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Syrila is a native of Louisiana and was raised in Abbeville, Louisiana, by her single parent mom, Clementine Thibaux. She graduated with her BSN from Southeastern Louisiana University. While in nursing school she realized her desire to provide specific care in women's health. She was blessed to start her first year working as an RN on a Labor and Delivery floor. While working and living in Port Arthur, Texas, she had the opportunity and desire to return to school to become a Nurse Practitioner. After years of experience with women on labor and delivery it was a natural segue to specializing as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. She received her master's degree from University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston. She and her husband, Dean, live in Dayton and work in Liberty. They have sent three grown children out into the world.

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**1201 NORTH TRAVIS STREET - LIBERTY**



LIBERTY ROTARIANS

## Liberty Rotary vision for senior room

LIBERTY - The Rotary Club of Liberty raises funds annually and submits a project proposal to Rotary District leadership, selecting initiatives that align with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, which include: maternal and child health, disease prevention, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, peace and conflict resolution, water and sanitation and environment. All funds raised by the club for the annual project are matched 1:1 through Rotary grant funding.

For the 2025-2026 project, the club partnered closely with Amber Ursprung of the Liberty Municipal Library. When approached by the Rotary Club,


Ursprung immediately shared the library's vision for a dedicated senior room, which aligned perfectly with Rotary's goals.

The new senior room includes a mahjong table and additional game table, more than 20 games and puzzles, including Life, Scrabble, Clue, Yahtzee, Monopoly, Connect 4, Trivial Pursuit, chess, checkers, bingo, Phase 10, Uno, and more, a retro-style CD player for music, coffee and water station and a dedicated device charging station. The room is expected to open for public use in early summer, offering a cool and welcoming space just as temperatures begin to rise.

The Liberty Rotary Club has served the community for over 100 years, supported by generous community participation in its fundraisers. Rotary membership is open to anyone with a heart for service and a desire to support both local and global communities. Weekly meetings are held Tuesdays at noon. For more information, contact: Susan La Cour by phone at 281-451-4008 or email: susan.lacour@earthlink.net.

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## City of Liberty now using TextMyGov

LIBERTY - The City of Liberty is no longer using Nixle. The city now uses TextMyGov to make it easier than ever for residents to get information and report issues right from their phone. Whether you want to check trash pickup days, report a pothole, or receive important city alerts, TextMyGov puts helpful infor-

mation at your fingertips 24/7.

To get started, text libertytx to 91896. (You'll receive a confirmation message and can opt out anytime by texting "STOP" to 91896).

To ask questions or report issues anytime, text a keyword like "trash," "streetlight," "report" or "events" to 936-253-

6633. The system will guide you through the process or give you an instant answer!

Sign up now to stay informed about emergencies, closures, and city updates or get quick answers without waiting on hold. If you need help getting started or just want more information, call city hall at 936-336-3684.

## Special WWI event at SHC, May 28

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), part of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), will host a special event on World War I and Southeast Texas on Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

Come join SHC staff in honoring fallen military personnel the week of Memorial Day when guest speaker Stephen Cure will explore the role of Southeast Texas in World War I, providing insight into the war, its impact on Southeast Texas, the experiences of those who lived it and how it has been commemorated. Cure is the author of *A Centennial Perspective on Texans in the Great War* and will be signing his book, with all proceeds from book sales benefiting the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission.

In addition, visitors can experience a special display of historic items related to World War I from the collections of the Sam Houston Center and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin.

Stephen Cure is an eighth generation Texan and United States Army veteran who holds a bachelor's from the University of Texas at Austin and master's from the University of North Texas. Cure currently serves as chief historian of the Interpretation, Exhibits and Planning Division of the Texas Historical Commission. From 2004-2018, he served as director of education for the Texas State Historical Association, where he directed most of the Association's World War I commemorative efforts.

Cure's author talk and book signing is part of SHC's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026. Projects and events throughout the year will recognize the region and state's contributions to the development of our nation.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Contact the Center at (936) 336-8821 or samhouston-center@tsl.texas.gov for more information.

## Dayton historians dedicate Moon Tree plaque

Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, was celebrated by members of the Dayton Historical Society and others at the Dayton Community Center by dedicating a plaque that explains the significance of a beautiful sycamore tree that was planted on the north side of the entrance on April 14, 2022. The tree is a Second-Generation Moon Tree, donated to the City of Dayton by Chris Roosa, son of Astronaut Stuart A. Roosa. Stuart was one of the crewmembers of Apollo 14 that landed on the moon in 1971, 55 years ago. Attending the event were Dayton Historical Society members Kathy Fry, Maureen Moore, Susan Simmons, Jo DeFoor, Cynthia Miller, Mary Ellen Conner, Caroline Wadzeck, Larry Wadzeck, Alan Conner, Beverly Davis, and Johnny Miller.

## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- your property's appraised (market) value
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties;
- your property's inclusion on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property;
- the property's ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice;
- the denial, modification or cancellation of the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value;
- the determination of incorrect appraised value and allocation of value of a structure, archaeological site and land necessary for access under a historic site exemption; or
- any action taken by the appraisal district or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

Liberty County Appraisal District  
2030 Sam Houston Street  
Liberty, Texas 77575 936-336-5722

### Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district, you have the right to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the hearing's time, date, place and subject. If necessary, you may request an evening of Saturday hearing. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the appraisal district plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a protest hearing or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your authorized representative and the appraisal district are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. You may submit evidence for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which the ARB will keep. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. Review the ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your authorized representative may appear in person, by telephone conference or videoconference call or by submitting a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate the type of hearing you request on your written notice. You must file the notice with the ARB not later than the fifth day before the hearing date

if you have not designated an agent under Tax Code Section 1.111, or 10 days before the hearing date if you have designated an agent under Tax Code Section 1.111 to represent you at the hearing. You must provide your evidence and written affidavit before the hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone or video conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the appraisal district representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. In most cases, the appraisal district has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

If you believe that the ARB or chief appraiser failed to comply with an ARB procedural requirement, you may file a complaint with the local taxpayer liaison officer. If the ARB or chief appraiser do not resolve it, you can request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or the chief appraiser to comply.

### Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through regular binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you choose to appeal through regular binding arbitration, you must file a request for regular binding arbitration not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. Additional information on how to appeal through regular binding arbitration will be included with the ARB's order of determination. If you choose to appeal to SOAH, you must file an appeal with the appraisal district not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, regular binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

### Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Liberty County Appraisal District  
2030 Sam Houston Street,  
Liberty, Texas 77575 936-336-5722

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at: [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after the appraisal district mailed a notice of appraised value to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

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