



### Merit Medical Celebrates Grand Opening of New Pearland Facility

Merit Medical, along with leadership from the City of Pearland and the Pearland Economic Development Corporation, celebrated the completed construction of its new facility at a grand opening and ribbon cutting event for the medical device manufacturer's new manufacturing and R&D building in Pearland on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Merit Medical's new facility is located on a 12-acre site in Pearland's Lower Kirby District. The 92,000 square-foot facility is home to approximately 220 employees, including management personnel, engineers, and production staff. HKS, Inc. developed the facility's architecture designs and the project's general contractor was Jacobsen Construction.



### HCA Gulf Coast Division Holds Ribbon Cutting for Pearland Medical Center

HCA Gulf Coast Division hosted a ribbon cutting for its Pearland Medical Center on Friday, January 9th. The 33-bed, acute care hospital, located at 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway opened on February 3rd. The \$71 million project is

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### Platting and Permit Activity Forecast Continued Population Growth for Pearland

The City of Pearland issued 1,068 single-family residential permits and 1,008 multi-family residential permits in 2014. This is the highest number of single-family housing permits issued in a single year for the city since 2008.

In fiscal year 2014 (10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014), a total of 2,252 residential lots were approved by the City of Pearland for construction of single-family homes and 2,163 lots were approved under preliminary plats. These plats are forecasted to bring an additional 13,000 residents to Pearland in the coming years.

### Pearland Ranked as One of the Best Places in Texas

Pearland ranked ninth in NerdWallet's recent list of the best places for young families in Texas. The study ranked various cities across Texas according to public school excellence, home affordability and growth and prosperity.

According to the study, "Pearland is shining strong, getting its name on the Texas Retail Survey's 2012 list of the top 50 city retail markets in the state. With a 38.9% income growth over the past decade, Pearland is a place where expansion in business and

estimated to bring 250 jobs to Pearland.

The event marked the entry of HCA's new 144,000 square-foot facility into the community. The hospital will include medical/surgical beds, intensive care beds, an emergency department, labor and delivery and postpartum recovery suites, dedicated cesarean-section operating rooms, surgical suites, and a Level II NICU in addition to a general nursery.

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## PEDC Board of Directors Welcomes Two New Board Members

PEDC leadership is pleased to announce City Council's appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors. Jeff Barry and Mona Chavarria assumed their duties at the December 11th meeting.

Jeff also serves as President of the Pearland ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors and has previously served as a Director for the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and Adult Reading Center. He is the owner of Barry Insurance Group.

Mona also serves as a member of the board of directors for the Adult Reading Center, Pearland ISD Education Foundation, and Silverlake Lions Club and is the former Chair of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is the president/owner of A&A Cleaning Services in Pearland.

PEDC staff and leadership wish to express their sincere appreciation to outgoing board members Gary Idoux and Jim Burnett for their service on the board.



## PEDC Names New Vice President

PEDC welcomes a new member to its team! Brian Malone recently joined the PEDC as our new Vice President. He

the city are meshing together."

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## New Pearland Retail Center Opens

Construction is nearing completion on Stream Realty's new Center at Pearland Parkway and retailers are beginning to open. TJ Maxx, Palais Royal, and Petco have opened for business in the 165,000 square-foot shopping center. Other retail tenants to open include Five Below, Rack Room Shoes, Rue 21, Mod's Pizza and Chipotle.

## Pearland ISD Schools Rank High in 2015 Niche Rankings

All of Pearland ISD's junior high school and several of its middle and elementary schools ranked as the best in the Houston metro area.

The study, performed by niche.com, ranked more than 100,000 public and private schools and districts based on dozens of statistics and 27 million opinions from 300,000 students and parents.

[Click here to view the entire study.](#)

## Ground Breaking for Shadow Creek Ranch High School in Pearland

On September 30th, Alvin ISD broke ground on the new Shadow Creek Ranch High School. The 520,000 square-foot high school at Broadway and Kirby Drive is currently under construction and is slated to open in Fall 2016.

The school's construction is being

will oversee the implementation of strategies to attract new jobs and new investment in Pearland, Texas. Primary responsibilities include generating business prospect leads and facilitating the attraction of new companies to Pearland, along with coordinating business retention and expansion efforts. Brian most recently served as President and CEO for the Athens Economic Development Corporation.

funded with a \$104.5 million bond issue approved by district voters last November.

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