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# Council Member Dave Martin's District E Newsletter

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## **Residents of District E,**

It has been one month since I was sworn-in as your District E Council Member. The last four weeks have been interesting, insightful and rewarding. I have met with many of my colleagues to gain knowledge about how the city operates, concluded introduction meetings with all city department directors and met with numerous District E community leaders and organizations. I have enjoyed meeting everyone and look forward to working with each of them as we move ahead.

Some of the highlights of this month; Mayor Parker appointed me a member of the Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ethics and Council Governance and Budget and Fiscal Affairs committees. I am eager to bring my knowledge and background to these committees. On January 14th, my office, in conjunction with the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for my Clear Lake Satellite Office. I was honored that over fifty community members attended the grand opening. Lastly, I had the opportunity to attend the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Ball where outgoing Chairman, Mark Micheletti of Berkeley Eye Center welcomed incoming Chairman, Louis Smith of Memorial Hermann-Northeast. Louis Smith will be a true asset to the Lake Houston Area Chamber. I am looking forward to working along-side Louis as he leads the Chamber of Commerce into a year of making an impact in the Lake Houston Area community.

As always, my number one priority is constituent service. As part of our service, my office will author a monthly electronic newsletter to keep all residents informed of news and events from District E, City Hall and within the City of Houston. I also invite you to follow me on [Twitter](#) and add me as a friend on [Facebook](#). Please know that my office is here to provide assistance to each of you. If you have ideas or suggestions, feel free to e-mail my office at [Districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:Districte@houstontx.gov).

Finally, I want to thank you for entrusting me with being your voice at City Hall. My promise to you is that I will continue to learn, offer my knowledge on issues and always stand up for you as residents of District E.

Sincerely,



Dave Martin

## Swearing In Ceremony

City of Houston 311  
(713) 837-031

Mayor's Citizens  
Assistance Office  
(832) 393-0955

Kingwood  
Community Center  
(281) 348-2570

City of Houston Solid  
Waste Management

City of Houston  
Public Works  
Department

Department of  
Neighborhoods



Council Member Martin was officially sworn in on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 among colleagues, family and friends during the first city council meeting of the new year. Since the November election, Council Member Martin has readily met with several directors of city departments to gain a better understanding of how each department operates and what to expect to effectively work together on behalf of his constituents. He and his staff will continue to actively work with these key individuals as well as the community throughout his first term.

### District E Community Contacts

Lake Houston Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Kingwood Chamber of  
Commerce

Clear Lake Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Southbelt-Ellington  
Chamber of Commerce

Bay Area Houston  
Economic Partnership

Kingwood Service  
Association

Kingwood Super  
Neighborhood Council

South Belt-Ellington  
Super Neighborhood  
Council

## District E Clear Lake Office Opens



The District E Clear Lake satellite office officially opened on Monday, January 14, 2013. Council Member Martin and the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony allowing constituents the opportunity to meet the council member and his staff. Council Member Martin enjoyed meeting and speaking with over 50 individuals that attended from the community and encourages them to use the space to voice their questions, concerns and comments.

The office is located at 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 415, and will be open by appointment only. If interested in making an appointment, please contact

Clear Lake Super  
Neighborhood

Council Member Martin's office at (832) 393.3008 or by email at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).



## 2013 District E CIP Meetings

Every year, the City of Houston conducts public meetings on the City's Annual Capital Budget in each council district. Since 1984, the City has held public meetings to obtain citizen input before preparation of the capital budget. These meetings provide citizens the opportunity to participate in the capital budget process by contributing comments and suggestions about needed services and improvements. The District information posted is updated annually after the last CIP Public Meeting held in the calendar year. The city's Finance Department and Council Member Martin will host two meetings in February to discuss future District E CIP projects. Please save the dates.

### **Clear Lake CIP Meeting**

February 20, 2013  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
*Location TBD*

### **Kingwood CIP Meeting**

February 28, 2013  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Kingwood Community Center  
4102 Rustic Woods Drive  
Houston, TX 77345

## Save the Date: March Town Hall Meetings

Council Member Martin will host a town hall meeting this spring in both Kingwood and Clear Lake. Constituents are invited to attend to hear updates from city departments as well as to voice their questions and concerns. Legislative session updates and community updates will also be given at these meetings.



### **Clear Lake Town Hall Meeting**

March 4, 2013  
6:00 p.m - 7:30 p.m.  
University of Houston - Clear Lake  
Garden Room, Bayou Building  
2700 Bay Area Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77058

### **Kingwood Town Hall Meeting**

March 18, 2013  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Kingwood Community Center  
4102 Rustic Woods Drive  
Houston, TX 77345

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

## Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center Dedication and Ribbon Cutting

The new state-of-the-art Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center celebrated the opening of their new facility with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, January 3. During the ceremony, Council Member Martin presented a certificate of special recognition to Memorial Hermann, and extended a warm welcome to the hospital as the facility and its talented staff will serve the greater Lake Houston area.



The all in one facility officially opened its doors to the public January 7, 2013.

## Kingwood Community Center's Senior Citizen Programs

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department now offers free programs for senior citizens at the new Kingwood Community Center. All programs for seniors are offered free of charge, although some classes require participants to furnish their own materials or pay a supply fee. A senior is considered any person over the age of 50. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods by phone at 281-348-2570. Please visit the community center's online [calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.



## Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce's Chairman's Ball

The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Chairman's Ball last month. Outgoing Chairman of the board, Mark Micheletti welcomed incoming Chairman Louis Smith of Memorial Hermann-Northeast who will lead the organization into a successful new year. Mr. Smith spoke about how the Chamber is looking ahead, and about the many new initiatives the Chamber has planned for 2013. As a longstanding member, Council Member Martin thanks Mr. Micheletti for his volunteered service and looks forward to working with Mr. Smith and the rest of the chamber in the coming year.

## NASA Meeting and Tour



Council Member Martin had the opportunity to meet with NASA's John Haas and Brian Freedmen last month regarding NASA initiatives occurring at facilities that lie within his council district. One of the facilities toured was the Sonny Carter Training Facility (SCTF), which provides controlled neutral buoyancy operations to simulate the zero-g or weightless condition that is experienced by spacecraft and crew during space flight. The SCTF is currently being used as a training tool for the design, testing and development of the International Space Station in addition to providing astronauts pre-flight training for extravehicular activities.

## BAHEP Quasar Awards Ceremony



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) hosted their 21st Annual Quasar Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 18 at South Shore Harbour. As a guest of TXU, Council Member Martin had the honor of attending the ceremony and helped to recognize and congratulate the 2013 Quasar Award recipient, Fred Griffin. Mr. Griffin is known for his exceptional leadership in economic development in his field, and has served

as an outstanding member of the Bay Area Houston community.

## NASA Director Mike Coats Retires



Johnson Space Center Director Mike Coats has retired after devoting seven years to serving and leading the center. Council Member Martin thanks the director and former astronaut for his dedication and tireless service not only to Houston, but to the entire country. The entire District E team wishes him nothing but the best in his retirement years.

Former Deputy Director and astronaut, Ellen Ochoa, has assumed the new role as Director of the Johnson Space Center and will lead the efforts for future human space exploration at the Center.

## HFD Retirement Recognition

After nearly 33 years of service, both Engine Operator Charles "Chip" Vance and Senior Captain Glen Brannon from Station 75 in District E have retired from the Houston Fire Department. Their service to the city and to District E citizens is unparalleled and respected. Council Member Martin and the District E team thank both fire fighter Vance and Captain Brannon for their dedication, support and courage.



## HPD Retirement Recognition

Sergeant Mac Blair from the Clear Lake Substation has retired after thirty years of devoted service to the city and the Houston Police Department. Council Member Martin thanks Sgt. Blair for his outstanding leadership in the department and unwavering dedication to the citizens of Houston.



The entire District E team thanks him for his service and wishes him nothing but the best during his retirement years.

## Port of Houston Authority Appointments

During a joint session of the Harris County Commissioners Court and Houston City Council last month, Janiece Longoria was appointed Chairman of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Longoria has served on the Port Commission on behalf of the City since September 2002 and replaces James Edmonds who announced he would not seek reappointment.



Replacing Chair Janiece Longoria's former seat, Houston City Council appointed Dean Corgey to the Port Commission during a city council meeting on January 16. As the vice president of the Seafarers International Union's Gulf Coast Region, Corgey brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the maritime industry to his new role.

Port Commissioners serve two-year terms without pay.

## Ordinance Feedback Feature on City Website

A new feature has been added to the city's website to allow the public to comment on proposed ordinances. The Ordinance Feedback page may be accessed by visiting the city's homepage. Information relating to draft ordinances, frequently asked questions and a public comment form all are featured, and all public comments are routed back to each respective department. The public will be notified of new ordinances added via an email from Citizens Net. To subscribe, please visit the [Citizens Net](#) website.

## Camp Houston Fire

The fourth annual Camp Houston Fire event is scheduled for March 22 - 24 this year. This camp introduces the next generation of young women to the career of firefighting. This physically and mentally challenging camp is open to all junior and senior girls in high school who are interested in pursuing this career. The camp is free to participants, and uniforms, meals, and all necessary personal protective equipment will be provided. To learn more about the camp and to register, visit [www.camphoustonfire.com](http://www.camphoustonfire.com).



## New 311 Smartphone App

As the City of Houston continues to expand their communication channels to meet Houston's needs, the 311 Department has launched the all-new 311 smartphone app available for iPhone and Android devices. This new app allows citizens to submit a service request directly from their smartphone in seconds. Additionally from their device, citizens can watch the progress of their request and view other issues in the area. The app will continually be updated with new features including updated versions, improvements to the online 311 map tool, SMS texting service requests and call back assistance.



Please visit [www.Houston311.org](http://www.Houston311.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

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



### **City Wides**

*February 25 - March 17*

*Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*

*March 4*

*NASA Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*

*February 17*

*NBA All Star Game*

### **Kingwood**

*February 7*

*Kingwood Bizcom*

*February 18*

*Summer Creek BizCom Meeting*

*February 19*

*Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce's 3rd Tuesday Luncheon*

*February 21*

*Summer Creek BizCom*

*February 21*

*Observer Chamber Networking Luncheon*

*February 28*

*District E CIP Meeting*

*March 18*

*Council Member Martin's Kingwood Town Hall Meeting*

*March 23*

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

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

*February 7*

*Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Epicurean Evening at Space Center Houston*



*February 7*

*South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Annual Installation Banquet - "A Salute to Ellington"*

*February 9*

*Bay Area Alliance's Crazy Krewe Fun Run*

*February 20*

*District E CIP Meeting*

*February 27*

*Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce General Luncheon*

*March 4*

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

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