring cities fared more profitable this month in sales tax revenue than September 2025 rebate.

Totals for the 12 other area cities are as follows: this month's rebate, same time last year's rebate, change in parenthesis- all rounded to the nearest dollar: Bay City: $628,280, $618,023 (1.65%); $6,570,711, $6,257,061 (5.01%); Brazoria: $149,327, $99,777;

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