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## 2021 Hurricane Forecast Luncheon to feature Eric Berger of Space City Weather on June 9

The annual Hurricane Forecast and Emergency Preparedness Business Luncheon will be hosted by the Texas City-La Marque Chamber on Wednesday, June 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Doyle Convention Center.

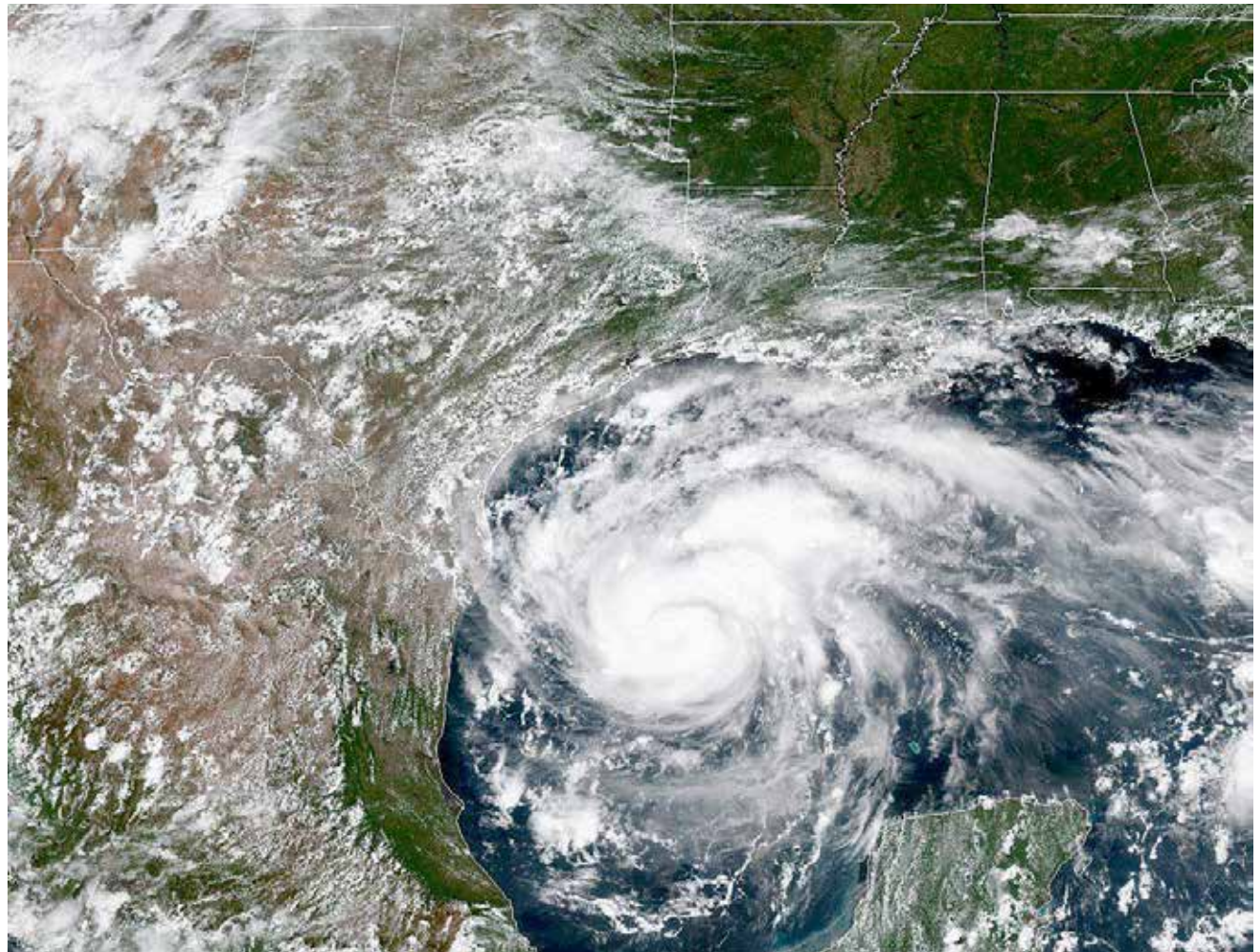
The program will deliver the latest information to the community about the hurricane season and essential ways to prepare and protect your business, home and assets.

information to prepare for hurricane season, this luncheon provides a great opportunity for members to network with other business owners, managers, civic leaders and elected officials. A delicious catered lunch will be served.

The featured speaker will be Eric Berger of Space City Weather, the premiere online source for weather information in the greater Houston region. Berger is also Senior Space Editor for

In addition to vital

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Ars Technica. He is a certified meteorologist who operates the Space City Weather blog, a hype-free weather site for Houston and the Gulf Coast. He is one of the most trusted meteorologists in the region and has been called the “Walter Kronkite of Weather” with his straight-forward predictions and forecasting style.

Berger has written about weather in the Houston area for more than a decade. You may have seen his hurricane coverage in the Houston Chronicle as Eric “Sci-Guy” Berger. While at the Houston Chronicle, the paper was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2009 for his coverage of Hurricane Ike.

He has an astronomy

degree from the University of Texas and a master’s in journalism from the University of Missouri. He is the author of the book “Liftoff” about the rise of SpaceX.

The chamber recognizes the following sponsors for making the event possible: **AMOCO Federal Credit Union, City of Texas City, Eastman, Marathon, TNMP and Valero.** Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Tickets and reserved tables are now on sale. Tickets are \$25 per person and a table for six is \$200. Social-distancing practices will be in place at the event.

For more information or to order tickets, call the chamber at 409-935-1408 or email Operations & Events Manager Jessica Spangle at [jessica@texas-citychamber.com](mailto:jessica@texas-citychamber.com).



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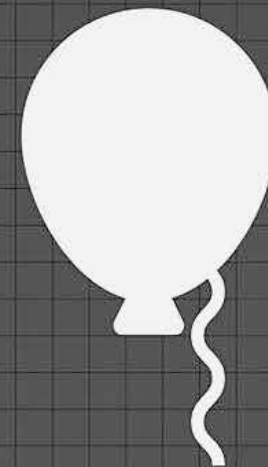
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Leadership Mainland had its State Government Session on Friday, April 9th and heard legislative updates from Senator Larry Taylor, Representative Mayes Middleton and Chief of Staff Chris Paxton about activity at the Capitol! It was held at Sea Star Base Galveston so the afternoon included team building on the pier!

Everyone had a blast fishing with Captain Cody. The next session in May will focus on Law Enforcement and County Government. Call the Chamber for more details about the annual Leadership Mainland Program.





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Whitley Penn LLP.....	46	Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Texas City	16	SMART Family Literacy.....	4	Nothing Bundt Cakes.....	3
Piling, Inc.....	43	Comfort Inn & Suites.....	14	Aww Better Child Care Center.....	3	Process Service Specialists, LLC.....	3
Associated Credit Union of Texas.....	41	Sprint Waste Services, L.P.....	12	Greg Rikard - Justice of the Peace Pct. 1.....	3	RDS Industrial Services, LLC.....	3
Faust Distributing Company.....	40	Thompson & Horton LLP.....	12	Aran & Franklin Engineering, Inc.....	3	Arnold Interests.....	3
A to Z Trophies & Fence.....	37	Neuhaus Investment Company.....	11	Commissioner Jami Clark.....	3	Dolphin Debit.....	3
Patterson Plumbing Company.....	33	CMC Recycling.....	11	Doreck's Meat Market.....	3	Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc.....	3
AMED Home Health.....	32	Highland Manor Apartments.....	11	Mainland Cycle Center.....	3	Envirocon Systems.....	3
Industrial Material Corporation.....	31	Houston Hurricane & Security.....	11	Tommy Toups.....	3	First Love Church.....	3
Food King -Texas City.....	30	W&C Enterprises, LLC.....	10	Traffic Systems Construction.....	3	Gary Scoggin.....	3
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T.C. Teachers Federal Credit Union.....	28	Kodiak Metals Recycling.....	10	D&G Communications, Inc.....	3	Prestige Oysters Inc.....	3
Alfred Conhagen, Inc. of Texas.....	25	Five Star Auto & Truck.....	9	Ellis Surveying Services, LLC.....	3	Sharp State Inspection & Lube.....	3
Delesco, Inc.....	24	Southwest Galvanizing.....	7	Galveston Island Humane Society.....	3	KEE Industries Construction Services & Consulting	2
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