



# THE CITY OF **TOMBALL** ANNUAL REPORT

*Tomball  
Texan for Fun!*

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**An economically diverse and prosperous community near to the big city, that has retained its small town feel and hometown sensibilities**



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## Welcome to the 2019 Tomball Annual Report, our first edition to share Tomball's progress with our citizens and the many folks interested in visiting or relocating to our vibrant community.



My fellow Council Members and I have a shared vision to grow Tomball in a manner that is consistent with our heritage and culture as we move toward the future. We balance cultural events and activities to enjoy in Tomball with innovative places to work, amenity-filled places to live, and modern infrastructure capable of supporting our growth.

You can stroll our walkable Old Town, enjoy diverse restaurants, listen to Bluegrass, German or today's pop music at festivals, and visit parades or venues that attract thousands to enjoy Tomball's charm. Or you can relax in Tomball's natural setting of parks and trails.

Council and I are creating policies that generate jobs. Tomball is attracting international technology companies, distribution businesses and family-owned industry to Tomball Business and Technology Park and revitalizing small businesses in Old Town. In 2019 we created hundreds of new jobs.

People moving to Tomball are finding new residential communities with amenities that rival master-planned communities. We have 15 new subdivisions in the design or construction phase, leading to more than 1,800 new homes in Tomball.

While the state and county added and expanded new highways, the City of Tomball built new roads and improved drainage to improve how residents get to jobs and entertainment venues.

City leadership and staff are dedicated to serving you. We want to help improve your experience because we believe in Tomball, we have it all!

Sincerely,

**GRETCHEN FAGAN**  
Mayor



*Chad Degges*



*John F. Ford*



*Lori Klein Quinn*



*Mark Stoll*



*Derek Townsend Sr.*

# On behalf of the more than 200 City of Tomball employees, thank you for reading the 2019 Tomball Annual Report and learning about our success in meeting your needs.



Robert Hauck

The past year has been one of immense growth throughout Tomball. A growing city faces many challenges and those challenges are met daily by the talented men and women who work for you.

City employees understand and appreciate the things that make Tomball such a unique place to live and work. Each department recognizes their responsibility to improve the City, while keeping connected to its roots. This report will focus on how our departments maintain Tomball's character, culture, and sense of community throughout the process of sensibly using tax dollars to develop and enhance the place we love.

This focus correlates with Tomball's new vision statement that was adopted in November as part of the 2020-2023 strategic management plan. The new vision states, "People coming together to create the future of Tomball, instilling a sense of community and pride."

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David Esquivel

The strategic management plan will be an important guide for impending development. The four key components of the plan are community life, connecting Tomball, organizational and operational effectiveness, and building the economy. Beginning in 2020, expanding on the foundation already created, you will notice Tomball's increased commitment to each of these elements and a clear direction for future growth.

We hope that this report reveals a true sense of community and pride, as indicated in our new vision statement. It will also provide a highlight of the accomplishments, projects, and events that made 2019 a memorable year in Tomball.

Sincerely,

**ROBERT HAUCK**  
City Manager

**DAVID ESQUIVEL**  
Assistant City Manager

## Tomball's "Character Corridor" Continues to Thrive

Tomball's unique culture is the heart of the City. Old Town, and the variety of events that take place in Tomball every year, give the City a distinct flair unrivaled by its neighbors. Weekly, monthly, and annual events regularly capture the essence of Tomball's allure. With its charm and walkability, Tomball, specifically Old Town, can be described as the "Character Corridor."



## Thousands Gather in Tomball for Award-Winning Festivals and Events

Over 150,000 people attended festivals in Tomball during 2019. City sponsored events, such as Rails & Tails Mudbug Festival, GroovFest, and Zomball in Tomball, accounted for nearly 70,000. These events are planned and hosted by the Tomball marketing department, with assistance of many City resources.

The Tomball German Heritage Festival and Tomball German Christmas Market, hosted by the Tomball Sister City Organization, attracted close to 100,000 visitors. The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Parade drew thousands more, with many traveling from miles away to attend. The City of Tomball

welcomes and supports these events with City resources.

Tomball's rapidly growing Saturday staple, Tomball Farmers Market, hosts more than 80 vendors per week in Old Town. In 2019, Tomball Farmers Market attracted between 2,000 - 4,000 weekly customers.

The City's signature festivals are not only relished by festival goers, they are critically acclaimed and award-winning. The City's Marketing Department received six Gold Marketing Awards from the Texas Festivals & Events Association for its festival programs. The 2019 awards bring the Gold count to nearly 80 since 2012.

### TOP ATTENDED 2019 TOMBALL FESTIVALS

- 50,000** Tomball German Heritage Festival
- 40,000** Tomball German Christmas Market
- 19,500** July 4th Celebration and Street Festival
- 13,800** Zomball in Tomball
- 8,100** Rails & Tails Mudbug Festival
- 6,400** GroovFest
- 5,100** Freight Train Food Truck Festival
- 4,500** Honky Tonk Chili Challenge
- 4,200** Deck the Depot
- 3,500** Bluegrass Tomball!

*\*Some attendances are estimates*

## New Tomball Information Center Brings Enhanced Service to Residents and Visitors

The City of Tomball is continually looking for better ways to assist residents and visitors. The opening of the new Tomball Information Center in 2019 allows the City to better serve people who want to know more about Tomball.

Doubling as the new home to the Marketing Department's offices, the Tomball Information Center is a one-stop shop for information on all things Tomball. The Information Center is the City's newest commitment to be your "Community Concierge."



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## Tomball Depot Museum Boasts Upgrades and Attendance Growth

The Tomball Depot Museum experienced a remarkable evolution beginning in June 2018 and lasting throughout 2019. During the 18-month period, the museum attracted more than 9,000 visitors, which was more than it had hosted cumulatively in the prior decade.

The Tomball marketing team and its two dozen museum volunteers increased awareness with new exhibits and a custom-designed Depot festival in November. Nearly \$10,000 worth of donations added authentic displays. These actions turned the hidden gem into a major Old Town Tomball attraction.

## Tomball Community Center Sets Attendance Record While Driving Local Camaraderie

Serving as a valuable resource for local citizens, the Tomball Community Center continues to offer new programs and exciting events to build connections in Tomball. Featured activities include chair volleyball, Zumba, dominoes, line dancing, holiday parties, and much more. Unofficially labeled as a "home away from home," the Community Center thrives on family, fellowship, and fun.

Attendance at programs has experienced steady growth. Average

weekly turnout was more than 500 people; the week of May 3 set record attendance with 653 attendees.

The City of Tomball continues to invest in the Community Center, funding new flooring in the 2,310 square-foot Room A. New floors installed in November 2019 improve safety during events and help preserve the longevity of the center. The City and the Community Center team are consistently looking at ways to upgrade the facility to attract new faces and programming.

## Public Works Department Focuses on Keeping City Running

Known as silent responders, Public Works quietly supports the City's daily life by managing infrastructure. The department focuses on Streets & Drainage, Parks, Utilities, Garage, Sanitation, and Facilities, City divisions you generally may not notice when they run smoothly.



## Investment in Parks Highlight Tomball's Emphasis on Community

Community parks are essential to Tomball's culture of family and fun. Parks build community by providing residents a safe, spacious places to gather. 2019 was a significant year for parks development with City resources re-vamping existing parks and creating new parks to benefit all local citizens.

Broussard Park, Tomball's newest community park, made significant progress in 2019. Located on East Hufsmith Road, the park is being developed on land donated to the City of Tomball by Bruce Broussard. To determine amenities desired inside the 14-acre park, the City surveyed residents. Responses drove unique park features – a fishing pier, walking trails, a wildflower meadow, a sand volleyball court, and soccer fields. Broussard Park is adjacent to Harris County's Samuel Matthews Park. Ultimately, the two parks will connect. Tomball will partner with Precinct 4 to share resources, maximize taxpayer dollars, and build on the important City and County relationship.

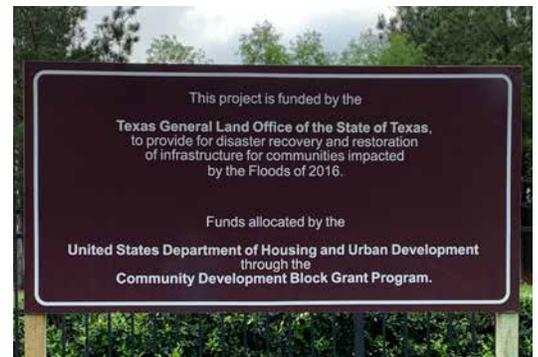
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, located on South Chestnut, underwent major renovations in 2019. Resulting in a more inviting atmosphere, upgrades focused on providing resources which allow everyone to have fun in a comfortable setting. Upgrades included replacing chain link fences with wrought iron, adding LED lighting throughout the park, and upgrading to state-of-the-art basketball goals with cloth netting. Large fans were installed to keep visitors cool on warm days and nights. MLK, Jr. Park also features picnic tables, barbecue pits, and a playground to promote fun for everyone.

## Infrastructure Remains Key to Growing Tomball

In order to keep pace with Tomball's growth, the City invests in critical infrastructure projects to improve mobility and keep residents safe. Guided by a Capital Improvement Program and an Infrastructure Master Plan, the City places a priority on the most important infrastructure needs. The City moved forward on an array of projects in 2019 and worked with partners to advance development in Tomball.

The City of Tomball takes great pride in the relationship it has with Harris County, specifically Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle. Commissioner Cagle, who offices in Tomball, understands the importance of partnership. In 2019, the City of Tomball and Harris County Precinct 4 worked together on a road swap that maximizes efficiency for both parties. The road swap puts the City in control of centralized Tomball roads that previously belonged to the County, while the County assumed responsibility of outlying roads. Thanks to the exchange, the City and County can more effectively maintain roads and respond to issues quicker.

A critical piece of the infrastructure puzzle is drainage, especially considering rain events that have plagued southeast Texas in recent years. To protect residents and businesses, the City of Tomball invested significant resources toward drainage and flood mitigation. In 2019, the City began work on adding drainage canals to Lizzie Lane and Persimmon Street to flow water to Willow Creek. Funding for this project was made possible by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant of nearly \$1.6 million. The local match for the project is around \$200,000.



## Tomball Business & Technology Park Sets Tone for Industrial Development

While business growth occurs throughout Tomball, the 99.5-acre Tomball Business & Technology Park, a project of the Tomball Economic Development Corporation, is the centerpiece for industrial development in Tomball. Three major projects started construction in 2019, covering nearly 30 acres of the Park and bringing hundreds of jobs to Tomball.

Hoelscher Weatherstrip Manufacturing is moving their headquarters and 120 employees to a 193,000-square-foot office/warehouse facility in the Park. The facility will open in 2020.

Nickson Industrial Warehouses is building three Class A tilt-wall buildings on nine acres, across two tracts of land. The inventory will include two 25,200-square-foot and one 30,600-square-foot single-tenant office/warehouse buildings.

Dkota Investments, Inc constructed a distribution center for Bimbo Bakeries USA, which delivers Sara Lee products among other brands. The 20,000-square-foot facility on four acres will create 14 new full-time jobs operating two eight-hour shifts.



## Residential Developments Flourishing Throughout Tomball

Residential development in all corners of Tomball experienced a significant boom. Fifteen subdivisions and more than 1,800 new homes entered the design or construction phase in 2019. Developers credit the building surge to low taxes, access to City services, zoning, award-winning Tomball Independent School District, and proximity to retail, dining, and employment options. Tomball's population is expected to rise from nearly 12,000 today to more than 20,000 by 2030. Community Development is working closely with developers to ensure the added rooftops enhance the Tomball community feel and maintain the small-town charm for which Tomball is known.

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## Community Development Committed to Thoughtful Progress in Tomball

Dedicated to guiding responsible growth in Tomball, the Community Development Department experienced an extraordinarily busy year in 2019. The department issued more than 1,500 permits and completed nearly 5,000 inspections. Consisting of the Building, Engineering, Planning, and Code Compliance divisions, Community Development has established a collaborative relationship with developers to ensure Tomball's growth protects the best interests of residents and businesses. Community Development carefully enacts its role to maintain Tomball's unique culture. These actions turned the hidden gem into a major Old Town Tomball attraction.

## M121 Drainage Channel Protects New and Existing Development

In order to manage drainage during times of increased development, Tomball invested resources to construct the M121 Drainage Channel. Running parallel to S. Cherry Street, the newest portion of the Channel will flow water south from Theis Lane into a regional detention basin south of Holderrieth Lane. The City began removing pipelines in 2019 in order to complete the digging of the Channel. Once completed, the M121 Drainage Channel will provide an outfall for new subdivisions constructed in Tomball.

**With a mission to protect life, property, and the environment, the Tomball Fire Department serves on the front line of public safety. Members of the Fire Department recognize their crucial role in creating a premier quality of life and safe environment enjoyed by Tomball residents.**

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## **Full-Time Positions Added to Better Serve Tomball**

Nine full-time Fire Department employees were hired in 2019 to expand service to the public and meet organizational response goals. The new positions allow for 24-hour staffing with full-time staff at all three Tomball command stations.

Fulfilling the staffing goals gives the Fire Department nine full-time positions assigned to each station. At least three full-time positions now serve on each of the three initial responding apparatuses 24 hours a day and seven days a week. These full-time positions are aided by part-time and volunteer positions, leading to the ability to meet the Occupational Health and Safety Administration’s “two in/two out” requirements when responding to a fire.

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## **New Ladder Truck Expands Fire Department’s Capability**

The Tomball Fire Department added to their arsenal in 2019 with the purchase of a specially constructed fire truck, known as Ladder 4, that will help better serve the community. The \$1.5 million investment provides a safer and more versatile replacement for the aging truck it replaced.

Designed by firefighters for firefighters, Ladder 4 is more than 42 feet long and has a ladder that reaches 107 feet. Ladder 4 is constructed to meet many different types of emergencies, with a 300-gallon water tank, forceable entry tools, rescue equipment, and much more. The new truck gives the Fire Department two ladder trucks, three Class A pumpers, three brush trucks, and critical command staff equipment.



**The Tomball Police Department has a mission to protect and serve the Tomball community. Through public service, community-based programs, and participation in local events, Tomball PD establishes trust and respect among those they protect.**



## **Explorers Program Gives Youth Law Enforcement Experience**

Explorer Post 5451, a program of the Tomball Police Department, gives youth hands-on exposure to careers in law enforcement. The program is part of Learning for Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America.

Members of the Post represent the Tomball Police Department at various community events, including Second Saturdays at the Depot and the Miss Tomball Pageant. Participants in the program also compete at events testing their acumen during law enforcement scenarios. Explorer Post 5451, which has a tradition of winning awards, placed multiple teams at a recent state competition in Grand Prairie, Texas.



## **Community Response Team Provides New Resource for Public**

The Tomball Police Department, in partnership with the Tomball Fire Department and Public Works, established a new resource called the Community Response Team. The goal of the Community Response Team is to improve quality of life in Tomball by assisting with crime prevention operations and building a stronger bond between citizens and first responders.

The Community Response Team will educate the public on concepts such as “See something, say something,” how to avoid being a victim of a crime, and junk removal solutions. Community members are encouraged to provide ideas to the Community Response Team on ways to improve emergency response in their neighborhoods.

## Committed Stewards of Your Tax Dollars

Tomball's award-winning Finance Department manages daily operations of the City's financial activity. Major areas of responsibility include Accounting, Budgeting and Capital Improvement Program, Treasury Management, Revenue Management and Utility Billing.

## Operating Budget

The City's Operating Budget contains appropriations for expenditures such as personnel, commodities, and contractual services. City Council adopted Tomball's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program on September 4, 2018.

### FY 2018-2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

General Fund	\$24,482,608
Enterprise Fund	\$13,594,794
Internal Service Fund	\$3,432,566
Debt Service Fund	\$4,430,044
Special Revenue Funds	\$1,123,291
Capital Projects Fund	\$18,027,763
<b>Total Authorized Operations</b>	<b>\$65,091,066</b>

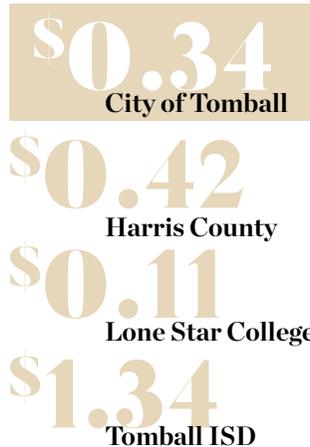
## Finance Collects Pair of Recognitions

Tomball's 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) received a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This was the 29th consecutive year that the City has received this award.

GFOA also presented an award to Tomball for Distinguished Budget Presentation for the 11th consecutive year. In order to receive the budget award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communications device.

## Tomball Thrives on Strong Retail, Low Property Taxes

### CITY OF TOMBALL PROPERTY TAXES



### MUNICIPAL TAX RATE COMPARISON FY 2018-2019

FY 2018-19 Proposed Tax Rate

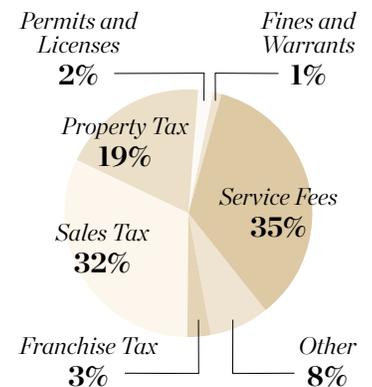


\* Tax rate is expressed as cents per \$100 of valuation.

With one of the lowest property tax rates in Harris County, the City of Tomball's prudent fiscal management maintains superior core services to citizens and local businesses. Property taxes make up less than 20% of the City's revenue, with a rate of 34 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Sales tax is among the largest revenue streams for the City, as retail continues to thrive in Tomball. The current sales tax rate in Tomball is 8.25%, however, the State collects 6.25%. Of the 2% that Tomball receives, 0.5% is dedicated for property tax reduction with another 0.5% allocated to the Tomball Economic Development Corporation. The City keeps 1%, which supplies approximately half the City's general fund.

### FY 2018-2019 MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES



## Staffing

Tomball employed 189 full-time positions during Fiscal Year 2018-2019. 153 of these positions were funded by the City's General Fund, with the remaining funded by the Enterprise Fund and Special Revenue Fund. Personnel and personnel related benefits account for roughly one third of the City's total expenditures.

## Matter of Life and Death

### VITAL RECORDS FOR FY 2018-19

**975**  
Births Registered

**510**  
Deaths Registered

**2561**  
Birth Certificates Issued

**424**  
Death Certificates Issued

In addition to recording births and deaths within the City of Tomball, the City Secretary's Office is responsible for providing certificates of birth and death to the general public, in addition to name changes, court ordered adoptions, and burial transit permits for Tomball births and deaths.

As Tomball has grown, so too has the work for the City's Secretary Office. Despite the increased workload, the office is committed to serving citizens in a quick and friendly manner. Wait times typically span just 10 to 15 minutes to obtain certified birth certificates for an individual born in the State of Texas.

## State Recognizes Department with Five-Star Designation

The City Secretary's Office received the Exemplary Five-Star Designation from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Vital Records Division for the ninth consecutive year. The Exemplary Five-Star Designation is the State's highest honor for vital statistics registrars.

The Exemplary Five Star designation requires meeting or exceeding stringent requirements set forth by the State, including registration of 100% of the City's birth and death records within one business day, as well as attending annual and regional conferences.



### City Secretary's Office Committed to Guiding Public

Tomball's City Secretary's Office is a gateway for the public into City operations – providing information to citizens, elected officials, staff, and the general public in a courteous and service-oriented manner. The award-winning office records all City Council proceedings, administers City elections, issues licenses and permits, as well as records all births and deaths in Tomball.

## Public Information Easier to Access with New Technology

In order to improve transparency and efficiency, the City Secretary's Office modernized processing public information requests. Using a system called JustFOIA, the office can quickly respond to requests and deliver

critical information to interested parties. The City Secretary's Office processed over 650 public information requests in FY 2018-19 and expects to top that next year with a full year of JustFOIA implementation.

## Human Resources: Developing City Personnel

The Human Resources Department recruits, trains, and develops a knowledgeable workforce, as well as creates procedures related to City personnel. The department also designs and implements innovative programs to promote leadership and collaboration among City employees and the citizens of Tomball.

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## HR Launches Leadership Academy

The Tomball Leadership Academy is a unique program designed by Human Resources to promote growth and training of the City's present and future decision-makers. Through the program, participants build key relationships, develop leadership skills, and refine critical soft skills, such as teamwork and communication.

A key goal for the Leadership Academy is to build a strong, unified culture among City employees. The development of a cohesive culture provides tangible evidence to citizens that City leaders are working closer than ever to build a strong future for Tomball. The first cohort of 17 City employees graduated in November.



## Paces4Pink Sets New Record

Human Resources helps plan, coordinate, and host the Annual Paces4Pink, a USA Track & Field-certified 5K race and one-mile run for breast cancer awareness. The race was created in honor of Sherine Amanollahi, a Tomball Police Dispatcher who passed away from breast cancer in 2012. Hundreds of participants flock to Tomball in October to participate.

Paces4Pink, which commences at the historic downtown Railroad Depot Museum, continues to grow every year. The 7th annual edition in 2019 raised nearly \$55,000 for TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries, an increase of nearly \$40,000 from 2018. TOMAGWA uses the money to offer breast cancer screenings to women who otherwise cannot afford health screenings.

**The mission of the Information Technology Department is to oversee and coordinate new and existing technology resources that ensure reliability and security. This must be done in a timely manner to allow all departments to effectively accomplish their missions in accordance with the City’s missions and goals.**

### **Dispatch Software Upgraded for Fire and Police**

A significant project for Information Technology in 2019 was to replace dispatch software for Fire and Police. The new system, which went live in November, improves efficiency for public safety personnel. Software implemented has a built-in records management system, which helps with report writing and frees up important time for first responders. The system also connects directly to the FBI and Texas Department of Public Safety, helping to keep Tomball a safe city for residents, visitors, and businesses.



### **City Places Importance on Cybersecurity**

Information Technology and City Management have a shared belief that it is critical to protect the City from cyberterrorism. Using cybersecurity software, Information Technology trains City staff on how to detect and prevent cyber-attacks. By detecting fraudulent emails and removing malicious targets, the system and City employees can prevent breaches into important electronic files and protect the privacy of citizens.



## Municipal Court – Equitable and Judicious

Tomball Municipal Court serves Tomball by providing fair, timely, and impartial adjudication for all who enter the Court. The Court has jurisdiction over Class “C” misdemeanor offenses that occur within Tomball city limits, including traffic offenses, and city ordinance violations filed by Police Department, Fire Marshals, and Code Enforcement Officers. These

include charges filed under the Texas Transportation Code, Penal Code, Alcoholic Beverage Code, Health and Safety Code, Education Code, and Tomball Code of Ordinances.

Municipal Court handled 6,116 cases in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year with 1,999 warrants issued.



## Certified Clerks Critical to Municipal Court

Tomball Municipal Court Clerks are certified and properly trained to handle multiple functions. The Clerks’ primary responsibilities include processing the court’s clerical work, maintaining court records, coordinating scheduling of cases, and performing other duties outlined in the city charter or ordinances.

The City offers training for court personnel through Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, National Crime Information Center, and Texas Crime Information Center to ensure mandatory training hours are completed each year. Tomball’s Certified Clerks provide the highest level of professionalism while administering daily operations of the Court.



**The City of Tomball has numerous partners who help Tomball thrive. The City works closely with allies to tackle issues and discover new opportunities. We send a sincere thank you to the friends listed below and to all people and organizations who create Tomball’s unique character.**



**TOMBALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Tomball Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) is a city-chartered organization that recruits quality businesses to Tomball and supports and retains the City’s existing businesses. In 2019, the TEDC helped bring several new businesses to Tomball, therefore, meeting their top goal of attracting business and industry. The TEDC also helped launch workforce initiatives and programs designed to buoy local entrepreneurs.

**TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Tomball Independent School District (TISD) received an “A” grade from the Texas Education Agency for the 2018-2019 school year. One of only two school districts in Harris County and one of just four in the greater Houston region to receive an “A” grade, TISD established itself as a premier school district.

**LONE STAR COLLEGE - TOMBALL**

A handful of students made history at Lone Star College-Tomball in 2019. For the first time, 19 students graduated with Associate degrees completed while attending high school as part of the Early College program.

Six students in LifePATH®, a program for students with disabilities that affect executive functioning, were the first to receive Life Skills Certifications. A graduate with autism made history when he accepted a diploma he had worked on for nine years. Finally, 20 students were part of the first class to earn degrees in the college’s Nursing program. The first ever LifePATH® intern was placed at the City of Tomball.

**HCA HOUSTON HEALTHCARE TOMBALL**

Longtime Tomball healthcare provider, Tomball Regional Medical Center, was officially renamed HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball in January 2019. The hospital, which has supported the Tomball community since 1948, is now part of HCA Healthcare, the largest health system in the Country.

**GREATER TOMBALL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Bruce Hillegeist, Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce (GTACC) President, was awarded the 2019 Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives’ Marvin Hurley Award. The Marvin Hurley Award is presented annually to an individual for chamber-related career accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the Chamber of Commerce profession. Hillegeist, who has led the GTACC since 1994, is the first person from the Tomball Chamber to win the award.

**HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4**

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle and his team officially moved into their new Precinct 4 service center located in Tomball in 2019. The facility, located at 14444 Holderrieth Road, was annexed into Tomball City Limits in May 2018. The City of Tomball and Precinct 4 also signed an interlocal agreement in October to join City-owned Broussard Park and County-owned Matthews Park. The combined two parks create a 20-acre space, providing easy access to County and City recreational amenities.