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News From District G

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To The Residents of District G:

District G FY2013-2017 CIP Meeting Scheduled for March 19

The annual District G Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Paul Revere Middle School Auditorium, 10502 Briar Forest Dr., 77042, just west of Beltway 8.

The City’s CIP is a rolling 5 year list of projects the city intends to construct. The plan, approved annually by City Council as part of the City’s budget process, organizes projects by priority and identifies funding sources for anticipated projects.

You may make *any* CIP request at the meeting, whether for streets or drainage, or for parks, libraries, etc.

Those wishing to submit CIP projects to the City for consideration should do so via the 3-1-1 online service request portal: www.houston311.org (select “Traffic, Streets and Drainage” then, under “Capital Improvement Projects, Streets and Drainage” select “New Capital Improvement Project Request”). After entering your email address (or choosing to submit the 3-1-1 request anonymously), you will be asked for an address. Whether you are giving a specific address or an intersection of two roadways, enter **ONLY** the NAME of the street and **DO NOT** use “Street”, “Road”, “Lane”, “Avenue”, etc.

Like last year, we anticipate that Mayor Parker and Public Works & Engineering Department Director Daniel Krueger will attend the CIP meeting and give an update on ReBuild Houston, which is the street and drainage rebuilding program.

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Out and About in District G



Out and About in District G

During the last couple of months, Council Member Pennington was busy attending City Council Meetings and Committee Meetings. In addition, Council Member Pennington and/or District G staff attended the following meetings/events outside the office:



- Mid-West Super Neighborhood #20 Meeting
- Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood #17 Meeting
- Briar Forest Super Neighborhood Meeting
- Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee Meetings
- Memorial Super Neighborhood #16 Meeting
- Long-Term Financial Management Task Force Meetings
- HPD Midwest Division Positive Interaction Program
- Briarmeadow Park Renovation Public Meeting
- Meetings on Renaming Streets in Stonehenge
- Houston Botanical Society Event
- Veterans Day Celebration at Lakeside
- Fonn Villas HOA Meeting
- Julia Ideson Library Official Grand Opening Celebration
- Memorial Drive Reconstruction Project Design Workshop II
- Uptown Holiday Lighting
- TxDOT Public Hearing on Memorial Drive Reconstruction
- Leadership Houston Panel Discussion
- Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Event
- Houston Chronicle Job Fair
- Greater Houston Convention & Visitors' Bureau, Office of Protocol & International Affairs Event
- Greater Houston Realtors Association Meeting
- Charting Buffalo Bayou Leadership Briefing
- League of Women Voters Holiday Reception
- New Kirby Drive Celebration
- Republican Leadership Council Event

If you wish Council Member Pennington to attend your HOA/POA/Civic Club meeting, please contact our office at:
Districtg@houstontx.gov.

Mandatory Stage Two Water Conservation Measures Lifted



Mayor Annise Parker and the Public Works & Engineering Department announce the City of Houston is lifting the mandatory water conservation measures imposed last summer. The move follows recent rains and cooler temperatures, which have increased lake levels in all three drinking water reservoirs. Because the city continues to experience severe drought conditions, Houston residents are asked to continue voluntary water conservation.

Although pre-drought water reservoir levels have not been reached, the City's combined reservoir storage has exceeded criteria established in City ordinances for mandatory conservation. Additionally, while ongoing breakage within the distribution system remains higher than normal due to continued ground movement with changing moisture conditions, the stress on the distribution system of last summer

has been relieved and additional capacity for future repairs has been secured.

According to the National Weather Service, the Houston area remains in severe to exceptional drought. Coupled with long term predictions, it is clearly possible that Houston may experience an even more challenging summer this year than last. While surface water storage has recovered to an extent, it is unlikely that the City will have as much storage at the start of summer this year as we had last year, leading to the likelihood that conservation measures will need to be reinstated. All water customers are strongly encouraged to practice and further develop water conservation efforts.

More Information:

<http://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/index.html>

Temporary Burn & Smoking Ban Lifted

Mayor Annise Parker, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD), and the Houston Fire Department have lifted the temporary grilling and smoking ban enacted in September of this year in response to unprecedented drought conditions.

Enough progress has been made on the removal of dead trees in the 12 City parks where the ban had remained in effect for the ban to be lifted for all City of Houston ("COH") parks. The COH appreciates the support that Houstonians have given

as we faced the effects of last year's drought.

While the temporary BBQ pit and smoking ban has been lifted for all COH parks, the drought still continues in the region and our area's rainfall count is still far below normal.

For more information, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/index.html>, email askparks@houstontx.gov or call 3-1-1.

For fire safety tips visit www.houstonfire.org.



Burn Ban In Effect

W-129 Westheimer/San Felipe Construction Update

Bridges at San Felipe Street and Westheimer Road that cross a drainage ditch formally identified as W129-00-00 in the Galleria area are expected to be completely or partially closed temporarily in spring 2012, weather and construction schedule permitting. Changes in the construction schedule have delayed the expected bridge closures from previously published dates.

The Harris County 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, the media and other interested parties closer to the time of bridge construction.

The bridges will be reconstructed as part of the Flood Control District's W129-00-00 Conveyance Improvements Project. 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.

Expect major delays and congestion once construction begins.

The project is rebuilding and enclosing a section of the drainage ditch, which runs adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks just inside West Loop 610.

In August 2011, 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.



Falling concrete side slopes along the drain age ditch have caused erosion and have affected the integrity of the infrastructure.



Dual 12-foot by 10-foot reinforced concrete boxes currently span from Buffalo Bayou to San Felipe Street.

Chapter 42 Land Development Ordinance Amendments & Public Meetings



The administration has provided City Council and the public proposed amendments to Chapter 42 of the Houston Code of Ordinances governing land development. Four public meetings to discuss these proposed amendments (i.e., extending the “Urban Area” land development regulations from Loop 610 out to Beltway 8, etc.) have now been scheduled. Anyone may attend any meeting(s) at any location(s):

Monday, **February 13** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunnyside Multi-Service Center
4605 Wilmington
Houston, TX 77051

Thursday, **February 23** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Northeast Multi-Service Center
9720 Spaulding
Houston, TX 77016

Thursday, **March 1** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sharpstown Community Center
6600 Harbor Town Drive
Houston, TX 77036

Thursday, **March 8** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Trini Mendenhall SOSA Community Center
1414 Wirt
Houston, TX 77055

These ordinance amendments will also result in changes to the Building Code and the Public Works & Engineering Department’s Infrastructure Design Manual.

The primary reasons given by the administration to expand the Urban Area out to the Beltway are to allow for obsolete commercial and multi-family areas to be redeveloped and to provide a variety of housing styles and prices for close-in housing. With areas outside the city limits continuing to develop and build middle income housing, there is a concern for the loss of middle income families and neighborhoods in the city. In order to remain competitive with the outlying suburbs, the administration feels it is important to create additional products that compensate for higher land prices and other impediments.

The new “Urban Area” regulations will not apply in any subdivision with valid deed restrictions that: prohibit the subdivision of lots, set minimum lot sizes, restrict land use to single family residential use, and provide for building setbacks (either in the deed restrictions themselves or by reference to a recorded plat showing the building setback lines).

A Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 42:

http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/DevelopRegs/docs_pdfs/Chapter42_Proposed-Summary.pdf

The Proposed Amendments to Chapter 42:

http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/DevelopRegs/docs_pdfs/Chapter42_Proposed-Ordinance.pdf

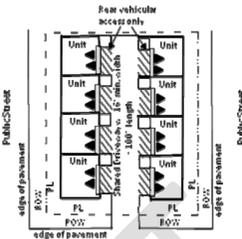
Additional Proposed Amendments to Chapter 42 Regarding Minimum Lot Size and Building Lines:

http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/DevelopRegs/docs_pdfs/Chapter42_Proposed-MinimumLotSize.pdf

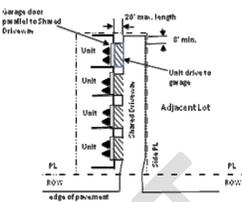
Among the proposed amendments are the following:

The Chapter 42 Amendments will address the following topics:

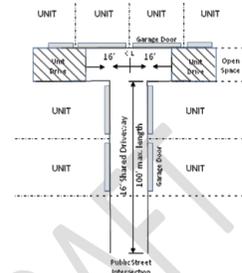
- Average lot size/lot width in new subdivision plats
- Creation of guest parking for certain single-family residential units
- Redefining the width and length of shared driveway developments
- Requiring sign posting in residential subdivisions which contain certain reserves
- Establishing a protocol for naming partial replats
- Extending the “Urban Area” beyond Loop 610 to the Beltway
- Allowing building line overhang encroachments of 30 inches and allowing a five foot building line encroachment for outside stairs or wheelchair ramps
- Surveyed site plans for single-family residential plats
- Resolving the conflict between Chapter 42 and the Design Manual for Lift Station Sites



Sec. 42-136(b)(2a) 16' Shared driveway for rear vehicular access only (NTS)



Sec. 42-136(a)(7) Shared driveway access and entry (NTS)



Sec. 42-136(b)(1) 16' Shared driveway with "T" turnaround (NTS)

Expanding the Urban Area: this amendment would expand the “Urban Area” to include all areas in the City limits that are within Beltway 8. This designation allows for reduced building line requirements for certain developments along major thoroughfares with a designated width of less than 80 feet. It would also allow for reduced compensating open space requirements and the use of shared driveways. The amendments would also expand the area eligible to seek Special Minimum Lot Size and Special Minimum Building Line status.

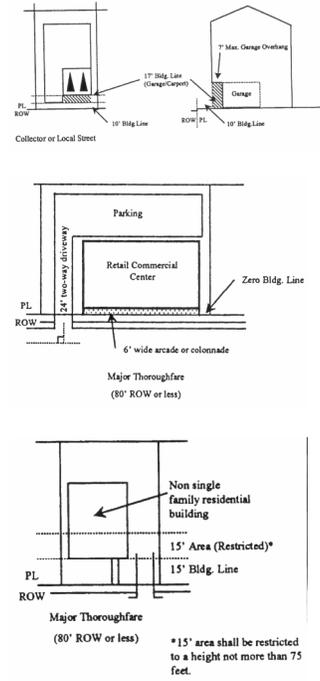
Guest Parking: the proposed amendments would require one guest parking space for every six dwelling units. Existing on-street parking in front of the development would count toward fulfilling the total parking requirements.

Building Line Encroachments: the amendment would allow an encroachment into a platted building setback line of 10 feet or greater of up to 30 inches for roof eaves, bay windows, balconies, fireplace chimneys or decorative fea-

tures that are cantilevered into the setback line. The amendment would also allow for building setback line encroachment of up to five feet for open stairways or wheelchair ramps.

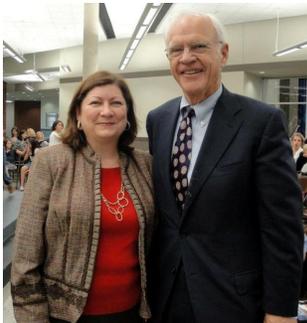
Average Lot Size/Average Lot Width: the amendments would allow greater flexibility for a mix of housing prices within a subdivision by allowing for lots of less than 1400 square feet if the average area in the block face is at least 1400 square feet, and allowing for a minimum lot width of 15 feet if the average width in the block face is at least 18 feet.

Our office is in the process of learning as much as possible about the effects of the proposed amendments. We have met with the Director of the Planning & Development Department, we have obtained a Land Use map for the entire District, we have been investigating the existence and coverage of deed restrictions in neighborhoods located in the District, and we will be at one or more of the public meetings. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts about these proposed amendments.



Grand Opening of Meadow Wood Elementary School

Council Member Pennington joined Spring Branch ISD Superintendent Duncan F. Klusmann, Ed.D., SBISD Vice President Pam Goodson, Meadow Wood Elementary School Principal Robye Snyder, State Representative Jim Murphy, At-Large City Council Member Jack Christi, plus students, parents and teachers at the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting of Meadow Wood Elementary School. This brand new facility is just one of a growing list of beautiful new schools (e.g., Edgewood Elementary, Shadow Oaks Elementary, Wilchester Elementary, and Spring Branch Elementary) being built by SBISD with a nearly \$600 Million Bond offering approved in 2007 by area voters.



Charting Buffalo Public Meetings Scheduled



The Harris County Flood Control District (“HCFCD”) is holding four public meetings to present plans and options for Buffalo Bayou and upper White Oak Bayou. The purpose of the community meetings is to educate the public on the Charting Buffalo study and draft report, discuss where the report will be available for public review and feedback, and how comments can be provided to the HCFCD.

Charting Buffalo is a study of 32 miles of Buffalo Bayou from the Barker Reservoir on the west to the Houston Ship Channel Turning Basin on the east, and 7 miles of lower White Oak Bayou from Loop 610 to the confluence with Buffalo Bayou in downtown Houston. Charting Buffalo aims to integrate options for reducing flooding risks and damages and the need for stream bank stabilization with opportunities for third parties to collaborate in creating community and environmental enhancements such as recreation facilities.

Once public feedback has been taken into account, the Charting Buffalo study will result in a final report that will include many options and a recommended implementation strategy for:

- Reducing flooding risks and damages and improving stream bank stability
- Regional and sub-regional detention
- Identifying additional uses of green space created by the HCFCD

About the Community Meetings:

During the community meetings, a brief presentation will be given on how to access the Charting Buffalo report and how to provide comments. The public will be encouraged to listen to the presentation and then tour the exhibit area where maps and information on flooding and community enhancement opportunities will be available.



Computers will be available for the public to provide feedback on the draft report at the meeting or the public may provide their written comments. A total of four meetings are being scheduled in the Charting Buffalo study area and identical information will be shared at all four community meetings.

Meeting Locations:

Date: **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: [Tracy Gee Community Center](#)
3599 Westcenter Drive
Houston, TX 77042

Date: **Saturday, February 18, 2012**

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: [Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart](#)
10202 Memorial Drive
Fine Arts Building
Houston, TX 77024

Date: **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: [SPJST Lodge 88](#)
1435 Beall Street
Houston, TX 77008

Date: **Monday, February 27, 2012**

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: [University of Houston-Downtown](#)
One Main Street
Academic Building
White Oak Bayou Room, A300
Houston, TX 77002

For special communication or accommodation needs at these public meetings, please call 713-684-4040 as soon as possible but at least three business days before the meeting you wish to attend.

The public feedback period to provide written comments to HCFCD runs from February 8 until **April 1, 2012**.

You can access the 307 page draft report by visiting www.chartingbuffalo.org and selecting “View the Charting Buffalo Draft Report” at the top. Also, please make sure you are signed up for email updates by selecting “Sign Up For Email Alerts” at the top.

“My City Maps & Apps” Site Launched

The City of Houston Planning & Development Department is pleased to announce that through its Enterprise Geographic Information System (“GIS”), a new dynamic online city service directory and map request site, “My City Maps & Apps”, is now available.

My City can be found online at <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/home/> or can now be accessed from the City of Houston main webpage at www.houstontx.gov (look for the “My City Houston Maps & Apps” logo).

“This new site will provide citizens with a great tool to efficiently find any of the City’s mapped information and locational data through a single portal,” said Marlene Gafrick, Director of the Planning & Development Department.

My City provides a virtual Houston, an online access to mapped information about where activities and projects are occurring. It can provide insight into patterns of development, planned improvements, building permits, land use, flood information, evacuation routes, and patterns of crime. Residents can access mapped information such as street maps, aerial imagery, utility services, permitting, parcel addresses, solid waste services, tax data, political boundaries and much more.

Included are links to information regarding:

My City Map Viewer: an interactive mapping web site that provides Houston residents a means to access the most current GIS data and aerial imagery through a variety of search and identify tools.

Consolidated Transportation Planning: an interactive mapping web site that provides access to transportation and related data developed and hosted by multiple agencies within our region.

Address Information: address search capability in the City’s Full and Limited Purpose Annexation Areas, and in the City’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (“ETJ”) by Address, Street Ranges or Zip Codes.

Houston Airport System: the Airspace Map is a web-based GIS application that provides ground and airspace elevation information to facilitate permit-

ting within airport hazard areas.

Health Mapping Services: the Community Health Statistics interactive map service is a resource for information on health in Houston communities.

Electronic Development Review Cycle: the eDRC Beta site is dedicated to customers and area agencies that take part in the subdivision platting of property within Houston’s ETJ.

HPD Crime Site: the Houston Police Department provides an interactive crime map showing the location of various crimes and includes corresponding data tables with lists of dates, locations, and types of crimes for the current period being reported.

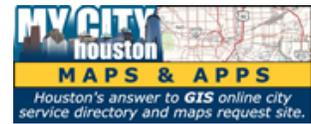
City Services Locator: view information about city services such as garbage and recycling pickup, and the location of the nearest library, community center or police station by entering your address.

Public Utilities: City of Houston Public Works, Water, Sewer, Electric, and Gas maintenance information.

Fire Hydrants: the Houston Fire Department’s hydrants application presents an interactive map that includes search tools to retrieve locations and estimate addresses of fire hydrants.

Transportation Assistance Registry: This tool uses GIS to find your true location on the map. Like 2-1-1, residents can request transportation assistance from the Office of Emergency Management during times of need or during hurricane evacuations.

Houston Hope: Find neighborhoods in the Houston HOPE homes program initiative to reinvest in some of Houston’s historic neighborhoods.



New City Council Committees Announced



The numerous City Council Committees have been consolidated and streamlined into just 6 committees by Mayor Parker:

BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Chair: Costello

Vice Chair: Bradford

Members: Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Burks, Noriega, Christie

Will Review: Finance, Human Resources, Office of Business Opportunity and Fleet Management Departments, TIRZ budgets. Houston Airport and Houston First projects will be reviewed by Chair Costello and Vice Chair Bradford and presented on an as needed basis.

ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

Chair: Bradford

Members: Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Costello, Burks, Noriega, Christie

Ad Hoc Committee to Review: Chapter 18, Chapter 2 and any issues related to the conduct of local elections on an as needed basis.

HOUSING, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Adams

Vice Chair: Laster

Members: Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Burks, Noriega, Christie

Will Review: Administration & Regulatory Affairs, Solid Waste Management, Housing & Community Development, Planning & Development Departments, Homeless Initiatives, Veteran's Affairs and items related to both domestic and international economic development.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair: Gonzalez

Vice Chair: Cohen

Members: Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Costello, Bradford, Noriega, Christie

Will Review: Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, Houston Emergency Center, EMS, Mayor's Office of Homeland Security, and Municipal Courts.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Chair: Rodriguez

Vice Chair: Hoang

Members: Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green, Costello, Burks

Will Review: Department of Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation Department, Houston Public Library, Health and Human Services and items related to Houston's local International Community and Cultural Affairs.

TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair: Noriega

Vice Chair: Pennington

Members: Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Costello, Christie

Will Review: Information Technology, General Services, and Public Works & Engineering Departments, Rebuild Houston Water & Sewer, Rebuild Houston Streets & Drainage, and water resources and conservation.

Annual Trash Bash to be Held Saturday, March 31

Once a year thousands of volunteers gather along the Texas waterways to do their part in cleaning up the environment and participate in the largest statewide event to educate the public about the importance of our water resources. Trash Bash occurs rain or shine, unless there are severe weather conditions. The areas to be cleaned this year are the wooded areas along Buffalo Bayou in Terry Hershey Park from Highway 6 to Beltway 8 and parts of Langham Creek.

Mission: The mission is to promote environmental stewardship of our watershed through public education by utilizing hands-on educational tools and by developing partnerships among environmental, governmental, and private organizations.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Location: Buffalo Bayou-Upper (Terry Hershey Park), 15200 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079

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Directions from Downtown to Terry Hershey Park:

From downtown Houston drive about 15.5 miles along I-10/Katy Freeway West. Exit at Eldridge Drive. Turn left under the freeway and proceed South on Eldridge for about 0.4 miles. Turn right on Memorial Drive and proceed West for 0.4 miles. Cross the bridge and turn right into the parking lot at 15200 Memorial Drive. The main pavilion is visible from the parking lot.

Parking: The parking lot is located between Highway 6 and Eldridge, at 15200 Memorial Drive.

Registration Area: Registration is at the gazebo at 15200 Memorial Drive.

Additional Information: If it rains on the day of the event, the cleanup will be delayed by a few hours until the rain stops.

Schedule for the Day:

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Litter Pickup
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Lunch

More Information:

Description of Terry Hershey Park:

<http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/terryhershey.aspx>

Google Online Map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=104245719159794633849.00048df7b85f021735115&ll=29.779538,-95.623326&spn=0.030208,0.065875&z=15>

Location Map:

http://www.trashbash.org/maps/map_buffalo_bayou_upper.pdf

Detailed Site Maps Within Location:

http://www.trashbash.org/maps/map_buffalo_bayou_upper_individual_sites.pdf



2012 Bayou Adventure Race--Located in Terry Hershey Park



DATE: Saturday, February 18th, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Description

The 2012 Bayou Adventure Race will consist of three legs.

- The first leg will be a 5K run along Langham creek north of Interstate 10 and up onto the scenic hills of the Addicks Reservoir.
- As runners return back to Terry Hershey Park they will quickly grab their boats and paddle down the Buffalo Bayou for 3K until they reach the Dairy Ashford takeout.
- After carrying their boats up to the transition area, competitors will switch to their mountain bikes and race for 10K around the dirt trails of Terry Hershey Park and return to where it all began.



Registration

Register online by February 15, 2012 to guarantee availability of a kayak, finisher medal, and a dry-fit race shirt. If you wait until race day, nothing is guaranteed.

To register, visit: <https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/80798>

Race Check-In and Start Times

Racers can check in the day of the race from 7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Pre-Race Meeting is at 8:30 a.m.
Race Starts at 9:00 a.m.

BOAT DROP: The boat drop is located at the end of Memorial Mews St. in the cul de sac. You can drop off your boat from 7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

BIKE DROP: You will need to drop off your bike, helmet, and hydration at the Dairy Ashford transition area.

MORE DETAILS about the boat and bike drop off maps and parking will be provided in the pre-race e-mails.

Required Gear

- 1 Mountain Bicycle per person. The course will include both paved and non-paved trails.
- 1 Biking helmet per racer (REQUIRED)
- A single or tandem watercraft such as a kayak or canoe.
- 1 life preserver (lifejacket) per racer (REQUIRED)
- Hydration, (water in a camel pack or water bottles) as this is a non supported race so you will want water in a camel pack, belt or bottle for the run, paddle, and bike. You may carry water anyway you please and leave it staged with your boat or bike before the race.

MORE DETAILS about the boat and bike drop off maps and parking will be provided in pre-race emails.

Kayak or Canoe rentals can be arranged by contacting Bayou Shuttle Service. They will deliver all kayaks and canoes to the starting location so you don't have to. You can contact Bayou Shuttle Service at 713-538-7433 or online at www.BayouShuttle.com



Azalea Trail 2012 March 9-11



The 77th Annual Azalea Trail will be held from March 9-11 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be seven stops on this year's trail

- River Oaks Garden Club Forum of Civics Building & Gardens - 2503 Westheimer
- Home & Gardens - 3363 San Felipe Street
- Home & Gardens - 3801 Chevy Chase Drive
- Home & Gardens - 3735 Inverness Drive
- Bayou Bend Gardens - Philadelphia Hall

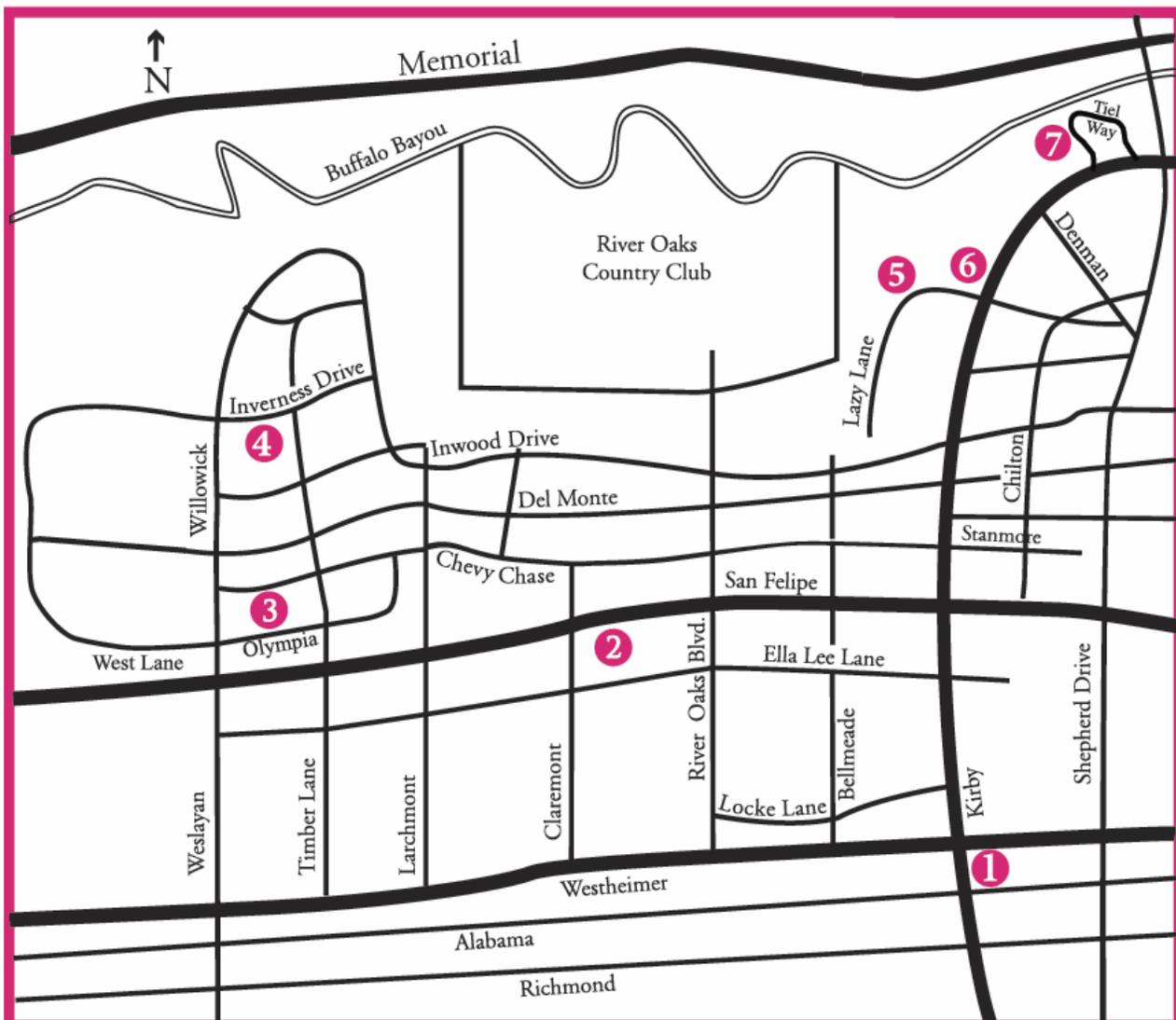
and Lora Jean Kilroy Visitor and Education Center - Enter 2940 Lazy Lane or 6003 Memorial Drive

- Rienzi - 1406 Kirby Drive
- Home & Gardens - 56 Tiel Way
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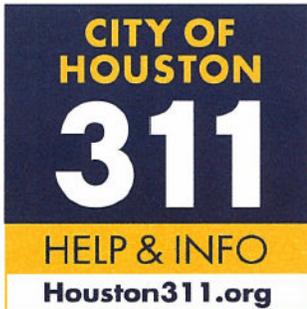
For more information, or to learn how to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.riveroaksgardenclub.org/AzaleaTrail.cfm>

For More Information, you may also contact:

River Oaks Garden Club:
2503 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77098
Phone 713-523-2483



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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3-1-1 Online Service Requests

A reminder that the City 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, submitting requests online is much faster and can be done anytime: day or night, weekday or weekend, whereas the call center now has limited staffing

hours.

Self-reported flooding data, both structural and street flooding, is a significant factor under the Needs analysis of ReBuild Houston. Residents are therefore encouraged to report any type of flooding via the 3-1-1 system.

To report flooding, visit www.Houston311.org, select “Traffic, Streets and Drainage” then, under “Maintenance & Repairs”, select “Report Flooding”.

Please feel free to call our office if you do not receive help in the estimated time span or if you have an unusual issue.

Keep Up to Date on City Council Business

The City of Houston City Council Agenda is published late on Fridays and describes the actions that Council will consider at its meeting the following Wednesday. The Agenda may be viewed online at the link provided below. Council meets at 1:30 p.m. most Tuesday afternoons and at 9:00 a.m. most Wednesday mornings in the City Council Chamber, 901 Bagby, second floor, Houston, Texas 77002. The Tuesday session is devoted to public comment, or “pop-off” as it is commonly called, and the Wednesday session is for the consideration of agenda items that require City Council approval.

To sign up to speak during a Public Session on Tuesday afternoon, call the City Secretary's office at **832-393-1100** or come by the office on the public level of the City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby (across the street from the City Council Chamber) at least thirty (30) minutes before the meeting start time.

Each week's Council agenda is available at <http://www.houstontx.gov/citysec/index.html>. Under the City Secretary Quick Links, select the “Agenda of City Council” link on the left for the basic agenda and the “Agenda Backup” link on the left for all of the backup information associated with each agenda item. You will also find a link to “Prior Agendas and Minutes” if you wish to review matters considered by City Council in the past.

City Council meetings may be viewed on HTV Houston Television at <http://houstontx.city.swagit.com>. The first tab allows you to watch the proceedings live. The second tab will list all past sessions that are on file.