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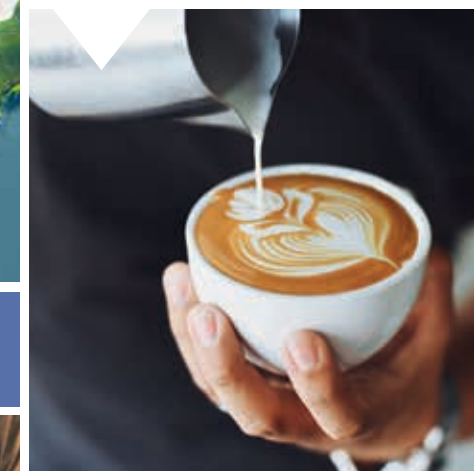
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“One of our favorite things to do with the girls is walk and ride around our neighborhood. Our oldest just learned to ride without training wheels, and our neighborhood paths are perfect for her to explore. We are so lucky to have well-maintained paths that lead to the parks in our neighborhood, letting the girls have their own little adventures while we embrace the amazing weather and get outside!” – Maggie J.

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My name is Liz Hamm, and I'm the publisher of *BeLocal Richmond*. My team and I are always keeping our ear to the ground, collecting recommendations for our area (77406, 77407 and 77469) to bring you the best our community has to offer in this local guide.

Why? Well, whether you have moved across town or across the country, settling into a new area can be both exciting and overwhelming. I get it – my family and I moved here from out-of-state to be closer to our family and my husband's job as a pilot with Southwest Airline, and we found ourselves

breaking lots of old habits and developing lots of new ones. Without a trusted resource like *BeLocal* to light our path, we struggled as we sought to find reputable childcare, discover local hotspots, make our new home our own.

That is why my team and I have created *BeLocal Richmond* for you. We want to help you find reputable local resources and plug into our community with ease. You can trust *BeLocal* because it has been written for you by locals that have been living and working in the Richmond area for decades. Together, we have gathered essential information and compiled it here for you so that you have what you need at your fingertips. Even long-time locals find *BeLocal* a helpful resource for newly discovered local gems.

So, sit back, relax, and enjoy this next chapter of your life in Richmond with

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By the way, as you get to know our area, if you discover a local favorite that is not yet listed here in *BeLocal*, let us know. Our area is growing quickly -- we would love to check them out, too! Perhaps you will see them in an upcoming issue. Enjoy!

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Longhorns in Richmond



George Historical Ranch, 1930s ranch home



## MAYOR OF RICHMOND, BECKY HAAS



Mayor Becky Haas

My family roots are deep in this community. My family traveled to Texas in 1824 as one of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 settlers, some 196 years ago. This community has been good to my family, and I know it will be very good to yours. The longer we are here, the better it gets! Richmond residents are welcoming, friendly and eager to make you feel a part of your new community. In Richmond, we think we have the best of both worlds. You can be exploring inner-city Houston in 30 minutes and experience the fast-paced cityscape and the many cultural experiences it offers, and back home to the slower pace and charm of Richmond by supptime. In a little over an hour, you can be soaking up the sun on one of Galveston's beaches or in the piney woods of Humble or Huntsville.

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Only a hop, skip and jump at the southern side of Richmond is a place that is close to my heart, the George Ranch Historical Park. There you will experience what

working ranches of the 1800s were like and shown just how much life has changed for folks throughout the years until today. The George Ranch Historical Park will give your family a firsthand view of what we are most known for in Richmond – our history. Travel to downtown Richmond, located in the historic district of town, and you will find the Fort Bend Museum, which showcases Richmond's deep history that began in 1837. On the grounds of the museum, your family can enjoy a tour through the home of John M. Moore, built in 1883, who was elected into the Texas House of Representative in 1896 and to the United States Congress in the 8th district in 1905. His son, John Jr., served as a mayor of Richmond for one term and his grandson, Hilmar Moore, was mayor of Richmond for 63 years. Upon Hilmar's death, his wife, Evalyn Moore, was appointed to serve out his unexpired term and then was elected for an additional two terms, serving that office for a total of nine years.

Richmond is the county seat of Fort Bend County. I invite you to visit the Fort Bend County Courthouse, our fifth courthouse which was built in 1909. Walk up the iron staircase that connects the floors, then gaze down at the breathtaking rotunda. Morton Cemetery, located within walking distance from the courthouse, is where several notable early Texans are buried. Mirabeau B. Lamar, the second President of the Republic of Texas, and Jane Long, known as the Mother of Texas, are among those buried there. There are so many things that you and your family can explore in Historic

Richmond. I'm not sure you can tell, but I LOVE RICHMOND and wouldn't want to live any place else!

You will also find George Park, a 262-acre Richmond City park, home to the Lamar Little League baseball fields, Rose-Rich softball fields and Fort Bend Youth Football League field located in the heart of the city. If you have kids playing any of these sports, you will soon find it. As you come to explore the city of Richmond you will find it becomes more rural with horses, cattle and even a couple of head of longhorns inside the city – part of the charm of Richmond!

When it comes to educating our children, we have award-winning school districts. Fort Bend and Lamar Consolidated Independent School districts both continually rank high in academics and offer award-winning athletic programs and extracurricular competitions. If public schools aren't for your family, some of the best private schools are located in the area as well. Due to the diversity of Fort Bend County (touted as the most diverse county in the U.S.), you will find every religion or denomination you desire in the Richmond area and gratified to find how all our religious communities work together.

We want you and your family to be as happy as I am living here in Richmond. Should you desire more information or have any questions, please contact me via [bhaas@richmondtx.gov](mailto:bhaas@richmondtx.gov) or 281-642-4926.

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## A photograph of three women standing side-by-side against a textured, light-colored wall. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a black long-sleeved top and black pants, with her hands on her hips. The woman in the center has short blonde hair and is wearing a bright red blazer over a black top and black pants, with her hands clasped in front of her. The woman on the right has long brown hair and is wearing a black blazer over a blue top and black pants, with her hands on her hips. All three women are smiling at the camera.

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Spring in Texas is not complete without seeing bluebonnets on the side of the road. Named the state flower in 1901, the bluebonnet is an iconic symbol for all Texans. For generations, Texans have gone out into the blooming bluebonnet fields to snap photos of new memories created as a family. Texas' love for the bluebonnet goes beyond just a pretty picture; it has become a part of the culture year-round. Images, songs, poems, and even festivals surrounding the state's love of the bluebonnet bring the community together to share in this symbolic token of family and beauty.



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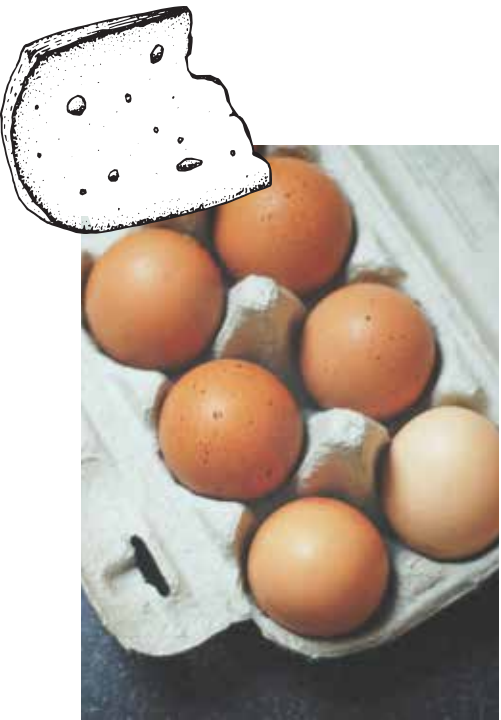


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# seasonal gardening tasks

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By **Sandra Gray**, Fort Bend County Master Gardener

### Spring Tasks

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When you move into a new home, it's always a good idea to get your soil tested. Is fertilization needed? Using both too little or too much fertilizer and other soil amendments can be harmful for your plants. When in doubt, there is soil testing. Learn how at Soil Testing.

#### CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

Have you ever set an empty tuna can in your yard when your irrigation system is running to measure the amount of water that hits the ground? Learn how to do an overall "audit" of your irrigation system by visiting Irrigation Audit. Also, check out "drip" irrigation for your garden beds, a method which saves water and is better for your plants, at Low Volume Irrigation.

#### PRUNE YOUR SPRING BLOOMERS.

Spring-blooming shrubs such as azaleas and spirea should be pruned soon after they bloom. Learn about pruning flowering shrubs at Pruning shrubs.

#### PLANT WARM-SEASON ANNUALS.

Find plants that you like and that suit the conditions in your landscape on the Earth-kind® Plant Selector. After the danger of a frost has passed, plant warm-season annuals. And if you want to try growing vegetables, use the Earth-Kind spring vegetable planting guide at Spring Vegetables.

#### WATCH FOR PESTS.

Check your plants for garden pests like aphids. Early control can save plant damage and money. The Earth-Kind® Integrated Pest Management practices at IPM will help with any problems you find. And don't forget that 97% of insects are beneficial or innocuous and help maintain a natural balance in your landscape. For more information visit Beneficial Insects.

#### DON'T COMMIT "CRAPE MURDER."

Pruning crape myrtles severely in early spring is not a recommended practice. Read more about this botanical crime and what to do instead at Crape Murder.

### Summer Tasks

#### PREPARE YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR HURRICANE SEASON.

Reduce potential stress with a plan using the guide at Hurricane Prep.



#### MOW CORRECTLY.

Do you know how often to mow and at what height St. Augustine or Bermuda grass should be cut? Check out the charts at Aggie Turf.

#### WATCH FOR CHINCH BUGS.

These pests are a particular problem in St. Augustine turf. Determine if you have chinch bugs and what to do about them at Chinch Bugs.

#### START YOUR FALL VEGETABLES.

Fall vegetable gardening begins in July! Watch this short video for tips about getting started at YouTube-Fall Vegetables. Also use this helpful Fall Vegetable Gardening Guide at Fall Vegetables. In Richmond we can grow some common vegetables such as lettuce in winter!

#### SUPPORT NATIVE WILDLIFE.

Make your garden a nurturing place for birds, butterflies and bees. Learn how at Wildlife.



### Fall Tasks

#### SAVE THOSE FALLEN LEAVES.

Your leaves can be used for mulching in your gardens! Use the Earth-Kind guide at Fall Leaves... and you'll also keep them out of landfills.



#### FALL IS A GOOD TIME TO PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting in the fall allows roots to get a head start over plants put in the ground in spring. You can learn everything you need to know about choosing and planting trees at Texas Trees. Also, if you like annual wildflowers, plant bluebonnets, gaillardia, and other wildflower seeds in the fall for spring blooms. Learn about planting Texas wildflowers seeds in the fall for spring blooms, like bluebonnets, by visiting Wildflowers.

#### WATCH FOR LARGE PATCH IN YOUR LAWN AND FOR FALL WEBWORMS.

These problems are more prevalent in fall and you can learn all about them at Large Patch and Fall Webworms.

#### MULCH!!!!

Learn why mulching is considered the "single most time-saving practice" in your gardens at Mulch.

### Winter Tasks

#### FREEZE PROTECTION.

Learn how to protect your plants from frosts and freezes at Freeze Protection.

### LOCAL TIP



"We try to keep up with our yard, and when we need shrubs and flowers in season to flush out and add color to our landscaping, we swing over to Frank's Nursery. They've got everything we need from soil to yard tools like rakes and shovels, yard décor and plants galore!" - **Liz H.**

#### PLANT ROSES.

In late winter, plant roses but make sure to protect your young roses if a freeze occurs. Use the rose planting guide at Roses.

#### TAKE CARE OF GARDENING TOOLS.

Well maintained tools last longer and work more efficiently. Service your lawnmower, string trimmer, and other lawn maintenance tools while you are not using them. Maintain your hand tools with the guide at Tool Maintenance.

#### STORE GARDEN CHEMICALS PROPERLY.

Watch the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension video for safely storing and handling fertilizer at Handling Fertilizers. Protect your home and family with the pesticide safe handling practices at Handling Pesticides.

#### MAKE PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR.

What needs improvement? What about those bare spots in the garden? The Earth-Kind Landscape Planner at Landscape Planner can help. And choosing plants that have been tested and easy to grow in our area is easy at Texas Superstars.

To find out more about what the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service does in Fort Bend County, visit [fortbend.agrilife.org](http://fortbend.agrilife.org).

Happy Gardening!

*Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who assist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in educating the community using research-based horticultural information.*

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# HISTORY OF RICHMOND

## FORT BEND MUSEUM

By Jessica Avery, Programs Coordinator, Ft. Bend Museum

Richmond, the county seat of Fort Bend County, sits along the Brazos River. In 1822, a group of men led by William Little set up a campsite near the present-day city. As settlers from Stephen F. Austin’s Old Three Hundred began to arrive, they built a log fort at the bend in the river that later became known as the “Fort Settlement.” In 1837, the town of Richmond was established by Robert Eden Handy and his business partner William Lusk. Richmond was incorporated by the Republic of Texas in May of that same year. By 1838, Fort Bend County had been formed, with Richmond as the county seat. The town’s earliest residents also included many famous figures in Texas history including Jane Long, Mirabeau B. Lamar and Deaf Smith.

### LOCAL TIP



“When you see something that appeals to you, décor for you home, grab it then and there! Life is short, and you never know where you’re going to get that little something special for a space in your home – or, if that item will still be in stock next time you’re back in the store!”  
– Nikki S.

### Downtown Morton Street

Historic Downtown Morton Street has historically been the center of Richmond. In its time, Morton Street has been home to several famous residents, and even a gunfight. Morton Street was named after William Morton, one of the first settlers of Richmond. William Morton was a farmer, stock raiser and established a ferry route across the Brazos River. Part of his land grant was used to create Morton Street and Morton Cemetery. In 1837, Jane Long, the Mother of Texas, moved to Richmond and opened a boarding house that became a center for social and political activities, as well as lodging. Mirabeau B. Lamar, the second President of Texas ran his Presidential Campaign from the boarding house. Another famous resident is the infamous axe-wielding prohibitionist Carrie Nation, who along with her husband, David, were the proprietors of the National Hotel in Richmond, Texas. Today you can take a stroll down the street, shop and dine in some these historic buildings and take a step back into history.  
**200-400 block Morton Street  
Richmond, Texas 77469**



### Long-Smith Cottage

The Long-Smith Cottage was built in 1855 by James Winston, a grandson of Jane Long, the “Mother of Texas.” Several families have called this house a home over the years, including the Smith family. Thomas Jefferson Smith fought in the Texas Revolution and served under Fannin at the Battle of Goliad. He, and a few others, were spared execution to repair guns for the Mexican Army. He was kept as a prisoner of war until he escaped at the Battle of San Jacinto. Following the war he settled in Richmond and operated a blacksmith’s shop, hotel, and livery stable. He later served as Sheriff from 1853–1857. He remained in the home through the Civil War. The Fort Bend Museum Association acquired the home and moved it from its original location on Jackson Street. Following restoration in the 1980s, it was relocated to its current site.

**Fort Bend Museum  
Houston Street, Richmond, Texas 77469**



### The Moore Home

In 1884, Congressman John and Lottie Moore built the Moore Home, the same year they married. John Moore was a prosperous rancher and one of the largest land holders in Fort Bend County. John was first elected to the Texas State Legislature. He then served as a United States Congressman from 1905 to 1913 representing the people of Fort Bend and surrounding counties. The First Baptist Church of Richmond was established in the home, and services were held here until a church was built across the street. John and Lottie Moore had five children. John Jr. followed in his father’s political footsteps by serving as Mayor and Fort Bend County Judge. He inherited the Moore Home in 1940. Hilmar Moore, the Congressman’s grandson, was elected mayor in 1949 and would remain in that position until his death in 2012, thus becoming the longest serving mayor in United States history. Several generations of the Moore family called this beautiful mansion a home until the Fort Bend Museum took ownership in 1975.

**Fort Bend Museum  
600 Houston St., Richmond, Texas 77469**

### Erastus “Deaf” Smith Monument



Erastus “Deaf” Smith was born in Dutchess County, New York, but later moved to Mississippi with his parents. A childhood illness caused him to lose much of his hearing and eventually led to his famous moniker. Deaf settled in Texas in 1822 and eventually joined the Texian Army at the beginning of the Texas Revolution. Due to his intimate knowledge of the area around San Antonio, and his skills as a scout, he became a legendary spy for General Sam Houston and the Texian Army. William Barrett Travis considered him the “Bravest of the Brave.” Deaf Smith

later fought at the Battle of San Jacinto and destroyed Vince’s Bridge, thereby preventing the Mexican Army’s escape. After the Revolution, Deaf Smith became one of the first Texas Rangers. Sadly, Smith died in Richmond in 1837. While he was given a proper burial, unfortunately the location of his grave was lost over time. Today his final resting place remains a mystery.

**Fort Bend Museum  
600 Houston St., Richmond, Texas 77469**







**Fort Bend County Courthouse**

The historic Fort Bend County Courthouse in Richmond was built in 1908. It was Richmond's fifth courthouse and the first to not be located on Morton Street.

The courthouse was designed by C.H. Page and Brothers of Austin, one of the state's prominent architects of the time. The structure is a three-story masonry structure. On the roof is a large copper dome, a clock tower that was once wound by hand, and a copper statue of "Miss Liberty" holding a sword and the scales of justice. In 1935, a three-story addition was made to the



south wing of the courthouse. Inside you can still see the beautifully restored historic courtroom with original furniture, light fixtures and balcony. On the courthouse grounds you can find monuments to Erastus "Deaf" Smith, Mirabeau B. Lamar, the Second President of Texas, and a Memorial to local fallen soldiers. Today the Courthouse is the home of the County Judge and the District Attorney's Office.

**301 Jackson St.  
Richmond, Texas 77469**

**Historic Richmond Jail**

The imposing Romanesque structure served as the Richmond City Jail for almost 100 years from 1897 until 1955. The jail was completed in 1897 by the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, and included living quarters for the



sheriff and his family on the first floor. The sheriff's wife was also responsible for preparing meals for the prisoners in the family kitchen. The entry to the jail facility was on the first level, through an iron door. Rather than bars, iron latticework covered the inside of windows and formed cells. Prisoners were held on the second floor of the building in double-decker cell blocks. In the center of the jail were more cells and the gallows. There is a record of two hangings taking place in 1898. The building also has a basement which held additional prisoners. Basements were quite unusual in this area, especially with the tendency for flooding. In 1996, Fort Bend County completed renovations including a new addition that the Richmond Police Department offices.

**600 Preston St.  
Richmond, Texas 77469**

**City Hall Park Plaza**

City Hall Park Plaza was originally deeded to the founders of Richmond, Robert E. Handy and William Lusk. It was the site of two courthouses. In 1888, a magnificent two-story brick courthouse with a bell tower was completed and soon became the pride of the city. It also played an important role in the infamous Jaybird-Woodpecker gunfight. The Jaybird-Woodpecker political feud culminated here in a bloody shoot-out in 1889. There is a still a monument next to the city hall marking the occasion. In 1909, the new courthouse on

Jackson Street was completed, and all county offices moved there. For the next 30 years the courthouse became a venue for recreation and events.

Richmond's City Hall was built in 1940. The nearby statute of Hilmar Moore was erected in his honor for his serving as mayor from 1949 until his death in 2012, thus making him the longest serving mayor in United States history.

**402 Morton St.  
Richmond, Texas 77469**



**Morton Cemetery**

Morton Cemetery is one of the most historic cemeteries in the State of Texas. It was established in 1825 by William Morton, on a portion of his land grant. Robert Gillespie, a fellow mason, passed away and was buried on Morton's land. William Morton erected a brick tomb for him, and it is said to be the first known Masonic landmark in Texas. Alas, William Morton lost his own life a few years later when he was swept away in the Brazos River Flood of 1833. His body was never recovered. Morton's widow sold the land, and it continued to be used as a cemetery. During the Texas Revolution, members of Santa Anna's army passed through Richmond, and some began to destroy the tomb. However, a Mexican officer realized it was a Masonic tomb and stopped them. William Morton's widow later sold their land to William Lusk and Robert Hand, the founders of Richmond. It has continued to be used as a cemetery from that time on. Notable burials to visit include Robert Gillespie, Walter Moses Burton, Jane Long, Mirabeau Lamar, Thomas Jefferson Smith, William Kinchen Davis, Albert and Mamie George and the Moore Family.

**401 N. Second St.  
Richmond, Texas 77469**





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www.shadowhawkgolfclub.com

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3000 Plantation Dr., Richmond 77406  
281-342-9940  
www.countryclubrichmondtx.com

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11207 Farm-To-Market 2759,  
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281-343-9995  
www.riverpointegolf.com

**GREATWOOD GOLF CLUB**

6767 Greatwood Pkwy., Sugar Land 77479  
281-343-9999  
www.greatwoodgolf.com

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4400 Palm Royale Blvd., Sugar Land 77479  
281-980-4100  
www.swcclub.com

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281-392-7888  
www.clubcorp.com

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Third Street, Richmond 77469  
www.dapplegreycoboutique.com

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This organization exists to create employment, job-training and mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth. They offer a variety of charming home accessories, ceramics, custom made furniture, jewelry and hair accessories, a hip T-shirt line, and much more.

501 Morton St., Richmond 77469  
512-825-3347 ▶ www.mercygoods.co



**Backwater Boutique**

Trendy women’s fashions, jewelry and accessories -- shop online or in store. Look for their Pop-Up Shops at local schools, fairs, festivals and even in home Sip-n-shop events.

210 W Hwy., 90A, Richmond 77469  
www.backwaterboutique.commentsold.com

**Treasure Hunters Gallery**

An eclectic gem that mixes old-time charm with the latest assortment of gifts, clothes, shoes, and jewelry. They offer a variety of artisans who collectively contribute to the mix this one-of-a-kind shop – it’s never the same!

300 Morton St., Richmond 77469  
281-239-0043 ▶ www.treasurehuntersgallery.shop

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4716 FM 359, Richmond 77406  
832-363-1242 ▶ www.redpotatomarket.com





# TOP TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO DO!

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1

## Change Your Address.

A new home is exciting, and we just want to spend all our time getting it ready to go. But it's equally important to start things off on the right foot by making sure all the companies you do business with have your new address. That includes credit cards, banks, and membership accounts. Don't forget to drop off the change-of-address form at the post office so mail is sent to your new place.

2

## Start and Transfer Services.

Your utility companies will need you to schedule a start date to begin services. Transferring your internet and television service provider will also require an appointment. Get things set up as close as possible to your closing date, but leave yourself a window of time before settling in, as it's possible not everything will be done as soon as you move in.

3

## Have the House Deep Cleaned.

Everyone loves that "new car smell" – why not make sure to have that "new home smell" as well? Have a professional cleaning company come do a deep clean before you move in to make sure nothing was overlooked. Schedule the service before you move in so they can reach all areas of the house without navigating your belongings.

4

## Replace Your Locks.

It's 10:00 pm – do you know who all has a key to your house? Unless you are the first owner of a house, you don't know how many keys and garage-door openers to your new home are floating around in the world. Change the locks, and either reprogram or buy new garage-door remotes.

5

## Protect From Pests.

Our area is crawling with all kinds of critters that also love your house and backyard – some of them being more seasonal concerns than others. Richmond has its own share of pests you need to keep an eye on, including termites, roaches and mosquitoes. Have your house and property inspected to make sure you are maintaining or preventing any creatures that also want to call your place home.

6

## Treat Your Windows Right.

A brand-new home probably won't have window treatments and other homes may have old ones, if they have any at all. With our extreme heat, window screens and window treatments are especially important to help keep cooling costs down. Replace faded or torn screens, and update treatments to keep the heat at bay.



7

## Personalize Your Place.

All those design shows you've watched, pins you've saved on Pinterest – now it's time to put them to use! Spend time visualizing what you want things to look like before you move in. Aren't a fan of the cabinets? Want different paint in the dining room? Eager to try a new decor theme? Now is the time to pull those visions together, as trying to rearrange couches to paint later on is never easy.

8

## Get Your Yard in Shape.

Our climate helps to dictate what our landscaping looks like; if Texas is your new home, yard maintenance is going to look a little different! The heat, heavy rains, and mild winters all present different challenges for how to effectively use your yard space. Talk to a professional nursery or landscaping company to find which plants will do best. If you live in a community with an HOA, make sure any changes you make are in compliance. If your yard is already landscaped, it's still worth talking to a pro to make sure you're taking care of it in the right way, including how to use our most precious resource, water.

9

## Meet Your Neighbors.

The world has changed, but knowing your neighbors is still so important. They share your street, your schools, your community concerns. Take the time to meet those in your neighborhood; they will have the recommendations you and your family are looking for (and we at *BeLocal* often use!).

10

## GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TEXAS SPIRIT.

If you're new to Texas, you've picked a great place! Where the summers are legendary, and the variety of wildlife and things to do are numerous. The state has a plethora of outdoor activities to keep you busy all year, not to mention the numerous options to keep you and your family busy all through the Houston area.

## JAMIE'S LOCAL TIP

I am an avid gardener, and curb appeal is everything when selling a home. Updating plants quarterly with the change of seasons helps attract and welcome home



buyers. I love buying new plants at Enchanted Gardens on FM359. They always have exactly what I'm looking for, and it's a great family-owned business that's kid friendly, where I find my peace.

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**Looking for a great cup of coffee? A smoothie to sip while you visit with a buddy? A spot to meet up for work or networking? Hungry?** Our amazing local coffee shops have all off that and so much more. Tour each one and find your favorite!

## LOCAL TIP



"My favorite coffee spot on my many work visits to Austin is Summer Moon Coffee House. My dreams came true when they opened one in Katy and another in Sienna. Try them out, and ask for their Moon Cream." – Greg D.

### Mugz Coffee Bar

Not just a local coffee stop ... Mugz features a drive-up window, extensive coffee options, fruit smoothies, blended coffees, kolaches, croissant sandwiches and even tacos on Tuesdays. Grab your lunch as well.  
503 FM RD 359, Richmond 77406  
[www.mugzcoffee.net](http://www.mugzcoffee.net)

### Dulcédo Coffee

A place where good coffee, good food and fantastic vibes meet. Our coffee is premium, our food is delicious and we welcome guests to stay and build fond memories. Eat. Drink. Relax.  
26750 FM 1093, Ste 120, Richmond 77406  
[www.dulcedo.coffee](http://www.dulcedo.coffee)

### The Perfect Latte

In addition to creative, curated coffees, they also offer teas, smoothies, juices and fresh-baked goods including desserts. A frequent location for local business owners to gather and network in the generous space.  
7417 W. Grand Pkwy. S. #130, Richmond 77406  
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[www.theperfectlatte.com](http://www.theperfectlatte.com)



### Blockhouse Coffee & Kitchen

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611 Jackson St., Suite C, Richmond 77469  
281-766-4866  
[www.blockhousecoffee.co](http://www.blockhousecoffee.co)



### Young Hustlers Coffee

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8182 W Grand Pkwy S.,  
Unit 200, Richmond 77406  
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[www.younghustlercoffee.com](http://www.younghustlercoffee.com)



### Joseph's Coffee Shop

Located in Historic Downtown Richmond, Joseph's first opened as a mercantile store in 1919. Joseph's is known as a local meeting place for officials from around Fort Bend County and for its vintage ambiance. From coffee, iced coffees, teas and smoothies. The store specializes in fine cigars and has a collection of vintage firearms available for purchase.  
202 Morton St., Richmond 77469  
[www.josephscoffeeandcigars.com](http://www.josephscoffeeandcigars.com)





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## Area Parks and Recreation

- **WESSENDORFF PARK**

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- **Pecan Grove Park**

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**800 Pitts Rd., Richmond 77406**

- **George Park**

Baseball/softball/football fields, jogging and walking trails, pavilion, picnic areas, playgrounds, public restrooms, sand volleyball pit and soccer fields.  
**2155 Collins Rd., Richmond 77469**

- **Harlem Road Park**

Soccer fields, open play space  
**701 Harlem Rd., Richmond 77406**



- **Brazos Bend State Park**

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**21901 FM 762, Needville 77461**  
**[www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend)**

- **George Ranch Historical Park**

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**10215 FM 762, Richmond 77469**  
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**[www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org)**



### LOCAL TIP



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# get INVOLVED

## LOCAL CHARITIES THAT SHINE

### Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking

Working passionately to bring awareness, education, training, and victim services to help combat both labor and sex trafficking. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor services or commercial sex acts against a person's will. Become educated, volunteer and be the change for the victims.  
**281-369-4412**  
[www.cchttx.com](http://www.cchttx.com)

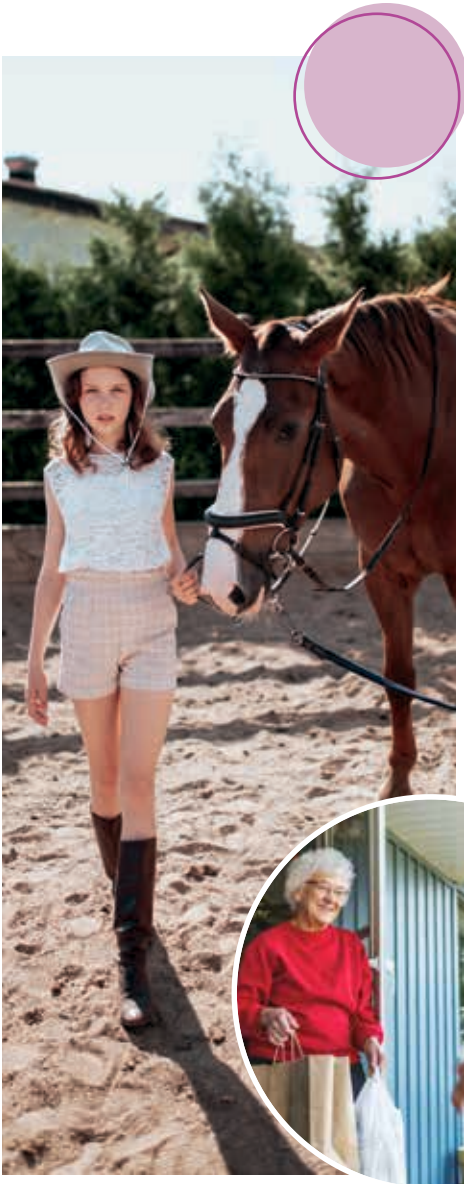
### East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry

With a mission is to address the basic human needs of families in temporary financial crisis in East Fort Bend County, the EFBHNM works tirelessly around the year to draw attention and funding to their goals. Organizing the OutRUN Hunger 5K in Harvest Green each fall, running a popular Painted Bowls annual event and online auction and ongoing food drives... You can choose any number of ways to get involved with their good work by volunteering at their resale shop, shopping or donating!  
**435 Stafford Run, Stafford 77477**  
**281-261-1006**  
[www.humanneeds.org](http://www.humanneeds.org)

### LOCAL TIP



"I was looking for a great place to volunteer that was diverse and offered ways to get to know like-minded others in the area. I can't tell you how great it was to find the Fort Bend Junior Service League. There is truly something for all your interests, and the work has been very rewarding." – **Brenda W.**



### Fort Bend Junior Service League

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[www.fbjsl.com](http://www.fbjsl.com)

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[www.fortbendseniors.org](http://www.fortbendseniors.org)

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[www.mercygoods.co](http://www.mercygoods.co)

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**SPACE CENTER HOUSTON**  
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**281-244-2100 | www.spacecenter.org**

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LOCAL TIP



"When I get my husband to myself for a date night, you can't beat Churrascos in Sugar Land or Memorial. My go to dish is the Pollo Escamisado. It's amazing ... plantain crusted chicken over spicy smoked black-bean sauce ... yummm!" — Amy D.

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LOCAL TIP



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LOCAL TIP



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italian / pizza



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[www.grimaldispizzeria.com](http://www.grimaldispizzeria.com)

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LOCAL TIP



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281-265-7500 >> [www.tex-mex.com](http://www.tex-mex.com)

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asian & sushi



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**2120 Lone Star Dr., Sugar Land 77479**  
**281-313-8650 >> [www.pfchangs.com](http://www.pfchangs.com)**

SHOGUN JAPANESE GRILL & SUSHI BAR

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**832-222-2111**  
**[www.order.ishogun.com](http://www.order.ishogun.com)**

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**281-239-8626**  
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**281-207-6271**  
**[www.topsushibar.com](http://www.topsushibar.com)**

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**[www.yumicaferichmond.com](http://www.yumicaferichmond.com)**

seafood / cajun



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**281-239-7734**  
**[www.baytownseafoodrichmond.com](http://www.baytownseafoodrichmond.com)**

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**8620 Grand Mission Blvd. j10, Richmond 77407**  
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**[www.richmond.bourbonstdaiquiris.com](http://www.richmond.bourbonstdaiquiris.com)**

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**832-449-3299**  
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**[www.pier36seafood.com](http://www.pier36seafood.com)**

barbecue



indian

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**832-595-9400**  
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**11020 Harlem Rd. #100, Richmond 77406**  
**281-491-6494**  
**[www.facebook.com/gnbgrill](http://www.facebook.com/gnbgrill)**

BROOKSTREET BBQ

A BBQ restaurant serving BBQ, sandwiches, plates, desserts and more.  
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**281-762-1400**  
**[www.brookstreetbbq.com](http://www.brookstreetbbq.com)**

HARLEM ROAD TEXAS BBQ

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**832-278-2101**  
**[www.harlemroadtexasbbq.com](http://www.harlemroadtexasbbq.com)**

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A veteran-owned BBQ spot serving sandwiches, po-boys and plates with slow-cooked meats.  
**11534 Wilcrest Dr., Houston 77099**  
**281-530-9382**  
**[www.houston-bbq-catering.com](http://www.houston-bbq-catering.com)**

RED RIVER BBQ & GRILL

A casual, family-friendly joint serving wood-fired barbecue and Southern comfort food.  
**1711 Mason Rd., Katy 77450**  
**281-578-3800**  
**[www.redriverbbq.com](http://www.redriverbbq.com)**

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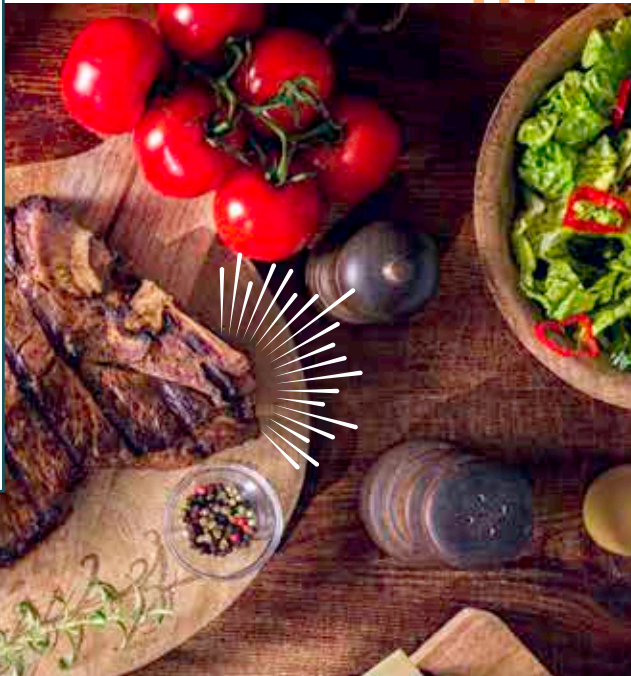
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**3818 Farm to Market 359, Richmond 77406**  
**281-342-4758**  
**[www.swingingdoor.com](http://www.swingingdoor.com)**

LOCAL TIP



"One of our regular favorites is Sandy McGee's, a local staple. They offer the yummiest everything, and it's such a neat and historic spot. We also love Bombay Grill." – Brandee A.







# BRYNLEE

## Meet the Stephens Family

By **Raven Harper**  
Photos by **Lindsey Wilkins Photographer**

In January of 2020, the USA National Miss Texas Jr. Princess title went to Brynlee Stephens, a 5-year-old sweetheart from our very own Richmond. Brynlee’s mother, Ashley, noticed her daughter’s natural talent for performing at a very young age, and from that moment on, it was history. Brynlee currently holds two titles, 2019’s USA National Miss Fulshear Jr. Princess and the 2020 Texas Jr. Princess title. Keep reading to get to know Brynlee; her parents, Ashley and Randy; her brother, Brayden; and pets, Mater and Blue.

### Tell us a little about how Brynlee got started in pageants.

Brynlee has always wanted to be on stage! We put her in ballet at just 1 and a half years old after watching her perfectly imitate the *Dancing With The Stars* dancers every time we watched them on TV. She has some of that natural God-given talent to perform and has no fear. She would ask us every day when she would get to be on stage, so finally we did some research and found a pageant in Fulshear she qualified for because we were in the 20-mile radius, thankfully. We did a prep class; she competed and won her first title as USA National Miss Fulshear Jr. Princess in November of 2019. She later advanced to State where she competed and won her second title, USA National Miss Texas Jr. Princess in January of 2020.

### What is next for Brynlee?

Brynlee plans to return to UNM NATIONALS in 2021, where she will compete for the coveted National Title once again.

Because you are not allowed to compete at the state level the year you give up your State title, outgoing queens are given the opportunity to return to Nationals with an appointed title, such as “Yellow Rose of Texas.”

She has been working with a local pageant coach, Michelle Jones, as well as doing a handful full of ZOOM interview prep sessions to prepare her for Nationals in Florida.

Brynlee placed TOP 15 in the country at the 2020 UNM NATIONALS in November 2020.

### Does Brynlee have any advice for a young person interested in getting into the pageant world?

Sign up, be brave, and believe in yourself! Go for it, even if you are a little scared. Oh, and practice a lot, because practice makes you good!

### Does Mom have any advice for families interested in the pageant world?

Have fun and make memories. Pageant day can be stressful, but just remember if you are having fun, so will your girl(s). Find a good coach, and don’t be afraid to fundraise. Pageants can get pricey. Anything you do to ease the financial side will help you enjoy it a little more. For example, we raffled off a Kate



Spade cross-body for her State pageant and are now selling #TeamBrynlee tees and tanks.

### Tell us a little about your family.

Ashley is a stay-at-home mom and blogger. She is married to Randy, who is an Army vet and current firefighter for Harris County Emergency Service District 48 and community fire departments. Together, they have two kids, Brayden (6) and Brynlee (5), and two pets, cat, Mater, and dog, Blue.

### Does your family have any hobbies or passionate pastimes?

We are a very social family. We love socializing with friends and family, BBQing, playing yard games, and



enjoying quality time. As for our kids, Brayden loves playing baseball with the Lamar Little league and bike rides. Brynlee loves pageants, dancing and singing, cheering her brother on when he plays baseball, and all things Broadway and musicals – *Hamilton*, *Wicked*, *Mama Mia*, and *Frozen* to name a few!

### Where can you find this local celebrity?

#TeamBrynlee  
**FB:** @Brynleestephens, 2020UNMTexasJr.Princess  
**IG:** @Brynlee\_UNM\_JrPrincess2020  
**TikTok:** @2020UNMTXJrPrincess

## LOCAL TIP



“A couple of my favorite local spots to shop include: Rustic Closet Boutique (really all of the downtown Richmond) and Red Potato Market. Something for everyone!” – **Kristen M.**



# PLAY TIME!

Cool stuff to do for kids, families and adults alike – banish boredom and have a blast!



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[www.einsteinspubarcade.com](http://www.einsteinspubarcade.com)



## ART AND CRAFT STUDIOS

### Beautiful Feet Studio of Dance & The Arts

1864 Farm to Market 359,  
Richmond 77406  
281-456-3338  
[www.beautifulfeetstudio.com](http://www.beautifulfeetstudio.com)

### CraftWorx

11135 Harlem Rd., Ste. 220,  
Richmond 77406  
281-302-6346  
[www.craftworxusa.com](http://www.craftworxusa.com)

### Paint Until You Faint

5503 Farm to Market 359, Richmond 77406  
281-222-3344  
[www.paintuntilyoufaint.net](http://www.paintuntilyoufaint.net)

### The Guild

611 Jackson St., Suite A2, Richmond 77469  
832-600-8374  
[www.theguildtx.com](http://www.theguildtx.com)

## LOCAL TIP



"We recommend family date nights! One of our favorites is Momentum Indoor Climbing Park. It's so rewarding to see the kids taking on new heights, and we love to compete as we take our turns."  
– Nichole and Chad D.

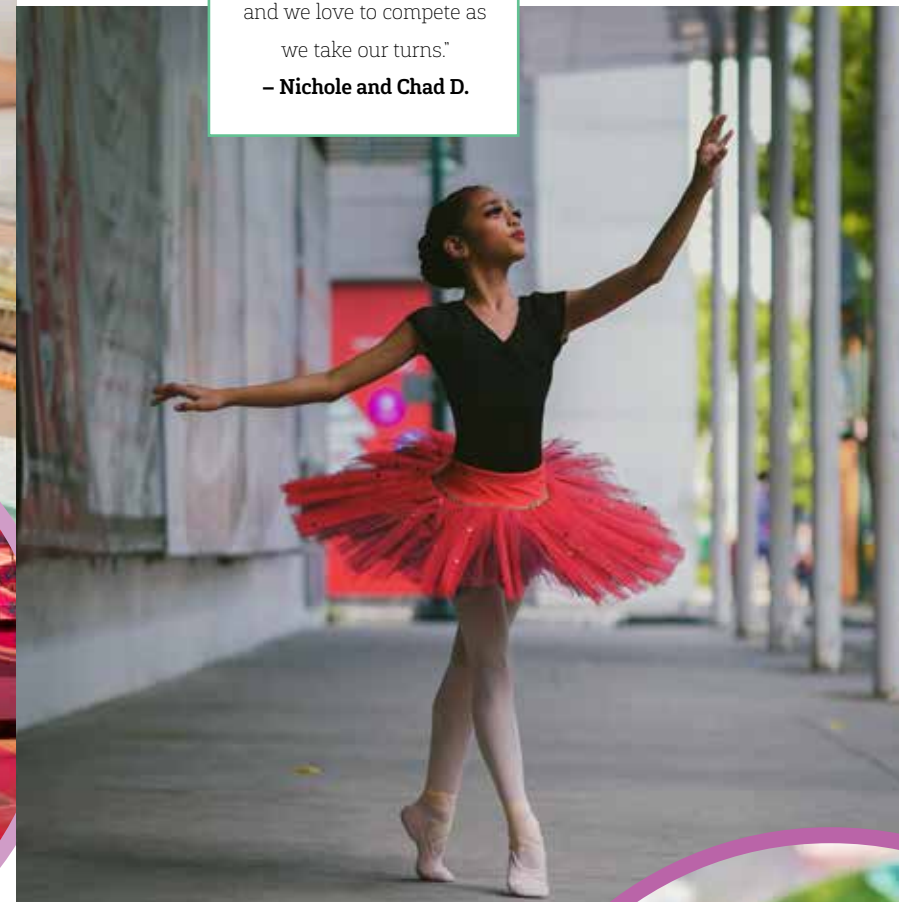
## AQUARIUM AND ZOO

### Downtown Aquarium

410 Bagby St. (at Memorial Drive),  
Houston 77002  
713-223-FISH  
[www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston](http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston)

### Houston Zoo

6200 Hermann Park Dr.,  
Houston 77030  
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[www.houstonzoo.org](http://www.houstonzoo.org)



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[www.beautifulfeetstudio.com](http://www.beautifulfeetstudio.com)

### DanceTech By Hillary

825 Plantation Dr.,  
Richmond 77406  
281-341-5300  
[www.dancetechbyhillary.com](http://www.dancetechbyhillary.com)

### EnRich Gymnastics & Dance Academy

1661 Blaisdale Rd.,  
Richmond 77406  
832-759-6410  
[www.enrichgymnasticsrichmondtx.com](http://www.enrichgymnasticsrichmondtx.com)

### Forever Dance

4610 Farm to Market Rd.  
723 Ste. I, Richmond 77406  
832-573-3734  
[www.foreverdancestudio.com](http://www.foreverdancestudio.com)

### Fun & Fitness Gymnastics

25350 Canyon Fields Dr.,  
Richmond 77406  
832-222-2228  
[www.funfitgym.com](http://www.funfitgym.com)

### Imperial Athletics

2201 Thompson Rd. #105,  
Richmond 77469  
832-759-5189  
[www.imperialathletics.net](http://www.imperialathletics.net)

### Iron Cross Gymnastics

225 Gonyo Ln. # 202,  
Richmond 77469  
281-342-4766  
[www.ironcrossgymnastics.com](http://www.ironcrossgymnastics.com)

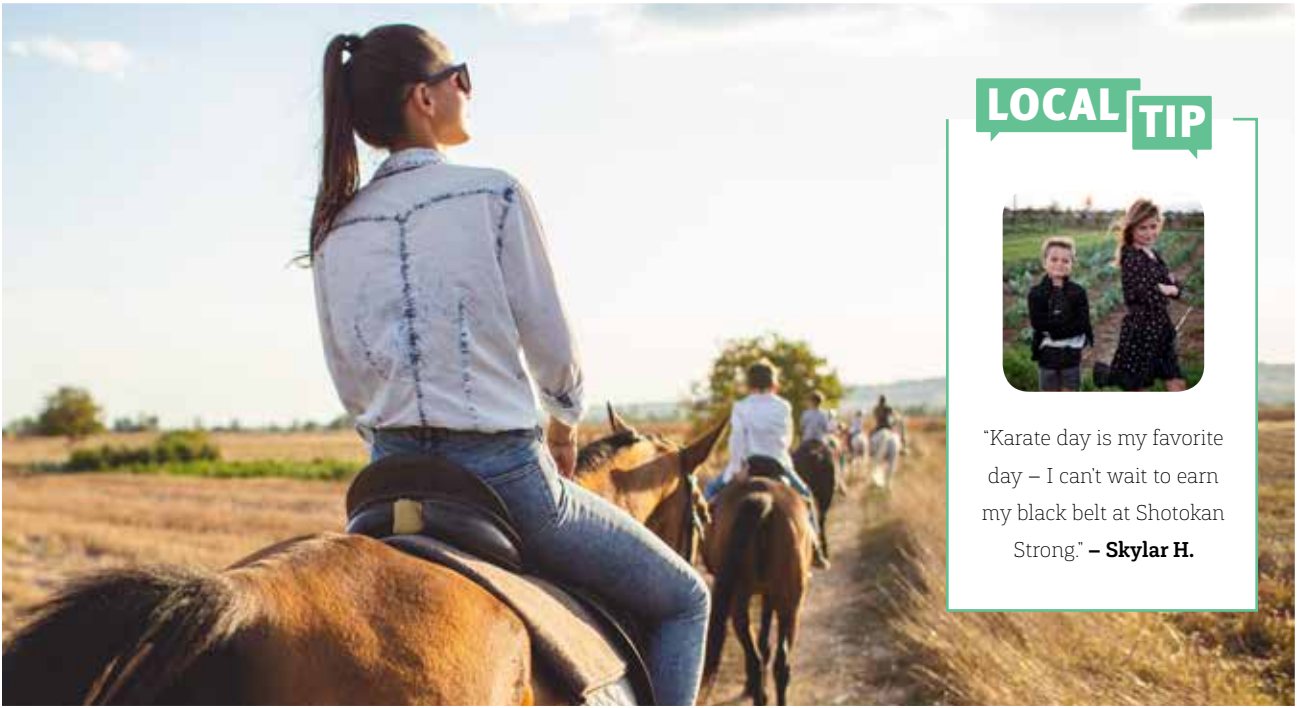
### Move Dance and Fitness

1819 First Oaks St. #200,  
Richmond 77406  
832-612-0823  
[www.movedanceandfitness.com](http://www.movedanceandfitness.com)

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LOCAL TIP



"Karate day is my favorite day – I can't wait to earn my black belt at Shotokan Strong." – Skylar H.

HORSES – LESSONS, CAMPS AND PARTIES

**Carroll Stables**  
Horse boarding and Western-style riding lessons.  
9530 Seiler Rd., Richmond 77469  
979-618-1421  
www.carrollstables.com

**Hitchin' Post Ponies & Stables**  
Have your event at their stables, and enjoy many animals and the farm atmosphere – sure to charm all comers! If you want to have them bring the party to you, they can do that during the week.  
10119 Hidden Lake Ln., Richmond 77406  
281-788-6604  
www.hitchinpostponies.com

**Palina's Ponies Horse Riding School**  
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www.palinasponies.com

**Pecan Grove Stables / Regal Sport Horses**  
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281-658-1398  
www.regalsporthorses.com

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www.whippetreefarm.com

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**Momentum Indoor Climbing Katy**  
25410 Katy Mills Pkwy., Katy 77494  
832-437-9091  
www.momentumclimbing.com/katy

INDOOR SKYDIVING

**iFLY**  
9540 Katy Fwy., Houston 77055  
281-942-4359  
www.iflyworld.com



MARTIAL ARTS

**AON Jiu Jitsu**  
9825 Mason Rd Ste 160, Richmond 77406  
713-885-6595 ▶ www.aonjiujitsu.com

**Lone Star Karate & Self Defense**  
841 E. US-90 ALT, Richmond 77406  
346-843-2680 ▶ www.lonestarkarate.com

**Unity Martial Arts**  
602 Crabb River Rd., Richmond 77469  
281-343-0770 ▶ www.unityma.com

**Kuk Sool Won™ Martial Arts**  
1125 Crabb River Rd., Richmond 77469  
832-595-2299

**Renzo Gracie The Grove**  
7850 W Grand Pkwy S #100, Richmond 77406  
832-471-6089  
www.renzograciethegrove.com

**Shotokan Strong Karate**  
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281-456-3338  
www.beautifulfeetstudio.com

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**Groove Music School**  
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281-242-1177  
www.musicschoolsugarlandtx.com

**Joyful Noise Music Studio**  
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www.joyfulnoisemusicstudio.com

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www.piano-lessons-richmond-tx.kremamusic.com

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281-899-8714  
www.rompnroll.com

TRAINS

**Rosenberg Railroad Museum and Depot**  
1921 Ave. F, Rosenberg 77471  
281-633-2846  
www.rosenbergrrmuseum.org

TRAMPOLINE PARKS

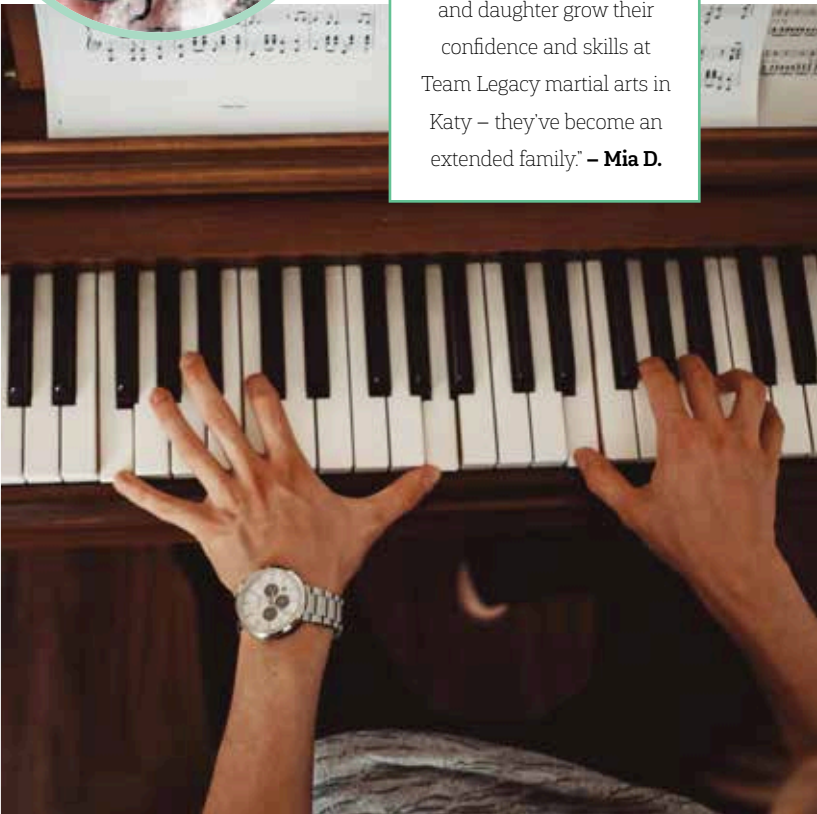
**Altitude Trampoline Park**  
4550 Hwy. 6, Sugar Land 77478  
713-234-7798  
www.altitudesugarland.com

**Urban Air**  
9848 US 90 Alternate, Sugar Land 77478  
281-972-8797  
www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com

LOCAL TIP



"I love watching my son and daughter grow their confidence and skills at Team Legacy martial arts in Katy – they've become an extended family." – Mia D.





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## animal adoption

**Rosenberg Animal Control and Shelter**  
1207 Blume Rd., Rosenberg 77471  
832-595-3490  
[www.rosenbergtx.gov/bergshelterpets](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/bergshelterpets)

**Fort Bend County Animal Services**  
1210 Blume Rd., Rosenberg 77471  
281-342-1512  
[www.fbchhs.org/animal-services](http://www.fbchhs.org/animal-services)

## LOCAL TIP



"Dr. Mittal at Neighborhood Pet Hospital is my go-to for my 5-year-old Cane Corso, Max. He is compassionate and thorough! I highly recommend them." – **Luchae D.**



## grooming

**Bow Wow Beautiful LLC**  
3618 Savage Ct., Richmond 77406  
713-817-4602  
[www.bowwowbeautifulllc.com](http://www.bowwowbeautifulllc.com)

**PetSuites Long Meadow**  
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346-439-1893  
[www.petsuitesofamerica.com](http://www.petsuitesofamerica.com)

**Paw Envy Pet Care**  
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281-242-7297 >> [www.pawenvypetcare.com](http://www.pawenvypetcare.com)

**Pet's Paw's & Beyond**  
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281-565-7722 >> [www.petspawsbeyond.com](http://www.petspawsbeyond.com)

**Stay N Play Pet Place**  
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713-715-9000  
[www.staynplaypetplace.com](http://www.staynplaypetplace.com)

**TLC on the Brazos Dog Salon**  
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281-341-0100 >> [www.tlconthebrazos.com](http://www.tlconthebrazos.com)

**Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming**  
9711 Mason Rd., Ste. 100, Richmond 77407  
832-862-9663 >> [www.woofgangbakery.com](http://www.woofgangbakery.com)

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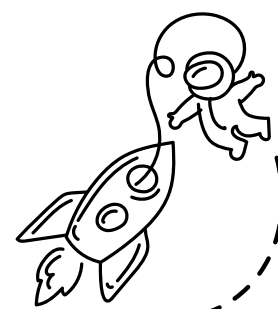
## SCHOOLS &amp;

Richmond is a fast-growing suburb of one of the largest cities in the U.S. – and it's a great place to raise young people. As a result, our options when it comes to education are extensive. From public or private schools, you will find a new home for you and your student. Most of the area daycare and early-learning centers will accept babies as young as 3 months, and most also offer before- and after-care programs for school-aged learners.

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www.fortbendisd.com

**Lamar CISD**  
www.lcisid.org



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PreK-12th  
1201 Austin St.,  
Richmond, Texas 77469  
281-342-3161 ▶ www.ces-richmond.org

**Cornerstone Christian Academy**  
PreK-Eighth  
2140 First Colony Blvd.,  
Sugar Land 77479  
281-980-0842 ▶ www.cornerstonecca.org

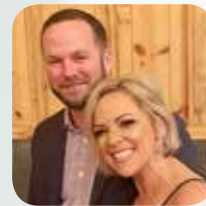
**Gateway America Prep**  
841 E US-90 ALT, Richmond 77406  
www.gatewayamericaprep.com  
346-843-2680

**KnILE Center – Educational Services**  
First-12th  
5419 FM 762 Rd., Richmond, Texas 77469  
281-761-6610 ▶ www.knilecenter.com

**Shady Oak Primary School**  
First-Fifth  
600 Main St., Richmond, Texas 77469  
281-344-1291  
www.shadyoakprimary.com

**Westlake Preparatory Lutheran Academy**  
PreK-Eighth  
23300 Bellaire Blvd., Richmond 77406  
281-341-9910 ▶ www.westlakeprep.org

## LOCAL TIP



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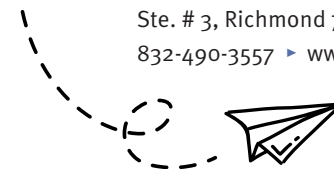
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## Code Ninjas

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832-490-3557 ▶ www.idealabkids.com



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## Success On The Spectrum ABA

1803 Richmond Pkwy. #600,  
Richmond, Texas 77469  
832-371-6738

## Texas Cares About Autism

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Richmond, Texas 77406  
281-239-3934 ▶ www.texascaresautism.com

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Richmond 77406 ▶ 281-915-3311  
8019 W. Grand Pkwy. S., Suite 1053,  
Richmond 77407 ▶ 281-232-6789  
www.kumon.com

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281-762-0089 ▶ www.facebook.com/DecadentRichmond

#### HUMMINGBIRD BAKERY

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So close – be on the coast! The Galveston Bay Area boasts Moody Gardens, Schlitterbahn Waterpark and nearby Kemah Boardwalk in addition to the beaches along the Bolivar Peninsula and the island. Stay near the boardwalk for best access to shopping and dining. Find a hotel, vacation rental, RV park or resort nearer to the beach to just dip your toes in the sand and enjoy some R&R. [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com)



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**LOCAL TIP**



to stay busy!" – Louise and Andrew G.

"Got a little one to keep occupied? We love My Gym Katy, Frogs Snails Fairytales, Monkey Joes, Richmond Library story time, Craftworkx and Pengu swim! Yes, we try



**Houston Arboretum and Nature Center | Houston**

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**Japanese Gardens in Hermann Park | Houston**

In a pine grove near the Sam Houston Monument in Hermann Park, you'll find this slice of heaven featuring waterfalls, bridges, and stone paths that wander among crepe myrtles, azaleas, Japanese maples, dogwoods, and cherry trees. Designed by world-renowned landscape architect, Ken Nakajima, you won't be able to deny a feeling of serenity. [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)

**Houston Botanic Garden | Houston**

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**Mercer Botanic Gardens | Humble**

With 400 acres of land the botanic gardens consist of over 60 acres of beautifully maintained gardens that feature bamboo, color displays, daylilies, endangered species, ferns, gingers, herbs, tropicals, and more. The East Side also has an extensive walking trail system, a Remembrance Walk for memorials and honorariums, ponds, a visitors' center, courtyard plaza, plus much more. **22306 Aldine Westfield Rd., Humble, Texas 77338** [www.hcp4.net/parks/merc](http://www.hcp4.net/parks/merc)

**Brazos Bend State Park**

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