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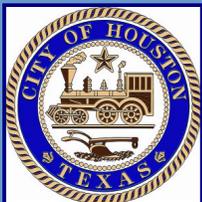
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News From District G

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To The Residents of District G:



*****NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING*****

Memorial Drive Reconstruction Project, City of Houston CIP # N-000798

The City of Houston and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting regarding the proposed improvements to Memorial Drive from approximately 1,000 feet east of Kirkwood Road to approximately 500 feet west of Eldridge Parkway. The meeting will be held as follows:

**Wednesday, November 30, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Spring Forest Middle School
14240 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77079**

The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed roadway and drainage improvements and to gather public input. The proposed project consists of rehabilitating Memorial Drive to address wear to the roadway and bring the roadway up to current TxDOT and City of Houston standards. Memorial Drive would be repaved between Eldridge Parkway and Kirkwood Rd. and intersections would be expanded at Eldridge Parkway, Dairy Ashford Rd., and Kirkwood Rd. The project would also construct a raised median with some left turn lanes. Roadway improvements would occur mostly within the existing right-of-way (ROW), with minimal expanded ROW to accommodate the three expanded intersections. The completed facility would consist of four travel lanes, two in each direction, with raised medians, bike lanes, 5-foot wide sidewalks, landscaping and storm sewers. The proposed roadway improvements would require the acquisition of additional ROW at the three intersections: Eldridge Parkway, Dairy Ashford and Kirkwood. No additional ROW would be required along the remainder of the proposed project, and no displacements are anticipated.

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Out and About in District G



During the last couple of months, Council Member Pennington was very busy attending City Council Meetings and Committee Meetings held by the 9 City Council Committees on which he serves. In addition, Council Member Pennington and/or District G staff attended the following meetings/events outside the office:



- AIA Luncheon Meeting
- Meeting re: Amendments to Ordinance governing the Public Safety Video Program
- Mid-West Super Neighborhood #20 Meeting
- Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood #17 Meeting
- Grady Park Meeting
- Briar Forest Super Neighborhood Meeting
- Pachyderm Club Monthly Meeting
- Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee Meeting (Review of the Street Assessment Map and the Storm Water Enhanced Evaluation Tool)
- Royal Oaks Community Meeting
- Port of Houston Authority Briefing and Facilities Tour
- Youth Tennis Festival at Memorial Park Tennis Center
- Pre-Construction Meeting for Safe Sidewalk Program
- Memorial Super Neighborhood #16 Meeting
- National Night Out
- Meeting re: Mitigating Detention along Buffalo Bayou
- Houston Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- 3rd Annual National Disability Awareness Month Kick-off
- Houston West Chamber of Commerce event
- Crime Prevention Townhall Meeting
- Community U: Lessons in Neighborhood Organizing Conference
- Long-Term Financial Management Task Force Meeting
- Glendower Court Annual Meeting
- HPD Midwest Division Positive Interaction Program
- HPD Westside Division Positive Interaction Program
- Imprinting the Divine at the Menil House
- TIRZ 17 Meeting
- Briarcroft HOA Annual Meeting
- Larchmont Civic Association Meeting
- Wilchester Elementary School Grand Opening
- Briarmeadow Park Renovation Meeting
- Grand Opening of Memorial Park Greenhouse
- Keep Houston Beautiful Luncheon

Find My Towed Car—New HPD Website

Houston Police Chief Charles A. McClelland Jr. announced on October 20 the launch of a new tool that will help the public, HPD personnel, and storage lot operators determine where vehicles are stored in the event a vehicle is towed from a location, otherwise known as a non-consent tow.

The new website, www.findmytowedcar.com, provides access to information pertaining to vehicles stored as a result of non-consent tows. This new system is more time efficient, allows the general public to make inquiries into missing vehicles without repeated phone calls, and the receipt and release of vehicles can be tracked by

storage lot owners electronically and in real-time.

Chief McClelland explains how important this new technology is to HPD and the citizens of Houston at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/houstonpolicedept#p/u/0/84YrNjCfA8Q>



Harris County Flood Control District W129 Update

Bridges at San Felipe Street and Westheimer Road that cross a drainage ditch formally identified as W129-00-00 in the Galleria area will be completely or partially closed temporarily in early 2012 as part of the Harris County Flood Control District's W129-00-00 Conveyance Improvements Project. The project also includes rebuilding and enclosing a section of the drainage ditch, which runs adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks just inside West Loop 610.

Work on the San Felipe bridge is expected to begin in mid-January 2012, while work on the Westheimer bridge is expected to begin in March 2012, weather and construction schedule permitting. The bridge reconstruction projects will require all lanes on the San Felipe bridge to be closed for up to two weeks and traffic flow on the Westheimer bridge to be limited to one lane in each direction for up to a month.

The Flood Control District will establish detour routes that will aid in the flow of traffic during the bridge projects and will provide an advisory to area residents and other interested parties closer to the time of bridge construction.

On Aug. 15, the Flood Control District began this \$13.2 million capital improvement project to improve the flow of stormwater. This particular phase of the project spans from San Felipe Street to Richmond Avenue and includes the demolition and replacement of the two 50-year-old bridges.

For more information about the project, visit the W129-00-00 Conveyance Improvements Project webpage at www.hcfcd.org/W129. If you have questions or comments, please call the Flood Control District's Project and Study Information Line, which is monitored daily, at 713-684-4040.



Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation Update

Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation measures are still in effect. From June 1, 2011, to October 31, 2011, nine thousand eight hundred twenty-three (9,823) water main breaks have been repaired, leaving a current backlog of just 140 leaks yet to be repaired. This is down substantially from a high of 1033 leaks that were waiting to be repaired during the height of the problem this summer.

During Stage 2, residents are required to repair all detectable leaks within 72 hours of discovery and are required to limit outdoor irrigation to two days a week according to the following schedule:

- **Even Numbered Street Address: on Sundays and Thursdays, you may water from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.**
- **Odd Numbered Street Address: on Saturdays and Wednesdays, you may water from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.**

No one may irrigate on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. No one may irrigate during the hours of 10:01 a.m. and 7:59 p.m. on ANY day of the week. Residents CAN use a bucket, watering can or handheld hose at ANY TIME on ANY

DAY. The crucial distinction is that the resident must be holding the hose throughout the duration of watering. You are not allowed to turn the hose on, place it on the ground and walk away.

Ways to conserve water:

- Keep showers under five minutes
- Turn water off while brushing your teeth
- Wash only full loads of dishes or clothes
- Replace older model showerheads and faucet aerators with new low-flow models and install low water use toilets
- Inspect toilets for silent leaks by putting food coloring in the toilet tank. If colored water leaks into the toilet bowl before flushing, water is being lost due to a worn flapper
- Refrain from washing any vehicle or motor-bike unless the dirt poses a driving hazard
- Refrain from washing down any sidewalk, walkway, driveway, parking lot or any other hard-surfaced area
- Refrain from filling, refilling or adding water to any indoor or outdoor swimming pool, spa or whirlpool



To get additional information on ways to conserve water, visit <http://conservation.publicworks.houstontx.gov>

For questions and comments contact conservation@houstontx.gov

District G Honors Hellenic Cultural Month



Hellenes have been an integral part of Houston community life for over 130 years—as sailors at the port of Houston and as business owners in the early 1900s, and as medical, legal and business professionals in more recent decades. Annual Greek events have become legend in our town by providing entertainment, food and music to Houstonians who appreciate the diversity of our great city.

For the 45th year the Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral presented “The Original Greek Festival” October 6-9, bringing to our city the tastes and sounds of Greece, thus enriching our lives and raising our spirits.

Greek singing sensation Hrysoula Stefanaki returned to Houston and the Wortham Center to perform her repertoire of vintage melodies of mid-20th century Greece. Along with her music arranger, David Nachmias, Hrysoula sang to the good old days before World War II. This concert was sponsored by the Hellenic Cultural Center of the Southwest and the Cretans of Houston.

The Hellenic Professional Society of Texas proudly presented an encore performance of *H Themis Exei Kefia*, on October 16. This production is an adaptation of eight short stories, taken from a collection of vignettes by D. Psathas that take place in the Greek courts of the 1940’s. In these diverse, dramatic and humorous episodes, he combined rich language and dialects with

clever plot and simple characters that evoke Greek every-day life.

The Hellenic Cultural Center of the Southwest in collaboration with Houston Baptist University presented “Iphigenia at Taurus” by Euripides performed by the Loizidis Theatrical Company from Athens, Greece, enabling Houstonians to hear the immortal words of this great playwright.

On October 28th, a Greek National Day, the HCC-SW with all of the local Hellenic groups offered to the public a lecture commemorating the day the Greek Prime Minister said “No” to the fascists who demanded the surrender of Greece early in World War II and then Greece won the first victories against the Axis powers. Houstonian Dr. George Blytas, author of “*The First Victory: Greece in the Second World War*”, was the speaker.



Street Assessment Map Completed



The City of Houston has completed the Street Assessment, a multi-year project that utilized the new high-tech Street Surface Assessment Vehicle to evaluate and grade the condition of each roadway in the City of Houston. The street assessments were placed on a bell curve where:

COLOR:	QUALITY:	PERCENTILE:
RED	Very Low	1-10% (*)
BROWN	Low	11-30%
YELLOW	Medium	31-70%
BLUE	High	71-90%
GREEN	Very High	91-100% (**)

(*) = (bottom 10%; worst street segments in city)
 (**) = (top 10%; best street segments in city)

This data will provide the underlying basis for ranking the need of streets to be reconstructed

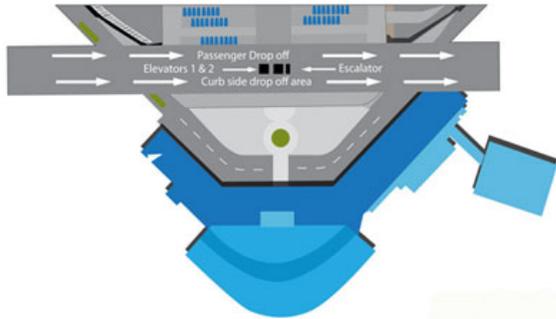
under ReBuild Houston. To this will be factored in data from the SWEET (Storm Water Enhanced Evaluation Tool) to determine drainage needs.

View the Street Assessment Map: http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/mrow/street_assessment_map.pdf



Hobby Airport Upper Level Roadway Closure

Hobby Airport's upper level roadway/drop-off ramp will be closed until the end of 2012



A major roadway pavement replacement project has shut down the existing upper-level roadway at William P. Hobby Airport. The roadway closure began on October 26 and is scheduled to remain in place until the end of 2012. Signage is in place and personnel will be on hand to assist motorists during this time.

Key points during the closure period:

- The Passenger Drop Off area has been rerouted to the second level of the attached parking garage, slightly further away from the curbside area;
- Drop offs and pickups involving wheelchairs will take place in a designated lane near the terminal on level one;
- Curbside check-in will still be available to Southwest Airlines customers on the ground level/baggage claim area;
- Drivers who are picking up arriving passengers are encouraged to use the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot located off of Airport Boulevard to limit congestion. For a map, please visit www.fly2houston.com/PickUpLot;
 - William P. Hobby Airport has a new innovation that will save you gas and time, plus cut down on stress, when you come to pick someone up when their flight arrives.
 - At the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot, located off of Airport Blvd, you can wait **free** until your arriving party calls you on your mobile phone to tell you they have picked up their checked bags and are ready for you to pick them up at curbside.
 - The Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot eliminates the need for circling the airport repeatedly if your arriving party is later than expected.
 - When more airport visitors use the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot, there is less traffic around the airport and less air pollution.

- To get to the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot, whether you're approaching the airport using Telephone Road or Airport Blvd., just follow the purple signs to the entrance.
- To obtain flight information while at the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot, call the Houston Airport System's Flight Information Hotline at 281-230-7000.



- Parking at Hobby Airport is limited; be prepared to park at the Ecopark lots, www.fly2houston.com/HOUecopark, or other off-site parking lots;
- To view a video of the areas affected by the construction at Hobby Airport, please visit the YouTube Channel at www.YouTube.com/HoustonAirports.

For maps and more information on the Hobby Airport Roadway Closure, see www.fly2houston.com/ProjectHobby or contact Roxanne Butler at Roxanne.Butler@houstontx.gov.

To learn more about the Houston Airport System, visit www.fly2houston.com.



HPD's Positive Interaction Program ("PIP"): Citizens and Police ... Friendship Through Education



The Houston Police Department has had a Community Service Division since the 1970's. When a group of citizens requested a presentation on a crime prevention topic, they would send one of their officers to the group and advise them about what they could do to keep from becoming crime victims. In 1982, out of the patrol division emerged the idea that citizens also need to know more about their police department before a crime occurred in their neighborhood. From this idea came the concept of the Positive Interaction Program ("PIP").

A police agency can be very confusing to most citizens. The PIP holds monthly meetings featuring speakers from different divisions (Burglary and Theft, Homicide, K-9, Helicopters, etc.) explaining how their division operates. This is done so citizens will know what to expect should they ever need the police. The department was not sure how citizens would react to coming to a police station once a month for a presentation on a different division. So, the Positive Interaction Program was started as a pilot project in only one police station to begin with. The Program has proven to be an overwhelming success, and there are now divisional PIP meetings throughout the City.

At a PIP meeting, you will find:

- A presentation from a different police division or law enforcement agency each month. You may hear what a judge, district attorney, state prison warden, or a county boot camp director has to say about what they are doing to fight crime.
- Best of all you will meet the officers that patrol your neighborhood and get to know them on a first name basis. You will hear from the Captain of your sub-station (this is the person that can tell you what your station will be doing in the future).
- Each month a different person is chosen to ride with a police officer on an actual

tour of duty. At the next month's meeting, you'll get to hear from the "citizen-rookie" about his or her experience.

- Crime statistics for the area are given out.
- After each formal meeting, a second, informal meeting is held (usually with refreshments). You'll have an opportunity to talk to other citizens who attended the meeting with you—you may find you have a lot in common and even exchange ideas on how to help solve your neighborhood problems.
- Lots of other things happen at PIP meetings: citizens give crime tips, members may collect food for the hungry in their community or raise money for scholarships, and the PIP group may honor an officer for outstanding work in the area.

Contained below is information on District G area PIP meetings:

Central Patrol Division:

Phone: 713-247-4400

Captain: Daryn Edwards

District: 1 & 2

Storefront: Near Town (Montrose)

Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Monday-Friday

Phone: 713-284-8604

Address: 802 Westheimer Rd.

PIP Date: 4th Wednesday of each month

PIP Time: 7:00 p.m.

PIP Location: 1602 State St.

PIP Contact: Officer Wayne Pate

PIP Phone: 713-284-8604

Area Covered by Division: Includes all of District G inside the 610 West Loop.

Crime Stats: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/central.htm>

Midwest Patrol Division:

Phone: 832-394-1200
Captain: Jennifer Evans
District: 18
Storefront: Richmond
Hours: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Phone: 713-735-2062
Address: 6308 Richmond Ave.
PIP Date: 3rd Wednesday of each month
PIP Time: 7:00 p.m.
PIP Location: 7277 Regency Square Blvd.
PIP Contact: Sgt. Matthew Hong
PIP Phone: 713-735-2062

Area Covered by Division: Includes all of District G west of the 610 West Loop and east of Gessner (excluding those areas north of Buffalo Bayou that are west of Hedwig Village and Bunker Hill City Limits).

Crime Stats: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/midwest.htm>

Westside Patrol Division:

Phone: 281-584-4700
Captain: Michael Skillern
Districts: 19 & 20
Storefront: Westwood
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (with intermittent closures when officers are on police calls for service)
Phone: 713-773-7000
Address: 9700 Bissonnet
PIP Date: 3rd Thursday of each month
PIP Time: 7:00 p.m.
PIP Location: 3203 S. Dairy Ashford Rd.
PIP Contact: Officer Charles Sterns
PIP Phone: 713-773-7000

Area Covered by Division: Includes all of District G west of Gessner (and those areas north of Buffalo Bayou that are west of Hedwig Village and Bunker Hill City Limits).

Crime Stats: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/westside.htm>



**GLOBAL HOUSTON:
New Website Connects International Community**



The World Affairs Council of Houston and the Greater Houston Partnership present <http://www.globalhouston.org/>, a new interactive website that connects Houston's international community. Global Houston is intended to become Houston's virtual gateway to the world by linking organizations and businesses that have an international focus. Global Houston helps users find international organizations, experts and a multitude of resources all in one place.

To access or join Global Houston: <http://www.globalhouston.org/>. Membership is **free** for individuals and non-profits.

To access Global Houston Public Service Announcements (PSAs): <http://www.globalhouston.org/globalhou/Videos.asp?SnID=188753756>

For more information, email info@wachouston.org.

Global Houston is a project of the City of Houston, the World Affairs Council of Houston and the Greater Houston Partnership. The site is owned by the World Affairs Council of Houston.



New Houston311.org Website

The City of Houston's Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department has launched a redesigned **Houston 311 Help & Info** website, www.Houston311.org. The new customer-friendly website is easy to use—finding important information and submitting requests for service is just a click away. Users can place more than 100 Service Requests online, and more are being added every day.

While citizens may still call **Houston 311 Help & Info**, submitting requests online is much faster and can be done anytime: day or night, weekday or weekend, whereas the call center is now only staffed 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Houston311.org visitors will find City services organized by functional area. The site features an [index of City services](#), conveniently located on the left-hand side of the home page, where service information can be located under several logical headings. For example, a site visitor that would like to learn more about dog parks could search the index entries under "A" for animals, "D" for dog, or "P" for parks.

Houston residents can familiarize themselves with use of the new Houston311.org by clicking on "How to Use This Site" link, which links to a [brief houston311.org site user FAQ](#).



Looscan Library Update

The Houston Public Library's Looscan Neighborhood Library, located at 2510 WilLOWICK (77027), is now undergoing renovations. The Library closed to the public at the end of business on Friday, August 26, 2011 and will remain closed for up to 120 days.

Library renovations include the installation of an exterior canopy over both entrances. The library lobby will have a walk-off mat system installed to prevent slipping and catch any water during hard rains. In addition, the lobby wall finishes will be made moisture resistant and will have a stone base installed.

Most of the interior work has been finished. They are working on specially fabricating the new canopies and other touch-ups inside. The project is currently on schedule to reopen right after Christmas.



Parking Meter Pay-by-Phone Information



On-street parking pay stations are enforced Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enforcement times vary at off-street parking meters; see the pay station or signs for the times at each lot.

No Change No Problem:

The solar-powered pay stations offer parkers more payment options than the traditional coin-operated meters, making paying for parking more convenient than ever. The pay stations accept coins, paper bills and credit or debit cards with the Visa or MasterCard logo.

Please note: Parking pay stations are not equipped to provide change or refunds.

Pay By Phone:

You can now start your parking transaction from the convenience of your mobile device. You can elect to receive an alert before your time expires, helping you to avoid a parking citation.

The service is easy to use:

1. Register at www.parkmobile.com.
2. Use the mobile app, the internet, or a phone call to pay for parking.
3. When you are ready to park, enter the zone number displayed at the meter and the amount of time you wish to purchase.
4. A digital receipt is sent to your mobile device.
5. There is a 35 cent (\$0.35) transaction fee or you can choose to pay a monthly service fee of \$1.75 which drops the transaction fee to

25 cents (\$0.25).

6. Your parking transaction is transmitted real-time to the handheld devices used by the Parking Enforcement Officers.

Downtown Hopper Pass:

Make visiting downtown a snap with the Downtown Hopper Pass. The pass allows you to park in multiple metered spaces throughout downtown. The Pay-by-Phone zone number for the Hopper is 47777. **The time limit posted at each meter applies.**

Signage:

When you are parking, be sure to read all posted signs carefully and follow the parking regulations posted. Several blocks in downtown are mobility lanes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and/or from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parking is not allowed and these blocks become tow-away zones during these times.

Pay Station Time Limits:

Each pay station has its time limit posted (from 2 to 10 hours). Time limits are enforced to encourage turnover of these parking spaces and leave them open for short-term parkers. Parkers requiring long-term parking are encouraged to park off-street in a surface lot or garage.

To report a meter that is not working properly, visit www.houston311.org or call 311 or 713-837-0311.

City Implements Plan to Reduce Accessible Parking Placard Abuse



Prior to implementation of the new plan to reduce accessible parking placard abuse, close to 500 accessible parking placards were being used on a daily basis to park for free at meters on the streets or in city parking lots.

Under the new enforcement plan, which began October 8, 2011, a vehicle with valid credentials may park free for the time limit posted at the meter zone (2, 3, 4 or 10 hours, depending on the location). If needed, vehicles with placards may pay for a second cycle of the time limit at the meter. After expiration of the second cycle, the

vehicle is subject to being cited for an overtime parking violation (PK-2, \$30.00).

The goal of the new plan is to reduce accessible parking placard abuse, protect the rights of the disabled community, and promote economic development by increasing the supply of parking spots.

Should you have any questions, please email parking@houstontx.gov

Memorial Park Greenhouse Grand Re-Opening



Council Member Pennington spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the Grand Re-Opening of the Memorial Park Greenhouse. The Houston Parks & Recreation Department unveiled the new and much larger greenhouse on October 28. The old greenhouse was destroyed by Hurricane Ike over three years ago. The new 8,600 square foot greenhouse replaces the original 3,000 square foot greenhouse.

There are currently around 3,000 plants in the greenhouse which will grow and be transplanted throughout the city including Memorial Park, Hermann Park and its golf course. Eventually, there will be scheduled tours and scheduled classes at the greenhouse.

The project cost was \$1,445,727, of which \$288,147 was funded through the Hurricane Ike Aid and Recovery Program. Amenities at this state of the art facility include: upgraded site utilities, construction of an outdoor education area with planting beds, seatwalls, a 10,000 gallon cistern for irrigation & detention, the installation of a new pre-fabricated restroom, new concrete driveways, gates & fencing, and modifications to the existing headhouse and the second greenhouse (that was not damaged by the hurricane).



BARC Announces New Wellness Center

BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, unveiled a new Wellness Center on September 28 in honor of World Rabies Day. BARC will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, heartworm testing and other preventative medications through the new Wellness Center. A full description of the services and products available at the Wellness Center are available at the Wellness Center page on the BARC website, www.houstonbarc.com. The Wellness Center will be open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m., with the exception of Mondays and Thursdays when BARC is closed to the public.

The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact rabies has on animals and humans, how easy the disease is to prevent, and how to eliminate the main sources. According to the Centers for Disease Control rabies webpage, rabies is nearly always fatal without proper post-exposure treatment. The rabies virus is also zoonotic, which means that it may be spread from animals to humans, and is usually passed via contact with the saliva

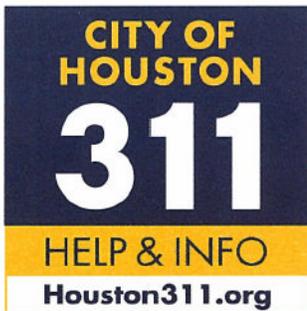
through a bite from a rabid animal. However, rabies is 100% preventable if companion animals are vaccinated against the virus. If you suspect your pet has been exposed to rabies, consult your veterinarian immediately. If you believe a family member has been exposed to a rabid animal, contact your family healthcare provider immediately.

In order to increase the number of vaccinated animals, and lower the risk of rabies to the broader Houston animal population, pet owners with limited financial means must have access to affordable pet care. The BARC Wellness Clinic is designed specifically to meet this challenge, and to ensure protection against rabies is available to the vast majority of Houstonians.

The BARC Wellness Center is one more step BARC is taking to become the best municipal shelter in the United States. For more information, please send an email to BARC.Aid@houston.tx.gov or visit the BARC website.



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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The meeting will be structured in an Open House format, and exhibits will be displayed for viewing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Representatives from the City of Houston, TxDOT, and their study teams will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged. No formal presentation will be made.

Persons interested in attending the Public Meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Department of Public Works and Engineering, City of Houston, at 832-395-2238 at least two working days prior to the Public Meeting. City of Houston offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays. Since the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days prior to the Public Meeting. The

City of Houston will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Written comments about this project may be presented at the meeting. Written statements may also be submitted to the attention of:

Ms. Michelle Randon, P.E.
Public Works & Engineering
City of Houston
611 Walker, 14th Floor, Office 14422
Houston, TX 77002

or emailed to
michelle.randon@houstontx.gov

Comments must be postmarked or emailed by December 14, 2011 to be included in the public meeting record.

The Memorial Drive Realignment Public Meeting Summary Report will be made available for public viewing by the City of Houston and/or through TxDOT in the spring of 2012.

Neighborhood Depository and Recycling Centers' Hours Change Due To End of Daylight Saving Time

Beginning November 6, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department has changed its hours of operation at all six neighborhood depositories (heavy trash and recycling drop-off sites). Due to the end of daylight saving time, **all locations will be open five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, except holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow adequate time to unload.

Houston residents may utilize these Solid Waste Management Department neighborhood depository and recycling centers to dispose of their heavy trash. Each user must provide proof of residency, including a Texas Driver License or ID, a current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

The sites also serve as recycling drop-off facilities which accept paper, glass bottles and jars, corrugated cardboard, aluminum and tin cans and plastics 1-5 and 7.

The neighborhood depositories accept furniture, tree limbs, stoves and other large appliances. Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.

Depositories will also accept up to 10 automobile tires per trip per residential unit. A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) will be accepted.

For more information, please send an email to the Solid Waste Management Department Public Information Office at marina.coryat@houstontx.gov or sandra.jackson2@houstontx.gov.

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