

Seabrook Since the 1950s...

- In 1954, an area water and sewer district was created, replacing outhouses, private wells and septic systems.
- LaPorte annexed the bayfront communities of Seabrook and El Lago in 1960. A petition was filed in Harris County Court to incorporate Seabrook on March 24, 1961. A vote was taken on October 14 and Seabrook, the 27th municipality of Harris County, was created. William P. Hamblen, Jr. was elected first mayor of the community of 2,500 residents. Two years later, the Seabrook city limits encompassed old Seabrook and Morristown.
- NASA announced the creation of the Manned Space Craft center to be located in southeast Harris County in 1961.
- In 1961, the Seabrook Police Department was established. James P. Richards, Sr. was appointed as the first full-time police chief by Mayor Paul Cravey. He was a one-man operation working out of a corner office located in the Community House.
- Seabrook City Hall was dedicated in 1966.
- In 1970, the population of Seabrook was estimated at 4,000 residents and the city passed a one percent sales tax.
- The new post office was built in 1971.
- The Edward H. White II Memorial Youth Center was dedicated on September 19, 1971. It was named in honor of astronaut Ed White, a member of the congregation at Seabrook United Methodist Church, who donated \$500 toward the start of a building project for the center. White and two other astronauts were killed at Cape Kennedy on January 27, 1967.
- A proposal was made by Mayor Larry Sullivan in 1971 which would consolidate Seabrook, El Lago and Taylor Lake Village into a single municipality. El Jardin later requested to be included in the annexation.
- The Seabrook Association was formed in 1980 by local businessmen Pat McCann, Bob Conner, Rex Meador and Jim Hargrove.
- Population of Seabrook in 1980 was estimated at 4,760.
- The 20th anniversary of Seabrook as a city was marked in 1981 by the first Seabrook Celebration. The first Seabrook Celebration parade was organized in 1982 by Emogene Brummerhop.
- In 1985, construction was begun on the new \$18 million, 75 foot high-rise bridge which will replace the draw bridge.