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HPD MIDWEST DIVISION (18 DISTRICT) HOLDS GRAND OPENING APRIL 27

On April 27, HPD held the official grand opening ceremony for the new HPD Midwest Division (District 18) substation. Midwest was recently broken out of the Westside Division which included Districts 18, 19 & 20. Now that District 18 is a stand alone Division, area residents should be provided better service and better access to law enforcement personnel.

In addition to Council Member Pennington, there were many City of Houston dignitaries on hand: Mayor Annise Parker, Council Members Melissa Noriega and Al Hoang, HPD Chief of Police Charles A. McClelland, Assistant Chief of Police Dorothy Edwards of the South Patrol Command, and Midwest Divisional Commander Captain David J. Williams.



The new station is located at 7277 Regency Square Blvd. (just south of Harwin between Hillcroft and Fondren). While it serves portions of three City Council Districts (C, F & G), HPD District 18 includes a large portion inside District G (S. Gessner to the west, IH-10 to the north, 610 to the east, and Westpark to the south). The new station is home to Captain Williams and 5 Lieutenants, 23 Sergeants, and 126 officers. It contains more than 60,000 square feet of newly-renovated space, including a holding cell/jail and a large public meeting room. The Station has its own tactical unit and houses a narcotics unit which is shared with other Divisions.



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HPD Midwest Division (18 District) Holds First Civic PIP



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There was standing room only on March 24 when the new Midwest Police Station held its first Civic Positive Interaction Program (PIP). The new police station, located at 7277 Regency Square Blvd., has been under construction for the last 18 months.

The special guest for this first PIP was Midwest Division Commander Captain David J. Williams. Also present were Assistant Chief of Police Dorothy A. Edwards, South Patrol Command (which includes Midwest and 6 other divisions), the PIP coordinator Officer Robert L. Curl, and the civilian coordinator Joan Buschor (who also coordinates the Westside and Citywide PIPs).

To contact the Midwest station, call 832-394-1200. To submit crime tips or to report non-emergency issues, you can email Midwest.tips@cityofhouston.net. Remember to report all emergencies to 911.

More information on HPD's PIP may be found here: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/pip/>

Midwest PIP (serving District 18): the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 7277 Regency Square Blvd. For additional information, contact Officer Robert L. Curl 713-735-2062 or robert.curl@cityofhouston.net. Next meeting will be on April 21, and will feature Senior Police Officer Glen Mayo from the HPD Dive Team.

Westside PIP (serving Districts 19 & 20): the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 3203 S. Dairy Ashford. For additional information, contact Officer Charles Sterns at 713-773-7000.

Central PIP (serving Districts 1 & 2): the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 1602 State St. For additional information, contact Officer Wayne Pate at 713-284-8604.

Compostable Yard Waste Bags Now Required



A reminder that effective April 5, 2010, the Solid Waste Management Department began requiring all yard waste to be placed in city-approved biodegradable/compostable bags, not exceeding 50 pounds total weight.

The new ordinance only applies when the city, through the Solid Waste Department or its contractors, is picking up the yard waste.

In Sponsorship Agreement communities where residents have private garbage service, this new ordinance does NOT apply. Those residents may continue using the much less expensive plastic bags (keeping in mind that "grasscycling" and composting are viable options that should be considered by all residents).

By diverting this material from area landfills, the City anticipates saving at least \$1.5 million annually while preserving the environment and valuable landfill space, plus receiving \$500,000 annually from the sale of the yard waste, for a total yearly savings of \$2 million.

"Yard Waste" includes grass, shrubs, or other plant clippings, leaves and tree limbs. After such date, yard waste may not be placed in an automated service container. Yard waste not placed in an approved compostable bag bearing the City's Seal will not be picked up.

For additional information about the new program and alternatives to using these new bags, please visit <http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org>

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Children are the embodiment of innocence and hope for the future, and every single child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from harm and fear. Sadly, however, child abuse is a reality, a problem that must be combated through awareness and action. Last year, 280 Texas children died because of abuse or neglect at the hands of their parents or guardians, and 68,326 children were confirmed as victims of abuse or neglect. On any given day in Texas, there are 17,000 children and teenagers in foster care.

Child abuse is a community issue. Every person can help make sure the children of Texas have a brighter future. And preventing child abuse is up to all of us. Child abuse prevention means stopping child abuse and neglect before it happens. The best strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect are to:

- Support families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need.
- Support providers who are serving families by providing tools and resources.
- Create communities that have supportive

services in place and a shared goal of safety and stability for families.

For more information, visit: <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/itsuptoyou/default.asp> At this Texas Department of Family and Protective Services site, you can learn how to recognize child abuse (discover the major signs and indicators of the four major types of child maltreatment: physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse and emotional abuse, and learn how to report abuse) and Review tips for a number of parenting topics (give your baby the best start in life, substance abuse and child maltreatment, appropriate discipline: setting the limits with young children, what is bullying?, dealing with anger, family violence: its impact on children and their families, 101 ways to praise a child, how to be a better stepparent, put yourself in your children's shoes, the joys of fatherhood, how to tell if you or your child needs help, a report card for parents, positive child growth and development, safety is where children are, safety tips for parents, talking to children about sexual abuse, grandparenting in the 21st century, family contract for online safety, tips for teen parenting, help for parents of teenagers: understanding conflicts, is your child using drugs?—how to find out).

Also visit <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

To report child abuse in Texas, call 1-800-252-5400 or use the web intake form at <http://www.txabusehotline.org/> If it's a life-threatening or emergency situation, call 911.



To Report Child Abuse in Texas, Call the Toll Free Texas Child Abuse Hotline:

1-800-252-5400

Census 2010 Update

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of Houston households have participated in the 2010 U.S. Census so far – the city has now officially matched its total participation rate from the last decennial count and the number will only continue to grow. While we have a lot to be proud of, our work is far from over. We still have 33 percent of Houstonians to account for. Making sure we count everyone is important for all of us. To track your neighborhood's participation rate, visit: <http://2010.census.gov/take10map/>

Starting May 1, you could receive a visit from a Census taker. The visit is to ensure that you and your family are counted. The following tips will

help you prepare for this important visit:

- All census takers carry official government badges marked with their name and contact number that you can call to check.
- You may ask the Census worker for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity.
- You can verify a Census worker's identity or report suspected fraudulent activity to the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-866-872-6868 in English or 1-866-928-2010 in Spanish.

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District G Honors Boy Scout Troop 55



To honor the individuals and programs in the Troop, March 30, 2010, was proclaimed "Boy Scout Troop 55 Day" in Houston, Texas by Mayor Annise D. Parker.

Boy Scout Troop 55 is a volunteer youth educational program of The Church of St. John the Divine in Houston, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, under a charter from the Sam Houston Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America. The troop is open to boys of any faith and background who will commit to live by the Scout Oath and Law. The Troop is dedicated to instilling in its scouts the values of the Scout Oath and Law while helping them become responsible, compassionate, and self-reliant citizens of God's world, while respecting their religious, ethnic and cultural differences and those of others.

Troop 55 puts emphasis on four main areas: Youth Leader Development, Outdoors Program, Advancement Program, and Service to Others.

Troop 55 has been and remains ready to serve the needs of the community in times of emergency. In 2001, Troop 55 Scouts and adults aided Hermann Hospital in the evacuation of patients as a result of flooding and power outages caused by Tropical Storm Allison, and in 2008 Troop 55 Scouts and adults assembled emergency food and medical supplies at the Houston Food Bank for immediate distribution to those affected by Hurricane Ike. They also participate in literacy programs and park beautification projects throughout the City of Houston, southeast Texas and in foreign countries. Troop 55 is also actively engaged in outreach projects and provides adult volunteers to aid boys who might not otherwise participate in Scouting, offering them outdoor experiences and youth leadership opportunities.

Troop 55 has 425 Eagle Scouts who have completed projects over the years to serve the poor, the hungry, the disabled, and persons otherwise in need. Their very first Eagle Scout was recognized in 1930 and they have been producing young leaders ever since.

New Police Chief Confirmed—Charles A. McClelland



Police Chief Charles A. McClelland was confirmed by City Council and sworn in on April 14. He has more than 32 years of service to HPD, joining the department as a patrol officer in 1977 and rising through the ranks to his previous position as an Executive Assistant Chief in charge of the Investigative Operations Command. He was promoted to HPD's command staff in 1998.

Chief McClelland holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Houston. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and has received numerous awards and commendations.

"I want to be Police Chief for the same reason I joined HPD, to make a difference," said

McClelland. "My vision for the department includes strengthening community relations, improved internal communications and more efficient processes."

McClelland ranks as his major accomplishments the implementation of Tasers and the 24/7 Real Time Crime Center, which allows for enhanced overall crime tracking and analysis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. McClelland, 55, was born in Center, Texas. He has two daughters. He now leads a department of approximately 5,400 sworn officers.

Council Member Pennington has asked our new Chief to have HPD make a special effort to utilize the many private citizens in District G who are involved in crime prevention as security officers for neighborhood associations or super neighborhoods.

District G Honors George Bailey



Pictured are Houston Mayor Annise D. Parker, George Bailey, and District G Houston City Council Member Oliver Pennington

Council Member Pennington and Mayor Annise Parker were pleased to declare April 20, 2010 as “George Bailey Day” in Houston. The day was declared in honor of George Bailey, a youth leader in District G. George is an outstanding tenth grader at St. John’s school who is committed to giving back to the community he lives in.

Through his active involvement with the Mayor’s Youth Council, he has completed over 42 hours of community service for the city of Houston. These hours included the HEB Thanksgiving Day Parade, Fourth Ward pamphlet distribution for the Gregory School, Arbor Day tree planting, Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care volunteer recruitment, food collection for the Houston Food Bank, and preparing packets for the Tour de Houston bike race through the city. This is in addition to the hours of community service he has completed

through his high school, St. John’s. He joined his 10th grade class and helped renovate an elderly woman’s house in East Houston, which included painting, landscaping and exterior renovation of the home.

At St. John’s School he is the Founder and President of the Maverick Microfinance Club, an organization which aids aspiring entrepreneurs in developing countries. He is also involved in other various extracurricular activities such as swimming, cross country, and golf, as well as being an accomplished cellist. George is currently a member of the Virtuosi of Houston Youth Chamber Orchestra and performs in two public concerts each year in Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. We were honored to recognize George Bailey for his accomplishments.

The mission of the Mayor’s Youth Council is to provide high school students the opportunity to develop leadership and citizenship skills while learning about city government. Members develop a sense of personal growth and achievement, a profound understanding of city departments and work year-round to establish a rapport with civic/community leaders and the citizens of Houston, as well as their respective elected officials. Applications will be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year in July 2010 with interviews being held in August 2010. For more information about the council activities and the application process, please visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/houstonyouth/mycjobdescriptions.html>



For More Information About the Mayor’s Youth Council:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/houstonyouth/mycjobdescriptions.html>

New City Attorney Confirmed—David Feldman

David Feldman, a graduate of the South Texas College of Law, has practiced law since 1977, focusing on the representation of both public and private sector employers in all forms of labor and employment disputes, civil rights litigation, and general litigation. He also serves as the attorney for a wide variety of Houston area school districts, and outside general counsel to various other public entities. Mr. Feldman holds a B.A. in political science from Louisiana State University. He was selected to join Mayor Parker’s administration because of his management skills, which include supervision of attorneys at Vinson & Elkins and at Feldman, Rogers,

Morris and Grover LLP, where he was managing partner. He has extensive trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts, and substantial expertise providing legal representation before administrative agencies. He fills the position held by Arturo Michel since 2004. The city legal department, which has a staff of nearly 100 lawyers, represents the City in all types of legal disputes, preparation and review of public contracts, prosecution of municipal violations and various traditional governmental matters. Mr. Feldman was confirmed by City Council on April 21, 2010.



Out and About in District G



During the month of March, Council Member Pennington was extremely busy attending City Council Meetings and Committee Meetings held by the 8 City Council Committees he has been appointed to. In addition, Council Member Pennington and/or District G staff attended the following meetings/events outside the office:



- Memorial West Republican Women
- MyCity GIS Training
- TIRZ 17
- Inter-Super Neighborhood Council Luncheon
- District G Annual CIP Meeting
- Upper Kirby District
- Uptown District
- Great American Cleanup Rally
- Mid-West Super Neighborhood #20 Annual Meeting & "Presidents' Night"
- Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park Super Neighborhood #22
- Walnut Bend HOA Annual Meeting
- Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood #17
- Asian Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Greater Houston Area Chapter of the American Red Cross "Preparedness on the Square"
- Houston Realty Breakfast Club
- HPD District 20 Apartment Positive Interac-

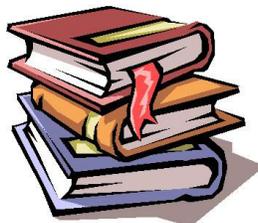


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- Census 2010 Block Walking
- West Houston Public Safety Coalition
- Greater Houston Transportation and Emergency Management Center ("TranStar") Tour
- Washington Corridor Business Association
- Briarhills POA
- George Bush Intercontinental Airport Tour
- LifeGift
- Firefighters Relief & Retirement Fund Ceremony
- Habitat for Humanity
- Galleria Chamber of Commerce
- Memorial Super Neighborhood #16
- Groundbreaking of the James A. Baker Monument
- Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater Houston
- HPD District 18 Civic Positive Interaction Program
- Houston Affordable Housing Drive 2010
- Briar Forest Super Neighborhood #18
- Meeting with the Harris County Precinct Constable Patrol Chief
- League of Women Voters
- Museum District Luncheon
- Dedication of Judge Mike Driscoll Courtroom
- Meeting with HPD Westside Commander

Houston Neighborhood Libraries' Hours of Operation Reduced



The Houston Public Library implemented new service hours at all neighborhood library locations on Saturday, April 17. In order to trim \$2.2 Million from the original budget for Fiscal Year 2010, the Public Library is reducing its operations to 40 hours a week at neighborhood libraries, and 51 hours a week at regional libraries, is reducing its library materials budget by 6%, and is reducing its staff through attrition (the library has 42 fewer full-time employees than it had at the beginning of the Fiscal Year (July 2009) which positions are expected to remain unfilled under the current budget environment).



The Library Department reports that the new service hours were determined after a careful examination of the Library's primary use statistics, including the times and days of the week library locations are busiest, book and other material borrowing patterns, and specific kinds of library use such as in-person visits and remote access by phone and internet.

New District G Neighborhood Library Hours (Jungman, Looscan and Robinson-Westchase (and Kendall, in District A, which serves a large District G population)):

Monday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: **Closed**
 Sunday: **Closed**

For further information, visit the Houston Public Library at www.houstonlibrary.org or call 832-393-1313.

If you would like to comment on the new Library hours, you can complete a customer comment form and submit it to any staff member at any Houston Public Library location. You can also contact the Library via their website at www.houstonlibrary.org/contact-us or you can email your comments to our office.

Budget Workshops to Be Held in June

Condensed Budget Schedule:

- May 11, 2010: Press Conference – Mayor Parker Releases FY 2011 Proposed Budget
- May 12, 2010: Mayor Parker’s Report at City Council Meeting

Below is the schedule for the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meetings that will be held from June 1 to June 10 to review the City’s FY 2011 Budget. These workshops are open to the public and the opportunity for public comment will be available at each presentation. No

action will be taken on any item. This schedule is subject to change, so you are encouraged to call 832-393-3004 to receive an updated status as you prepare to attend a meeting. All meetings will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 901 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, TX 77002. On Wednesday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. City Council will set a public hearing on the FY 2011 Budget.

The final budget will be then considered at three consecutive City Council Meetings—on Wednesday June 16, 23 & 30 at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers, 901 Bagby, 2nd Floor.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Day	Date	Time	Department
Tues	June 1	9:00	Council Agenda Briefing
		10:00	Council Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting
		1:30	Budget Workshop Opening Presentation
		2:00	Planning and Development
		3:00	Public Works and Engineering
Wed	June 2	9:00	Consolidated Council Meetings
		3:00	Human Resources
		3:30	Library
Thurs	June 3	9:00-Noon	Police
		1:30	Information Technology
		2:00	Municipal Courts Administration
		2:30	Municipal Courts Judicial
		3:00	Convention and Entertainment Facilities
Mon	June 7	10:00	Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting
Tues	June 8	10:00	Solid Waste Management
		10:30	City Council
		11:00	Aviation
		1:30	Council Meeting-Public Hearing on FY11 Proposed Budget
Wed	June 9	9:00	City Council Meeting
		1:30	City Controller
		2:00	Finance
		2:30	Administration and Regulatory Affairs
		3:30	Mayor’s Office / HEC / Affirmative Action
Thurs	June 10	10:00-Noon	Fire
		1:30	Legal
		2:00	Parks and Recreation
		2:30	General Services
		3:00	Health and Human Services



ENERGY STAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY MAY 29-31, 2010

During Memorial Day weekend, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales and use taxes on purchases of certain energy efficient products. The 2010 Energy Star sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day).

The products qualifying for the exemption are:

- **air conditioners priced under \$6,000 (room and central units)**
- **clothes washers**
- **ceiling fans**
- **dehumidifiers**
- **dishwashers**
- **light bulbs (incandescent and fluorescent)**
- **programmable thermostats**
- **refrigerators priced under \$2,000.**

Qualifying products will display the Energy Star logo, which may appear on the appliance, the packaging or the Energy Guide label. Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items one can purchase during this sales tax holiday, and an exemption certificate is not required.

Internet and Catalog Sales

The tax-free holiday also applies to Internet and catalog sales of eligible products, provided that (1) the items are both paid for and delivered to the purchaser during the exemption period; or (2) the purchaser orders and pays for the item and the retailer accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period. The retailer accepts an order when the retailer has taken action to fill the order for immediate shipment. Actions to fill an order include placement of an "in date" stamp on a mail order and issuing a confirmation verifying the date the seller accepted the order. An order is considered "for immediate shipment" even if delivery or shipment may be delayed because of a backlog of orders or because an item is temporarily out of stock or on back order by the seller.

Layaway Plans

Layaway plans can be used to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. Layaway sales of eligible products qualify for the exemption when either the final payment on a layaway order is made and

the merchandise is given to the customer during the exemption period, or the item is selected by the customer and the order is accepted into layaway by the retailer during the exemption period for immediate delivery upon full payment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period.

Delivery Charges

Delivery, shipping, handling or transportation charges connected to the sale of a qualifying item purchased tax free during the sales tax holiday also qualify for the exemption. Such charges are included as part of the sales price of qualifying products sold during the holiday whether separately stated or not. For example, assume a retailer sells an Energy Star-rated dishwasher tax-free during the sales tax holiday and charges the customer an additional fee for delivery. The entire amount billed to the customer for the purchase and delivery of the qualifying appliance is exempt from tax, even if the delivery charge is separately stated or billed after the sale.

Installation Charges

Charges for installation of qualifying items purchased during the sales tax holiday may qualify for exemption depending on whether the items are permanently attached to or installed in real property and whether the realty is residential or nonresidential.

Items that are free-standing or mobile, such as clothes washers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, portable dishwashers and window or room air conditioning units are tangible personal property. If an item retains its identity as tangible personal property after installation, then installation charges billed by the seller of the item also qualify for the sales tax holiday exemption - even if the installation is performed after the holiday period is concluded.

Items such as programmable thermostats, central air conditioning units, ceiling fans and built-in refrigerators and dishwashers that are plumbed, wired or otherwise attached to a building structure are improvements to real property. For items that are incorporated into realty, the taxability of the installation labor is determined by the type of jobsite. Labor charges are not taxable on new construction and residential repair and remodeling jobsites. Labor charges are taxable on nonresidential repair and remodeling.

For More Information
from the
Texas Comptroller :

[http://
www.window.state.tx.us/
taxinfo/taxpubs/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/)

New Housing & Community Development Director Confirmed



James Noteware, 57, has 35 years of experience in real estate development and neighborhood revitalization in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, as Chairman & CEO of Noteware Development, he has spon-

sored residentially-based mixed-use projects in urban infill locations in several markets around the country. Mr. Noteware's ability to effectively communicate with numerous external constituencies including neighborhood groups, private developers and governmental officials will be an asset to the city. Mr. Noteware holds an M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton School and a B.S. in civil engineering and architecture from Stanford University. He replaces Richard Celli who resigned last month after three years with the city. HCDD's primary objectives are providing decent housing, creating a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for Houston's low and moderate income persons. HCDD manages and administers both federal and non-federal grant funds that are dedicated for the development of viable urban communities. Mr. Noteware was confirmed by City Council on April 21, 2010.



New Airport System Director Appointed—Mario C. Diaz

On April 14, Mayor Annise Parker named Mario C. Diaz as her choice to be director of the Houston Airport System.

"Mr. Diaz has the experience our airport system needs to ensure its continued success," said Mayor Parker. "Our airports give many people a first impression of Houston, while also providing a welcome for others returning home. Efficiency and high-quality customer service are crucial for all travelers – whether they are from Houston, come for a short stay or just passing through."

Diaz has a strong focus on customer service and is regarded as one of the industry's leading authorities in aviation technology as well as the study of future developments in commercial aviation.

He comes to Houston from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport where he served as deputy general manager for more than 10 years, overseeing daily operations, finance, capital development and technological innovation for the world's busiest airport.

He was a major force in Hartsfield-Jackson's technology innovations, including development of the world's largest indoor Wi-Fi hotspot. With more than 20 years of experience in the transportation industry, Diaz has held positions with New Jersey Airports, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and John F. Kennedy Airport. He is a licensed private pilot with instrument certification.

A native of Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, Mr. Diaz graduated from Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He holds an M.B.A. in finance from Rutgers Graduate School of Business Administration in New Jersey.

The Houston Airport System provides air service through three facilities: George Bush Intercontinental Airport, William P. Hobby Airport and Ellington Airport. The three-airport system served more than 48.5 million passengers in 2009, including more than 7.8 million international travelers. Mr. Diaz was confirmed by City Council on April 28.



May 4 is Jerry LeVias Day in Houston, Texas



of Fame, National College Football Hall of Fame, and All-American Alumni Award of the Football Writers Association of America. He also is a recipient of the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award. In 1969, he was the Southwest Conference's Most Valuable Player, then later that same year he was the runner-up in the NFL Rookie of the Year contest. He was named to the All Southwest Conference Team three years in a row. He was a 4-time recipient of the NFL's Most Valuable Player of the Week award. He was named the Most Valuable Player in the All-American Bowl and in the Senior Bowl. During his career, he set numerous records, including receptions in a game (15 vs. Ohio State), season (80), career (155), yards in a season (1,131), career (2,275), and career touchdown receptions (22). Jerry was a first team All-SWC selection and held most of the league's receiving records for nearly two decades. He emerged as one of the greatest receivers of his day.

District G Houston City Council Member Oliver Pennington and Houston Mayor Annise Parker will honor Jerry LeVias on May 4 with an Official Proclamation declaring it "Jerry LeVias Day" in Houston, Texas. "The purpose of the ceremony on May 4 will be not just to honor a great football player and civil rights leader, but a great man" said Council Member Pennington. "Through his faith and his strong family ties, Mr. LeVias was able to overcome a tremendous amount of hardship in his life. We consider ourselves lucky and blessed to have a man of such fine moral character living in District G. We take this occasion during National Child Abuse Prevention Month to honor his work on behalf of children throughout the state."

Jerry LeVias holds a special place as a pioneer in the history of college athletics. When he entered Southern Methodist University in 1965, he became the first African-American to receive an athletic scholarship in the Southwest Conference. His signing with SMU forever changed the racial makeup of college football in the South. LeVias made both athletic and academic All-American football teams and led the Mustangs to their first conference title in 18 years.

After earning his B.S. degree from SMU in 1969, LeVias played professional football for the Houston Oilers and San Diego Chargers. He has received numerous honors and awards recognizing his achievements during a distinguished football career. They include the SMU Hall of Fame, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, African-American Hall

The trials and tribulations of Mr. LeVias' breaking the color barrier in the Southwest Conference have been well-documented in "*Jerry LeVias: A Marked Man*" on the FOX Sports Network and the HBO's film "*Breaking the Huddle: The Integration of College Football*". Thanks to the support of Mr. Ramon Alvarez, the Public Relations Director for FOX Sports Southwest, FOX Sports Houston, and FOX Sports Oklahoma, the "*Jerry LeVias: A Marked Man*" documentary will be rebroadcast on the FOX Sports Network on May 4 at 5:00 p.m. and again at 11:00 p.m. Central Time in honor of Jerry LeVias Day. Spat upon and gouged by opposing players, Mr. LeVias encountered overt racism and bigotry even among some of his teammates. Hate mail, on-field racial epithets, and death threats were the norm during Mr. LeVias' tenure at SMU.

Mr. LeVias is currently the Community Outreach Director for the Boys and Girls Harbor in La Porte, Texas, a non-profit organization whose mission is to nurture the lives of children whose families are in crisis. His activities include motivational speaking, chairing Community Voices in Action, and he has served as honorary chair of the Southeast Texas Prostate Cancer Awareness Program. Mr. LeVias also serves on the Child Protective Services Regional and State Taskforces on Disproportionality. In connection with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we honor Mr. LeVias for his tireless advocacy on behalf of children everywhere.



BOYS & GIRLS HARBOR
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF CARING FOR KIDS



Thanks to the support of Mr. Ramon Alvarez, the Public Relations Director for FOX Sports Southwest, FOX Sports Houston, and FOX Sports Oklahoma, the "*Jerry LeVias: A Marked Man*" documentary will be rebroadcast on the FOX Sports Network on May 4 at 5:00 p.m. and again at 11:00 p.m. Central Time in honor of Jerry LeVias Day.

"Child abuse takes many forms," said Mr. LeVias. "There is physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional/verbal abuse, and abandonment. We as citizens should protect our most valuable resources, which are our children. I encourage everyone during the month of April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, to find a children's cause that is near and dear to their hearts and get involved. There are many worthy organizations in Houston and Harris County, and by getting involved you can make a big difference in a child's life."

The Proclamation will be presented to Mr. LeVias in the Houston City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 901 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, TX 77002 on Tuesday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the presentation by Council Member Pennington and Mayor Annise Parker, we will have several speakers, including Mr. Rufus P. Cormier, Jr., a teammate of Mr. LeVias at SMU and a partner at Baker & Botts L.L.P. who will give a very personal recollection of their time together at SMU and their enduring friendship ever since, and Scott Dixon, the Regional Director of Child Protective Services.

A number of constituents have asked what they can do to honor Mr. LeVias on his special day. While the Boys & Girls Harbor accepts monetary donations, many people prefer to make a donation of items they know the children can use. Serving the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area, Boys & Girls Harbor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and Harbor facilities are licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The average age of a child living at the Harbor is 10 to 12 years, with approximately 50% boys and 50% girls.

The following items are on the Harbor's "Wish List" if you wish to make a tax-deductible donation of items in honor of Jerry LeVias Day. Please bring these items with you to City Council Chambers on May 4. If you are unable to attend the ceremony but wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please call Mark F. Kirschke at 832-393-3267 to make arrangements to drop them off at the City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby, prior to the presentation. You can also call the Boys & Girls Harbor at 281-471-9622 and make arrangements for making an in-kind donation directly to the Harbor.

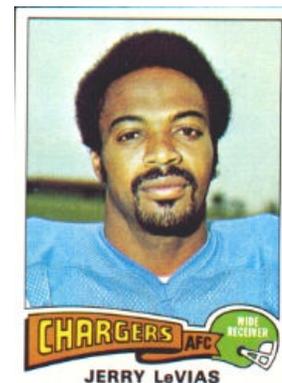
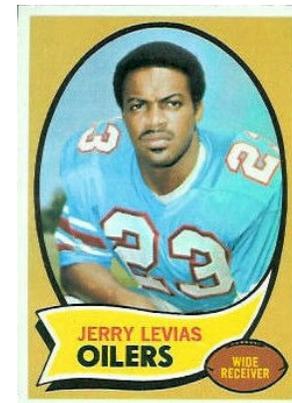
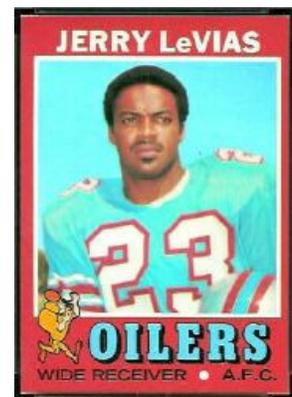
- Boys & Girls Harbor has children with severe allergies (and this is one of the worst allergy seasons ever), so your donation of children's Benadryl and Aquaphor is greatly appreciated



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- Clothing
- Towels
- Shaving kits
- Athletes foot powder
- Sun block
- Mosquito spray
- Feminine hygiene products - tampons, panty liners, wash
- Black hair products - perms, pink oil lotion moisturizer, hair grease (Blue Magic), small black rubber bands, black hair gel
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant for boys and girls
- Soap
- Lotion
- Drinks - water, soda, juice
- Brushes & combs
- Hair accessories - pony tail holders, barrettes, head bands
- Sports bras - all sizes
- Tylenol - adult & children
- Motrin - adult & children
- Linens: twin size sheet sets, towels, wash clothes
- Pillows
- Twin size plastic mattress covers
- Laundry detergent/Fabric Softener/Bleach

For additional information, contact Mark F. Kirschke, Director of Communications for Council Member Oliver Pennington, at 832-393-3267 or email mark.kirschke@houstontx.gov



If you would like to receive periodic emails from Mayor Annise D. Parker and the City of Houston on topics of interest to you and your neighborhood, please go to <http://www.houstontx.gov> and register with CitizensNet



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New Municipal Court Chief Presiding Judge Appointed—Barbara E. Hartle



Mayor Annise Parker recently named Municipal Court Judge Barbara E. Hartle to lead Houston's Municipal Courts as Chief Presiding Judge. Hartle was appointed as a municipal judge in April 2009 after serving as an associate municipal judge since 2006. Her background includes serving as a guardianship attorney at the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, regional attorney for adult protective services at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, staff

attorney for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Counsel for Offenders, and assistant city attorney for the City of Austin. Hartle previously held licenses as an adult probation officer, peace officer, and corrections officer while working in Travis County.

A graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Hartle also holds a Master of Arts in Human Services from St. Edward's University in Austin. She received her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas in Austin. Her nomination requires confirmation by Houston City Council. The City of Houston's Municipal Courts handles civil and criminal cases such as traffic offenses and violations of city ordinances. The Houston Municipal Court system is the largest of its kind in the State of Texas and one of the largest in the country.

New Metro Board Members Confirmed on April 7



Mayor Parker has selected five new city appointees for the METRO Board of Directors. They are: Gilbert Garcia, Managing Partner, Davis Hamilton Jackson and Associates; Christof Spieler, Professional Engineer, Morris Architects; Dwight Jefferson, Attorney at Law; Carrin Patman, Attorney at Bracewell & Guiliani; and Allen Dale Watson, Professional Engineer, CobbFendley. "This is a diverse group of very talented and respected Houstonians," said Mayor Parker. "They can provide the leadership, transparency and accountability needed as we move to restore public trust in METRO. This is a very critical time with difficult decisions ahead. I know this is the right group for the job." The Mayor's announcement follows a three-day trip to Washington during which she reiterated her strong support for the next phase of light rail. It also comes just days after her METRO Transition Task Force presented its findings to her. Five different subcommittees reviewed METRO's finances, light rail plans, regional coordination, basic services and small business enterprise program. "Although each subcommittee conducted its work independently, common themes emerged that confirm the need for new management at METRO," said Parker. All five were confirmed on April 7 by City Council.