

# Council Member Dave Martin's District E Newsletter

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## Residents of District E,

Spring is around the corner and the District E office is gearing up for our first round of town hall meetings, which will be held in both Kingwood and Clear Lake. I encourage you to attend and participate in the upcoming meetings. There are a number of projects and activities occurring in and around our district that are beneficial for you, as residents, to be aware of.

These meetings provide an opportunity to hear representatives from many City departments, such as the Fire and Police Departments, Solid Waste Management, Public Works and Engineering and the Office of Emergency Management. This will also be a time for constituents to voice their opinions, concerns and comments.

In addition, during our Clear Lake Town Hall we are pleased to announce that Bob Mitchell from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership will present an economic and community update. Lisa Holbrook from the office of State Representative John Davis will brief the audience about the legislative priorities and issues resulting from the 83rd Legislative Session.

Similarly, Charlie Dromgoole from the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce will present an economic and community update to residents during the Kingwood Town Hall. State Representative Dan Huberty will also be in attendance to give a presentation about the last two months of the Legislative Session and what is expected to results in the coming months ahead.

### -CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL-

When: March 4

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: University of Houston - Clear Lake  
(Garden Room of the Bayou Building)  
2700 Bay Area Blvd.

### -KINGWOOD TOWN HALL-

When: March 18

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Kingwood Community Center  
4102 Rustic Wood Drive

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones at our upcoming community meetings. Please read through our March newsletter, subscribe to my Facebook and Twitter pages and as always, please feel free to contact my office to offer feedback or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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*Dave P. Martin*

Dave Martin

## Kingwood Lift Station 21 Construction Update

Beginning March 4, 2013, one lane of Kingwood Drive will close due to City of Houston construction crews replacing a segment of the Kingwood Lift Station No. 21 force main pipe. During this time, crews will also be constructing a new discharge force main from the Kingwood Lift Station No. 16 to the Kingwood Central Waste Water Treatment Plant Headworks Facility. The lane closure is expected to last about a month and only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. each day.

Council Member Martin's office will continue to follow progress on this project and will keep the public updated of any changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact Council Member Martin's office at (832) 393-3008 if you have any questions.

## Kingwood Greens Crime Watch Meeting

Residents of the Kingwood Greens Village subdivision came together last month to organize a Neighborhood Crime Watch organization. An officer from the Houston Police Department, a deputy from the Harris County Sheriff's Department and Council Member Martin's Chief of Staff, Allie Smart, all attended. Information was shared with the community in regards to the recent burglaries that took place in the neighborhood the evening of Saturday, January 19. Since the break-ins, Council Member Martin and his office have been in direct contact with the Houston Police Department, and as a result, have secured additional bike and car patrol in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Although there have not been any other instances since that time, Council Member Martin encourages you to always report any suspicious activity to HPD.



## YMCA Bridgefest

The Lake Houston Family YMCA hosted their 21st Annual Bridgefest on Saturday, February 4. The family event celebrates the opening of the Lake Houston Parkway bridge which connects the communities of Kingwood, Atascocita and Humble. Council Member Martin had the opportunity to welcome Bridgefest runners and community



Clear Lake Super  
Neighborhood



and to say the opening prayer. Afterwards, Council Member Martin, himself, joined the rest of the runners on the 5K run.

Leading up to the event, the District E Office, in coordination with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office, helped clean the streets by having the Public Works and Engineering Department sweep the north bound lanes of Lake Houston Parkway.

All proceeds of Bridgefest benefit the annual Y Partners Scholarship Campaign.

## Save the Date: Kingwood BOPA

Please join the Solid Waste Department and Council Member Martin on Saturday, March 23 at the Metro Park and Ride in Kingwood. Together, they are hosting a mobile B.O.P.A. collection event where battery, oil, paint, antifreeze and other items will be collected to be recycled. For more information, please contact Council Member Martin's office at (832) 393-3008.



**Solid Waste Management Department  
and Council Member Dave Martin**

present

**The Kingwood Mobile B.O.P.A. Collection**  
(Battery, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze)

**WHEN:**

**Saturday  
March 23, 2013**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:**

**3210 W. Lake Houston Parkway  
at the Metro Park and Ride  
Houston, Texas 77339**

Must present driver's license or water bill as proof of residency.  
**No electronics accepted on 3/23. Next ewaste collection on 4/6/13.**

Only the following items will be accepted:

 <p><b>Latex Paint</b> (latex only) 15 gal limit</p>	 <p><b>Used Oil</b> (used motor &amp; cooking oil) 15 gal limit/each</p>	 <p><b>Scrap Metal</b></p>
 <p><b>Antifreeze</b> 15 gal limit</p>	 <p><b>Large Appliances</b> (containing freon) Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners</p>	 <p><b>Rechargeable &amp; Lead Acid Batteries</b></p>

**Items NOT accepted:**  
Paint without labels, Household Hazardous Waste/Chemicals, Business Waste, Medical Waste, Radioactive Waste, PCB's, Dioxins, Ammunition, Explosives, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Smoke Detectors, Household Trash or Tires.

Visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

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## Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Trip

Council Member's Chief of Staff, Allie Smart, and Director of Special Projects, Lauren Doak, joined the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce on the 2013 legislative trip to Austin last month. The Chamber representatives had the opportunity to meet with local state representatives who gave an overview of the last month and a half of the 83rd legislative session. Before leaving, the group joined the Alliance of North Houston Chambers (ANHoC) to meet with a variety of legislative offices and to hear presentations from Michael Williams, TEA Commissioner; Robert Wood, Economic Development & Analysis Division Director in the Texas Comptroller's Office; Ken Armbrister, Legislative Director for Governor Perry; and Phil Wilson, Executive Director of TXDOT.

## Save the Date: Clear Lake CIP Meeting Update

Capital Improvement Plan meetings are held every year to inform citizens of upcoming CIP projects scheduled in their respective communities. The meetings afford citizens an opportunity to learn, voice their concerns and address their respective City Council members and City of Houston officials regarding project planning and delivery.



A meeting will be held for District E constituents on Wednesday, March 27 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Bay Area Community Center located at 5002 NASA Parkway.

For specific details about the CIP projects in your area as well as to see a draft of the Rebuild Houston ten-year plan, visit [www.houstontx.gov/cip/index.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/cip/index.html).

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Council Member Martin's office at (832) 393-3008.

## Clear Lake Super Neighborhood Meeting

After nearly two years of being inactive, the Clear Lake Super Neighborhood Council reorganized and held their first meeting on Wednesday, February 13. As a guest speaker, Council Member Martin introduced himself and addressed the group about projects impacting the immediate area. He thanks the board for inviting him to speak and for taking the lead in reorganizing the group.

Established and recognized by Mayor Parker and City Council in July of 2010, the Super Neighborhood represents a diverse group of stakeholders that work together to identify, plan and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community.

## Epicurean Evening at Space Center Houston

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Epicurean Evening, "A Taste of Space," featuring over 40 area popular dining establishments in the Bay Area. As guest judges, Council Member Martin and his staff had the opportunity to attend and meet new chamber members and constituents from the Clear Lake area. He thanks the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Space Center Houston for their hospitality and for putting on yet another successful (and delicious) event.



*Pictured: Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's Chairman, Mike Furin and Council Member Dave Martin*

## CCISD Board Calls for School Bonds

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees accepted the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee's recommendation to call for a \$367 million bond referendum in order to address CCISD facilities, instructional technology, and co-curricular and extracurricular programs. During the February 25, 2013 general meeting, the school board unanimously voted to call a \$367,000,000 bond election for May 11, 2013.

Contents of the school bond package were prioritized by a 30-member facility committee consisting of parents, local citizens, business leaders and educators. Over the course of several months, the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee studied a district-wide facility assessment, enrollment projections, and district financial information as well as toured schools. The committee used this information and input from the public to finalize its recommendation.

What's included in the Bond?

The proposed bond will touch all CCISD schools and eight support facilities in some capacity. The proposed bond will:

1. Address aging or overcrowded campuses and infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and increase the life expectancy of existing facilities.
2. Improve safety and security systems at many campuses;
3. Upgrade wireless infrastructure and expand access to technology in every classroom; and
4. Construct or expand facilities to support co-curricular and extracurricular programs.

What's the tax impact on property owners?

The estimated tax increase of this bond is \$0.1125. If approved by voters, a homeowner of a median home would see an initial \$5.12 increase per month in property taxes with a maximum annual payment of \$172.72. A median home in CCISD is \$177,400. Homeowners 65 years and older

would not see a tax rate increase as their property tax rates are frozen by law.

Election Day will be Saturday, May 11, 2013. Early voting will begin April 29, 2013 and end May 7, 2013. The last day to register to vote in this election will be April 11, 2013.

Visit [www.ccisd.net/2013bond](http://www.ccisd.net/2013bond) for details of the bond proposal.

## BayTran Luncheon

Council Member Martin attended the monthly Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) luncheon on February 23 at Cullen's in Clear Lake. Representatives from surrounding Bay Area cities including Friendswood, Kemah, La Porte, League City, Nassau Bay, Pearland, Seabrook and Webster presented updates regarding upcoming Capital Improvements Projects for their respective cities. Council Member Martin had the opportunity to meet and speak with many of these representatives and looks forward to working together for the greater good of the community.

## State of the County

Council Member Martin attended the Greater Houston Partnership's State of the County luncheon on February 25 at Hilton Americas. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett reviewed some of Harris County's major accomplishments and discussed future challenges facing the county. This is the sixth State of the County Address for Judge Emmett since becoming County Judge on March 6, 2007.



## City Council Approves Southwest Airlines Lease Agreement

Last month, Houston City Council voted and passed a 25-year use and lease agreement with Southwest Airlines, who will break ground this summer on its first international facility at Houston's Hobby Airport. The new construction will consist of a new terminal that will include an expansion of the ticket hall, expansion and relocation



of the security checkpoint, five new arrival gates for Boeing 737 and A318-320 aircraft, and a new Federal Inspection Services (FIS) facility to accommodate 400-800 peak hour passengers. The international facility will also accommodate flights to cities in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Construction is to begin this year and scheduled to be complete by September of 2015.

As part of the agreement, the Houston Airport System will construct a new parking garage, construct entry roadway modifications and a new concourse. HAS will also be responsible for operating and maintaining all facilities.

## Precious Metals Ordinance Revised

On February 6, City Council overwhelmingly passed a revision to the precious metals ordinance. Additional requirements have now been added and will be implemented to inspect for compliance. As the Houston Police Department presented to City Council, the current city ordinance is inconsistent with state law in some instances and consists of vague language, both causing confusion among law enforcement agencies. The additional requirements to be enforced include using web-based reporting, digital finger printing of the person selling, photo of item being sold, and photo of person selling. Also, any advertisement should require state and city license number. Additionally, any out of town/temporary dealers must register with the state and be held by the same standards as a permanent business.

## Criminal Background Checks Ordinance Revised

In order to comply with federal Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) requirements, be consistent with current City practices and allow City departments to use certain criminal databases to conduct criminal background investigations, the Houston Police Department has requested updates to the ordinance relating to criminal background checks. This update is in response to the FBI and DPS having mandated all police agencies to no longer have access to the CJIS systems unless access is related to a criminal event. Previously, the database could be accessed by HPD, on behalf of other city departments, to perform criminal background checks for non-criminal purposes such as employment, licensing or permitting applications. These background checks will now have to be performed by DPS. City Council voted and approved this amendment.

## New Downtown Enrollment Center for Global Entry

Travelers now have access to a new satellite enrollment center for the Global Entry program at the City Hall Visitors Center. This initiative by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection allows for expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers entering the United States. U.S. Citizens, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, Mexican Nationals, certain Dutch, Canadian and Korean nationals are all eligible to apply. Houston already has two other Global



Entry locations at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) available for travelers. Centrally located downtown, this third satellite office gives potential enrollees an additional option to complete their enrollment process.

The entrance to the new Global Entry satellite enrollment center is through the Visitor's Center at 901 Bagby Street. Free parking is available for a two-hour maximum on the street level at the north side entrance of the Visitor's Center. Those with scheduled appointments will use the elevator to access the mezzanine floor and the center will be staffed by Customs and Border Protection on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **New HoustonWater Mobile App**

City of Houston utility customers can now monitor their water usage with technology right at their finger tips. The City's Utility Customer Service division has launched a new mobile app for iPhone (ios version 4.3 and above) and Android devices to provide customers with mobile access to all



online services in addition to a unique notification system. The new notifications feature provides customers the ability to receive account and community notifications such as consumption alerts, trash pickup reminders, bill payment reminders, emergency alerts and news about community events. Through the app, customers can also register one or more accounts, select notification preferences, set location settings, live chat and have access to all other available online services.

For more information, please visit [www.houstonwater.org](http://www.houstonwater.org).

## **Help Houston Win \$50,000 in Mayors Challenge Fan Favorite**

Houston is one of 20 finalists chosen by Bloomberg Philanthropies in the Mayors Challenge Favorite. Vote now for Houston's idea, One Bin for All, and change the way the city handles trash. This revolutionary idea allows residents to put everything from soda cans, paper and plastic to food scraps, rubber, wood and glass all into one bin relying on innovative technology to do the job of sorting to send to recycling. If chosen, Houston could win \$50,000 to bring this idea to reality and achieve recycling rates up to 75%. Vote now by visiting [The Huffington Post's Mayor's Challenge Contest Page](#).

## **Salute to Senior Service**

The Salute to Senior Service program, sponsored by Home Instead, Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network which has a location in Humble, honors the contributions of adults 65 and older who give

at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite causes.

Nominations for outstanding senior volunteers will be accepted between Feb. 1 and March 31, 2013. State winners then will then be selected by popular vote at [SalutetoSeniorService.com](http://SalutetoSeniorService.com). Online voting will take place from April 15 to April 30, 2013. From those state winners, a panel of senior care experts will pick the national Salute to Senior Service honoree.

Home Instead, Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' favorite nonprofit organizations and their stories will be posted on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's nonprofit charity of choice.

Senior care professionals and those who work at hospitals, senior care facilities and other places where seniors volunteer are encouraged to nominate older adults. So, too, are family caregivers and the adult children of aging parents. Older adults also may self-nominate.

To complete and submit a nomination form online for a senior age 65 or older who volunteers at least 15 hours a month, and to view the contest's official rules, visit [SalutetoSeniorService.com](http://SalutetoSeniorService.com). Completed nomination forms also can be mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

For more information about Salute to Senior Service or the Home Instead Senior Care network's services, call 281-440-5160.

## Commend an Officer or Civilian Employee

If an officer or employee of the Houston Police Department provides services that you feel should be commended, please let Chief McClelland know by submitting a commendation form for the officer or employee that provided you with exceptional service.



To access the commendation form, please visit [the Houston Police Department's website](#).

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Downtown Parade

As the new council member for District E, Council Member Martin joined his colleagues on horseback and rode in the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Downtown Parade on Saturday, February 23.



Every year, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has a significant economic impact on the City of Houston and celebrates agriculture, education, entertainment and western heritage.

Since its establishment in 1932, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has earned the title of the world's largest livestock show and rodeo and has committed more than \$30 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, school art participants, and other education youth programs.

## Armed Forces Appreciation Day

Council Member Martin had the honor of helping recognize the men and women in uniform during Armed Forces Appreciation Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 27. For the past seven years, the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee has organized a day for military personnel and their families to enjoy a day



at the rodeo that includes lunch, carnival rides and a complimentary concert as a "thank you" for their service and dedication to the country.

During the event outside of Reliant Center, 400 young adults took the oath to fight and protect our country in a joint service swearing in ceremony. These are incredibly brave young men and women that we will continue to keep in our prayers as they embark on a courageous new path.

## International Days at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

As a representative of the City of Houston, Council Member Martin had the opportunity to welcome delegations from Nicaragua and Guatemala to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the International Committee's "International Days." Nearly 50 ranchers from both countries visited the Rodeo interested in learning more about different agriculture industry practices and to experience the world's largest livestock show and rodeo.



The International Committee also has several foreign exchange students visit the Rodeo during "International Days." On the third day, Council Member Martin welcomed a group of Japanese foreign exchange students from Sam Houston State University. It was the first time for them to be in Houston and were excited to be there.

## 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!

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### **City Wides**

*February 25 - March 17*

*Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*

*February 25 - March 10*

*International Days at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*

*February 27 - June 6*

*Every Wednesday - Farmers Market at City Hall*

*March 4*

*NASA Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*

### **Kingwood**

*March 18*

*Council Member Martin's Kingwood Town Hall Meeting*

*March 19*

*Kingwood PIP Meeting*

*March 23*

*Kingwood Batteries, Oil, Paint and Antifreeze (BOPA) Recycling Collection*

*April 13*

*Emergency Preparedness Fair*

### **South Houston/Clear Lake**

*March 4*

*Council Member Martin's Clear Lake Town Hall Meeting*

*March 4*

*Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's Spring Fever Golf Classic*

*March 6*

*Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and BAHEP's Legislative Trip to Austin*

*March 19*

*Clear Lake PIP Meeting*

*March 21*

*South Channel Region Chambers Luncheon*

March 23  
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's Crawfish Festival

March 27  
District E CIP Meeting

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