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## Baytown mayor draws two challengers

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Another challenger has filed as a candidate for mayor, going up against incumbent Mayor Brandon Capetillo and another challenger, David Isaac.

Michael Stewart, a lifelong Baytown resident and Ross S. Sterling High School graduate of 1978, has filed to run.

“I want to do several things,” Stewart said. “I want our property and school taxes to be dropped. It is ridiculous. I do not want any kickbacks. I want to go to city hall and reduce all of the fat. And give our police and firefighters a pay increase.”

Stewart retired from ExxonMobil after working there for 30 years.

Isaac ran for a Lee College Regent posi-



CAPETILLO



ISAAC



STEWART

tion in May but took in 12.5% of the vote while incumbents Mark Hall, Mark Himself, and Weston Cotten earned more than 25% of the vote.

To find answers to frequently asked questions on filing as a candidate for mayor in Baytown this November, visit [www.baytown.org/184/Elections](http://www.baytown.org/184/Elections).

Anyone planning to file has a deadline of 5 p.m. Aug. 16. The final day to file as a

write-in candidate is Aug. 20. Voters have until Oct. 4 to register. Early voting begins Oct. 18 through 29. Election Day is Nov. 2.

Also on the ballot in Baytown are three propositions to amend the city’s charter. One proposition is about term limits for council members and the mayor. Another proposition would give council more leeway in consolidating departments as needed. A third amendment would require two readings of both voluntary and involuntary annexation ordinances. In addition, a re-authorization of the street maintenance tax is on the ballot.

Beach City has three Aldermen who are up for re-election. None of the incumbents up for election have filed, according to Evonne Donnelly, city secretary. The

three Aldermen are Kenneth Pantin, Ray Smith, and Paul Newman III. For more on the Beach City election, visit <https://beachcitytx.us/government/elections.php#outer-116>.

Old River-Winfree is also having municipal elections. Mayor Joe Landry is up for another term, as is Kathy Franssen for Seat 2, and Judy Strickland for Seat 4. All of the incumbents have filed to run, according to Linda Murphy, city secretary. For more on the Old River-Winfree election, visit [http://cityofoldriverwinfree.com/november\\_3\\_2020\\_city\\_election\\_information/index.php](http://cityofoldriverwinfree.com/november_3_2020_city_election_information/index.php).

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## Legislature remains at impasse

BY CASSANDRA POLLOCK AND PATRICK SVITEK

Texas Tribune

Heading into the last week of the special legislative session, the partisan standoff over Texas Republicans’ priority elections bill is no closer to a resolution in Austin.

Enough House Democrats to prevent a quorum — 100 of the 150 House members have to be together to conduct official business — are still camped out in the nation’s capital, and Republicans are still waiting for them back in Austin, toiling through the daily monotony



Sea Scouts from the local Sea Scout Ship 208 stand behind the new gateway sign and flower bed at the corner of Lakewood Drive and Bayway they helped build for the Lakewood subdivision. See story on Page 2

## Traffic stop leads to felon’s arrest

BY MARK FLEMING

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An Ohio man was arrested by Chambers County Sheriff’s deputies Saturday after a vehicle pursuit and standoff. No one was injured.

Information posted by the department said a deputy saw a black Ford Fusion driving erratically on Interstate 10 near mile marker 813 and made a traffic stop.

It was later learned the vehicle had possibly been



Sea Scouts from the local Sea Scout Ship 208, above and below, work on a new Lakewood neighborhood sign. The Sea Scouts took on the effort for their Quartermaster project (like Eagle Scout award for Boy Scouts). The sign is similar to one on Post Oak and Bayway that the Lakewood Civic Association built with volunteers in 2011.

## Sea Scouts lead effort to build Lakewood neighborhood sign

BY ALAN DALE

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Beautification is alive and well for the Lakewood Civic Association in Baytown.

Recently, the association applied for and received an Empowerment Grant from the city to build a gateway sign and flower bed for the Lakewood community.

It was placed at the corner of Lakewood Drive and Bayway upon completion.

Three Sea Scouts - Kera Adamson, Luke Clayburg, and Alex Primeaux from the local Sea Scout Ship 208 - took on the effort for their Quartermaster project and provided the majority of the labor to build the sign and flower garden.

The Lakewood Civic Association Board designed the sign and along with neighborhood volunteers, helped the Sea Scouts construct the concrete and flagstone sign.

The sign is similar to one on Post Oak and Bayway that the Lakewood Civic Association built with volunteers in 2011. That sign was a part of the 60th anniversary of the Lakewood Garden Club.

"We wanted to then replace the Lakewood/



Bayway sign also but the owner of that lot at that time would not allow us to do so," Randy Dickey, president of Lakewood Civic Association, said. "The original wooden Lakewood/Bayway sign was destroyed by a vehicle crash in June of 2017. Again, the property owner would not allow us to replace it. The property changed hands a couple of

times and the current owner was receptive to allow us to rebuild the sign.

"Lakewood has multiple entrances along Bayway and having a gateway sign at both the northern section (Post Oak) and the southern area (the new one on Lakewood Drive/Bayway) better identifies our neighborhood and adds some beauty."