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## **Township Board meets, approves selection of architect for fire station renovations**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 23, 2022) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met Thursday, September 22, 2022, and discussed a nomination to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery Central Appraisal District Board, selected an architect for design and construction services for The Woodlands Fire Department facilities and received a variety of reports from Township departments.

The Board of Directors also recognized several programs with proclamations including International Walk to School Month, National Night Out and Dyslexia Awareness Month:

- Walk to School Month promotes clean air, healthy kids and families, a sense of community, and safe use of the community's pathways, exemplifying our community values. Since 2005, The Woodlands Township has ranked in the top two of Texas communities with the most participating schools. The Township's Neighborhood Services Department coordinates Walk to School with support from the Environmental Services and Parks and Recreation Departments, Conroe Independent School District Police, and the Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 4.
- National Night Out is a nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program that will be hosted by The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch on Sunday, October 2, 2022. National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for residents of The Woodlands to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country to promote cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts.
- Dyslexia Awareness Month recognizes the ongoing needs of individuals with language-based learning differences. Dyslexia Awareness Month is an opportunity to acknowledge those who are affected by dyslexia in both academic settings and work environments.

On the Regular Agenda, the Board discussed filling a vacancy on the Montgomery Central Appraisal District Board. The Board will submit nominations and resume discussion of the appointment at a future meeting.



The Board also discussed the award of contract for design and construction services for The Woodlands Fire Department facilities, including renovations and additions to existing facilities, general capital improvement projects and options for rebuilding or replacing Fire Station 5. The Board accepted the proposal from Martinez Architects to provide design and construction services for Fire Stations 5 and the Emergency Training Center. The President/CEO was authorized to enter into negotiations and then return to the Board for final approval of an agreement with the firm.

On the Consent Agenda, the Board received reports from Community Services, Law Enforcement and Community Policing, Transportation and The Woodlands Fire Department. The Board also awarded a bid for 2023-2025 artificial all-weather turf maintenance services to Act Global, awarded a bid to Lake Pro for lake and pond maintenance services, and renewed the Uniforms and Related Materials Rental Services contract.

Members of the public also addressed the Board at the beginning of the meeting.

The Woodlands Township Board Meetings may be attended in person, watched live online or viewed later via recording at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/meetingvideos](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/meetingvideos). The agenda and attachments may be viewed at <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/991/Agendas-Minutes-and-More>.



*The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognized International Walk to School Month in The Woodlands at their meeting on September 22, 2022. From left, Township Director Jason J. Nelson, Secretary Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Chairman Gordy Bunch, Program Coordinator Susan Martin, Director of Community/Customer Services Angel Nicks, Director Dr. Ann K. Snyder and Treasurer John Anthony Brown.*



*The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognized the Township's National Night Out program at their meeting on September 22, 2022. From left, Treasurer John Anthony Brown, Director Jason J. Nelson, Secretary Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Director Dr. Ann K. Snyder, Chairman Gordy Bunch, Administrative Assistant Cindy Strawn, Director of Community/Customer Services Angel Nicks, Program Coordinator Susan Martin, Program Specialist Amy Tidwell, Program Specialist Erin Redmon and Neighborhood Services Manager Kristin Pternitis.*



*The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognized Dyslexia Awareness Month with a proclamation at their meeting on September 22, 2022. The Woodlands Township Board of Directors is shown with representatives from Brighter Education for Dyslexia, a Woodlands-based parent-led support group.*