

Council Member Dave Martin's District E Newsletter

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Residents of District E,

As the summer months draw to an end, the District E office is in the beginning stages for planning the fall town hall meetings which will be held in both the north and south sectors of the council district. These meetings pull together a group of community and city representatives to engage the public on a wide range of topics that impact you, as residents of Houston. This forum also allows the attendees an opportunity to voice their concerns and provides them with a chance to receive citywide and district updates, project particulars and helpful tips about city services.

Council Member Martin invites you to join him at one of these upcoming meetings.

Clear Lake Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm
University of Houston-Clear Lake, Garden Room of the Bayou Building

Kingwood Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, October 10th at 6:00pm
Kingwood Community Center

Additionally, I would like to extend my best wishes to administrators, faculty, students and parents as the 2013-2014 school year begins. The beginning of a new school year brings excitement to communities and is a great opportunity for a fresh start, new goals and the chance to strive for success.

While speaking of new goals and success, I want to encourage residents of District E to become active in our community; join the area chamber of commerce, volunteer for a community organization or simply plan to attend the upcoming town hall to become an engaged citizen. As always constituent service is my number one priority, at anytime you have a suggestion or idea that could help make District E successful, feel free to contact my office at (832) 393-3008 and I will certainly take your suggestions into consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this great city. It's an honor to serve our community.

Sincerely,

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Chamber of Commerce

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Kingwood Service
Association

Kingwood Super
Neighborhood Council

South Belt-Ellington
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Lake Houston 10K/5K Information

On Saturday, August 24th the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 2013 Lake Houston 10K/5K at Kings Harbor.

During the race, the northbound lanes of W. Lake Houston (from Kings Parkway to Kings Crossing) will be closed from around 6:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the southbound lanes will be turned into two lanes. There will be officers at all intersections to help with traffic flow.



This 4th annual event has been planned by the Chamber to feature the Lake Houston Area as a center for health and wellness activities, as well as business growth. In addition, this event promotes the attributes of the Lake Houston Area to the entire greater Houston region. Last year was a great success with more than 800 participants, from as far away as Kenya. This year nearly 1,000 runners are anticipated to participate.

The 10K run and 5K run/walk will begin at 7:15 a.m. Saturday morning and will conclude with an awards ceremony following the run/walk.

Kingwood July 4th Parade

Kingwood continued its 35 year tradition of celebrating the 4th of July holiday with a parade. Council Member Martin joined Houston Mayor Annise Parker, State Representative Dan Huberty and U.S. Congressman Ted Poe in this year's parade and activities.



Kingwood resident and Houston firefighter, Robert Yarbrough, served as the parade's Grand Marshall. Yarbrough was injured in the line of duty, fighting a fire in Southwest Houston in which four other firefighters selflessly lost their lives. The Kingwood Civic Club, who hosts the annual event, chose Yarbrough as this year's Grand Marshall to honor a resident who has made such a significant contribution to the community.

HPD Lake Patrol Tour

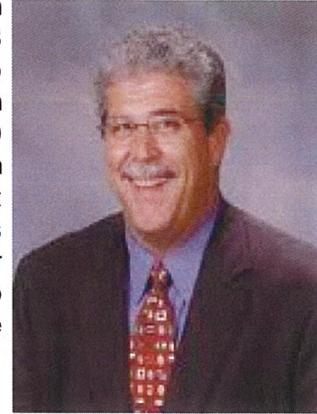
Last month, Council Member Martin joined the Houston Police Department's Lake Patrol on an extensive and comprehensive tour of Lake Houston. Sergeant Billy Wilburn and Officer Gary Crawford explained the daily duties of the Marine Unit and described the variety of recreational and operational uses of the lake. Council Member Martin thanks the entire Lake Patrol team for the tour as well as for the continued patrolling of the lake to ensure the citizens of Houston are kept safe.

[Clear Lake Super Neighborhood](#)



Dr. Guy Sconzo Recognized as Regional Nominee for Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Guy Sconzo is the Region 4 Education Service Center nominee for the 2013 Superintendent of the Year award. Dr. Sconzo was chosen and nominated by the local Region 4 school board. Region 4 is made up of 50 school districts and serves more than 1 million students. Dr. Sconzo has been Superintendent of Humble ISD since 2001. During his time as superintendent, he has been an inspiring leader and has demonstrated a deep commitment to bettering the quality of education for the students of the school district.



The regional winners will be interviewed in Austin by the state selection committee on August 23rd and 24th and the committee will choose five state finalists. On September 28, the Superintendent of the Year award will be announced at the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards convention, taking place in Dallas.

As a former member of the Humble ISD Board of Trustees and colleague of Dr. Sconzo's, Council Member Martin congratulates him for this deserving honor.

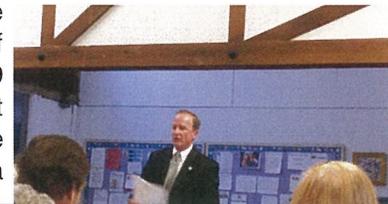
New Allied Health and Natural Science Building at San Jacinto College North

On July 8, San Jacinto College's North Campus celebrated the grand opening of their new Allied Health and Natural Sciences Building. The new building, which has an environmentally friendly design, will house all of the north campus science classes and allied health programs. All of the classrooms and labs are equipped with the most advanced technology and training equipment to prepare students for careers in health and science, fields with high employment demand right now in the Houston area.



Arlington Heights Civic Club Meeting

Council Member Martin had the opportunity to speak to the members of the Arlington Heights Civic Club on July 9 regarding a variety of different district and city related items. Before the meeting, civic club president Barbara



Stubblefield hosted the council member on a ride along of the neighborhood where numerous questions and concerns were addressed. Council Member Martin thanks Mrs. Stubblefield and the entire board for inviting him to speak and looks forward to continuing to work together in the future for the betterment of the neighborhood.



Delwin and Hinds Drainage Project Begins

The Local Drainage Project at Delwin and Hinds will provide improvements to resolve localized storm water drainage issues. This project, which runs along Berry Bayou at Delwin and Hinds, began June 17, 2013 and is anticipated to be complete by early August 2013.

This project involves the replacement of the existing collapsed storm sewer outfall pipe at Berry Bayou and replaced with a new corrugated metal storm sewer pipe. Additional improvements include the construction, repair, removal, and/or replacement of storm sewers, as well as roadway pavement, curbs, sidewalks, access ramps, a water line and more.

For more information, please contact Council Member Dave Martin's office.

Sylvan Rodriguez Park Ribbon Cutting

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Clear Lake Lacrosse Association invites the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony at Sylvan Rodriguez Park on August 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate recent improvements that have been completed as part of the Sylvan Rodriguez Park Long Range Master Plan.

Since 2008, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department has been diligently working on implementing the start of a Long Range Master Plan, designed by Clark Condon and Associates and developed strongly by input received by park users. The completed construction, worth \$1 million, include a 155 car concrete parking lot with parking lot lights, new electric service and new sports field lighting on the existing fields, construction of a new multi-purpose field west of the two existing lacrosse fields, paved sidewalk connections between the parking lot and fields, planting and irrigation and detention.

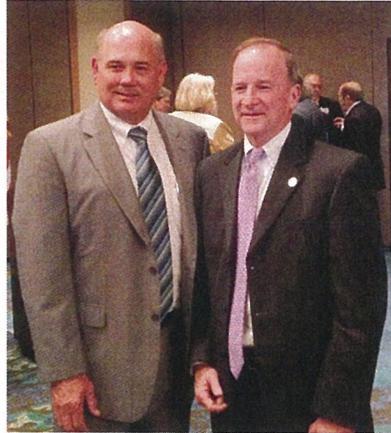
In partnership with the Clear Lake Lacrosse Association, the Houston Parks Board will also be installing an electronic score board to the two existing lacrosse fields located on the west side of the park.

Remarks will be made at the ribbon cutting by Houston Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Turner, Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and Clear Lake Lacrosse Association board member, Lajuana Porter. Players from the Clear Lake Lacrosse Association as well as community members and leaders will be in attendance as well.

For more information, please contact Council Member Dave Martin's office at (832) 393-3008. A copy of the Sylvan Rodriguez Park Long Range Park Master Plan can be found on the department's website at www.houstontx.gov/parks/ourparks/sylvanrodriguezpark.html

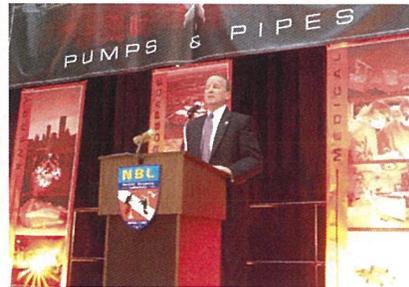
BAHEP 83rd Legislative Update

On July 17, 2013, Texas State Senators Larry Taylor and Sylvia Garcia along with Texas State Representatives Greg Bonnen, M.D., John Davis, Mary Ann Perez, and Ed Thompson met to discuss and give updates about the 83rd Texas Legislative Session. The program was hosted by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's Political Protocol Committee and took place at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. Council Member Martin was present at the event and had the honor of saying the Texas Pledge. The program consisted of a special reception to give members a chance to meet and get to know their state senators and representatives. Followed by the reception was a legislative panel where the Senators and Representatives had a chance to discuss the recent 83rd Legislative Session and answer questions from the audience.



Pumps and Pipes Conference

On July 29, Council Member Martin had the privilege of welcoming and speaking to attendees of the Pumps and Pipes annual conference. Pumps and Pipes is a unique group of individuals who originally consisted of some of the brightest minds in the medical and oil and gas fields. Later, members of the aerospace industry were invited to collaborate and bring their disciplines together to determine if their are crossover technologies that could benefit each.



9/11 Heroes Run

Organizers of the third annual 9/11 Heroes Run met last month to continue planning for this year's event. On September 7, 2013 peace officers, firefighters and military men and women will converge at Ellington Airport to participate in a 5k run in honor of the



9,000 who have lost their lives since 9/11. This year, the Houston area organizers have set their goal to raise \$100,000 and are anticipating nearly 5,000 runners. If interested in participating this year please visit the 9/11 Heroes Run website to register.

Additionally, events such as these rely heavily on volunteers and this year is no different. Please contact Council Member Martin's office for more information if interested.



South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce Meeting

On July 16, Council Member Martin attended the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon featuring State Senators Larry Taylor and Sylvia Garcia. At the luncheon, Senators Taylor and Garcia discussed legislative updates as a result of the 83rd legislative and first special sessions and those relevant to their districts. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, which serves sections of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris County. Senator Garcia represents Senate District 6 which serves the East End of Houston and sections of Galena Park, Pasadena, and Baytown.



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Port of Houston Appreciation Banquet

On July 10, Council Member Martin attended the Port of Houston Appreciation Banquet at Brady's Landing. The banquet was the highlight of the annual Port of Houston Appreciation Day, sponsored by the East End Chamber of Commerce. The day began with a Business Expo Booth featuring over 50 companies that utilize the port's services. Janiece M. Longoria, who has served on the Port Commission since 2002 and was appointed Chairman of the Port Commission in January 2013, was the guest speaker at the banquet. The Port of Houston is an economic force for the state of Texas as well as the nation, creating more than 1 million jobs in Texas alone and 2.1 million jobs throughout the country. It has been influential in making and establishing Houston as the busiest port in the country as well as one of the top cities for international trade.



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Ellington Airport Seeks to Become Spaceport

Council Members approved a \$718,900 contract for consultants Reynolds, Smith and Hill Inc. on Wednesday, July 17, to help the city seek a spaceport operators license for Ellington Airport.

Mayor Parker and Houston Aviation Director Mario Diaz share the view that the amount of aerospace activity taking place in the United States will likely increase exponentially in the coming decades and will offer significant economic benefits for the cities that are prepared with the necessary infrastructure and licensing. To date, the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST) has licensed only eight commercial spaceports in the U.S.

The launches would involve Reusable Launch Vehicles (RLV's) executing horizontal, rather than vertical, take-offs, departing in a fashion similar to commercial aircraft.

The spaceport at Ellington would facilitate engineering activities such as component and composite fabrication, as well as space vehicle assembly. Commercial activities could also include the launching of micro-satellites, Astronaut training, zero gravity experimentation and space tourism.

The Houston Airport System asked for support from City Council Members shortly before hosting a major gathering of key leaders within the aerospace industry. The Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF) will hold its annual meeting in Houston in September. The CSF is an industry association of more than 40 leading businesses and organizations working to make commercial human spaceflight a reality.

Crime Prevention Tips

Know your neighbor and be area of your surroundings at all times.

Report all suspicious activity to the Houston Police Department immediately.

Look out for your neighbors and have a contact number for them in the event an incident occurs.

Activate your alarm system regardless of the time you are going to be away from your home.

Make sure all windows and doors are locked regardless if you are home or you are away.

Never leave jewelry or money in plain view inside your home.

Take photos of valuable jewelry and store the images on a jump drive (make, model, serial numbers, etc.)

Keep garage doors closed and locked at all times.

Purchase light timers for your home for that occupied look during the

evening hours.

Have adequate exterior lighting.

Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.

**Important Numbers:
Emergency 9-1-1 / Non-emergency 713-884-3131**

Deed Restriction Violation Hotline

Did you know the City of Houston's Office of the Attorney has a Deed Restriction Enforcement Team? The team is available to enforce residential deed restrictions that property owners may have with their neighbors and neighborhoods.

Pursuant to Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code and Article XV of Chapter 10, Sections 10-551 through 10-555, of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, the City is authorized to enforce, by suit for injunction, certain restrictions that affect subdivisions within the City. Restrictions mean limitations that:

- Affect the use to which real property may be put;
- Fix the distance that a structure must be set back from property lines, street lines, or lot lines;
- Affect the size of a lot or the size, type and number of structures that may be built on the lot;
- Regulate orientation of a structure; or
- Regulate certain fences requiring a building permit.

If you have questions regarding deed restrictions or if you wish to lodge a complaint about a violation that falls within the above-listed categories of restrictions enforced by the City, please call the Deed Restriction Hotline at 832-393-6333, or if you wish to lodge a written complaint, please print out and complete the Deed Restriction Complaint Form and mail it to:

City of Houston Legal Department
Neighborhood Services Division
Attn: Deed Restriction Enforcement Team
P.O. Box 368
Houston, TX 77001-0368

Name the Shuttle Contest

On July 4, Space Center Houston began a statewide contest to name the space shuttle replica that is now on display at Space Center Houston. The space shuttle replica will be displayed on top of the 747 Carrier Aircraft. Participants are asked to submit an entry of an original name of



no more than 3 words to the website www.nametheshuttle.com. According to the contest guidelines, the name should "symbolize the spirit of Texas and its unique characteristics of independence, optimism, and can-do attitude." Anyone who participates in the contest will receive a discounted ticket for Space Center Houston. The winner of the contest will be given a VIP trip for four to visit the Space Center, be able to attend the grand opening of the replica and have their name and hometown displayed at the exhibit. The contest closes on September 2, 2013 and the winner will be announced in the coming weeks. All contest details are available on the website www.nametheshuttle.com.

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

In May of 2012, City Council approved a \$100 million expansion of Hobby Airport, which will allow Southwest Airlines to begin international flights for the first time in over forty years. On July 9, Southwest Airlines and Hobby Airport presented a development program overview to the City Council Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee for the expansion project. The expansion includes creation of five gates for international flights and a Federal Inspection Services facility



(Customs). Hobby Airport will also be expanding and adding to their ticket counters, security checkpoints, and passenger drop-off curb. Additionally, Hobby will start construction on a new parking garage. The new garage will be connected to the current garage, have an air-conditioned bridge connecting it to the terminal, and create 2,500 more parking spaces. Construction on the project will begin in the fall of 2013 and the project is expected to be completed by the 4th quarter of 2015.

Junk Waste Month

As a friendly reminder, the city of Houston's Solid Waste Management will pick up "Junk Waste" during the month of August. "Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.



Placement Instructions:

- Tree Waste and Junk Waste should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Tree Waste and Junk Waste should not be stacked under low overhead electrical wires or other cabling, signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility components.
- Materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner which would interfere with

pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

- Tree Waste and Junk Waste collection is limited to occupied residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property.

Restrictions:

- No more than eight cubic yards of Junk Waste or Tree Waste may be placed at the curb for collection.
- A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by Solid Waste Management Department crews.
- Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.
- The SWMD is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove all debris that may arise from the contractor's activities. These contractor-related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.
- If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.
- Solid Waste Management Department collection services are not available to multi-residential structures of more than eight units.

Upcoming Events

Please refer to Council Martin's District E [website](#) for location, time and more event details. Email the District E office if you would like us to include your upcoming event in future newsletters!



Kingwood

August 3

Electronic Waste Recycling at Kingwood's Metro Park and Ride, 9 AM to 3 PM

August 15

Lake Houston YMCA's 20th Anniversary

August 20

Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce's Third Tuesday Luncheon with Lance Lyttle, Chief Operating Officer for Houston

Airport System

*August 20
Kingwood PIP Meeting*

*August 24
Fourth Annual Lake Houston 10k/5k at Kings Harbor*

Southeast Houston/Clear Lake

*August 6
Sylvan Rodriguez Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

*August 20
Clear Lake PIP Meeting*

*August 24
Free Document Shredding and ID Theft Prevention event at the
Clear Lake HPD Substation*

*August 28
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership
Meeting with Mayor Annise Parker*

*September 7
9/11 Heroes Run at Ellington Airport*

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