DISTRICT F IS THE FUTURE

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DISTRICT F 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

WELCOME



With great pride, we unveil the culmination of our collective efforts over the past year—the 2023 District F Annual Report, aptly titled *"District F is the Future."*

I often share the story of returning home after college and hearing residents refer to District F as the Forgotten District. For some reason, they felt left out of the vision of the City of Houston and the region, and I agreed. With that shared sentiment, we got busy. Busy centering the voices and images of the people that make up this fantastic community.

If we can get it right in District F, the cultural currency of the City, then we can get it right everywhere.

This report offers a panoramic view of our priorities: *public safety, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, youth engagement, quality of life,* and more. Proud does not describe my emotions when reflecting on our successes. They

are "ours" because they were designed with you in mind, hand-in-hand, co-creating a new future for District F.

Over the last four years, I intended to offer new possibilities and results when we think about District F and it is working.

- Briarmeadow was listed as one of the hottest communities in Houston
- the much anticipated *Alief Neighborhood Center* opened for all to enjoy earlier this year
- Piney Point was designated as a Conservation District to preserve its heritage,
- Tanglewilde/Westmont celebrated the re-opening of Tanglewilde Park,
- and the City awarded West Houston Assistance Ministries \$250,000 to address chronic homelessness in our area.

In conclusion, *"District F is the Future*" is not merely a report but a testament to our shared progress and reflects how we navigated challenges and came out on the other side. As we delve into the details, I am confident you will share my enthusiasm for our strides.

Thank you for helping me keep the west side, the best side.

Tiffany D. Thomas

MEET OUR TEAM





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Tommy Wan and Izabella Garcia

The District F interns were a major support to the office coordinating and supporting the Annual Town Hall, Pet Pantry, and Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway. The positions were funded by the Mayor's Hire Houston Youth Program. Tommy is attending the University of Texas and Izabella is starting her senior year in high school.

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BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Super Neighborhood 17 West Oaks/Eldridge
- Super Neighborhood 20 Midwest
- Super Neighborhood 25 Alief
- National Night Out October 3, 2023



TOTAL NUMBER OF

- Sidewalk Ordinance
- Conservation District Ordinance
- Westchase 380 Agreement Extention
- Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget (\$6.2 billion)
- Kashmere Gardens Voluntary Relocation Fund (\$5 million)



TOTAL NUMBER OF PROCLAMATIONS GIVEN

- The Houston (TX) Chapter of The Links, Inc.
- Sam Houston State University
- Quillian Center
- Soaring Phoenix
- Pastor J. Amos Jones







TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Deed Restrictions Workshop
- Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway
- BARC Spay and Neuter Initiative
- Summer of Safety
- Houston Humane Society Pet Pantry



DIRECT CONSTITUENT REQUESTS RECEIVED

- Water Main Leaks
- Illegal Dumping
- Solid Waste Delays
- After Hours Clubs/Game Rooms
- Unhoused Neighbors/Homeless



WORK AUTHORIZATIONS

- Strom Water Outfall Repair
- Sidewalk and Ramp Replacements
- Tree Canopy and Street Lights
- Drainage
- Traffic Calming Devices

Youth Engagement

Investing in our young people creates a healthier and wealthier economy. In District F we have funded after-school programs and developed an intense intern program Alief Votes to encourage civic engagement.

Economic Development

Improving people's living standards through creating jobs, infrastructure, education, and health. Supporting workforce development and access to adult literacy to improve the economic conditions of our residents.

Public Safety

Safety is more than centering police; it includes how well we protect our neighborhoods from natural disasters, removing blight from communities and even installing streetlights to increase visibility.

Neighborhood Revitalization

Many of our neighborhoods are older and require a refresh. We have invested in the reconstruction of new sidewalks, concrete panel replacements, maintain easements, removing debris, blight and illegal dumping from our right of ways and public spaces.

Quality of Life

Advocating for ordinances to improve the experience in your neighborhood is paramount. Supporting and leading on issues and ordinances to limit noise, after-hour clubs and stray animals has made the difference.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In 2023, District F prioritized public safety, strengthening communitypolice relations, launching targeted crime prevention programs, and investing in advanced technology for swift responses. Collaborative efforts with local organizations addressed root causes of crime, while proactive emergency preparedness measures ensured residents' safety. Ongoing vigilance and community involvement remain essential for sustained progress in creating a safer environment.



3rd Annual Public Safety Town Hall

June 26, 2023 – District F held the 3rd Annual Public Safety Town Hall at the West Houston Institute. Neighbors heard from esteemed panelists such as HPD Chief Troy Finner and HFD Chief Sam Peña. Topics covered included homeless encampments, fire safety and neighborhood nuisances.

Smoke Detector Canvass and Fire Safety Outreach

June 30, 2023 – In partnership with the Houston Fire Department, the District F team along with students from Prairie View A&M University and Alief ISD canvassed the Beckford Place and Carver Crest neighborhoods ahead of July 4th. We passed out information to over 450 homes on proper fire safety measures and provided instructions on how to receive a free smoke detector from the Houston Fire Department.



District F Swim Event

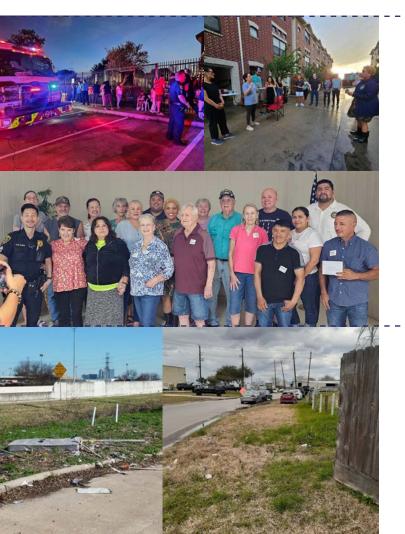
July 16, 2023 – As a part of the Summer of Safety, District F partnered with Houston Waves Swim Club to provide a free water safety clinic for adults and children. The event was held at the newly opened Alief Neighborhood Center swimming pool.





Billboard

August 2023 – Councilmember Thomas teamed up with the Houston Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Outdoor Media to lend her voice against gun violence at Hwy 59 and Wilcrest.



National Night Out

October 3, 2023 – Public safety includes meeting your neighbors. The District F team was in full force to meet with six different communities – in the rain to share updates on public safety, infrastructure, city ordinances and more. This year we visited Contemporary Westheimer Townhomes, Tanglewilde, Parkglen, Westpark Village and Ashford Park Section Six.

Harwin/Boone Dump Cleanup

February 8, 2023 – Collaborated with community partners to organize a cleanup initiative, enhancing the public safety and community well-being in District F.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

District F is home to some of the most vibrant and fastest growing neighborhoods and businesses in the city. Through office-led events, policy and partnerships, Councilmember Thomas fostered this vibrancy and growth throughout the year.

Deed Restriction Workshop

April 29, 2023 - In partnership with Rice & Rice Law Firm, CenterPoint Energy, Avenue 360 and Frost Bank, District F held a Deed Restrictions Workshop to educate neighborhood leaders on updating deed restrictions. The recording of this workshop can be found on the District F website. Local government has a role in supporting residents with the information to protect their assets.



Westchase 380

November 1, 2023 – Houston City Council approved a 10-year extension of the Westchase 380 Agreement. In the next 10 years, Westchase can expect to see even more roadway and drainage projects with an estimated future investment of \$233,964,675. The original agreement approved in 2013 was responsible for many improvements in Westchase including the construction of Woodchase Park and rebuilding of Walnut Bend Lane.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

As an educator and former school board member, Councilmember Thomas understands the importance and necessity of youth engagement. District F continued youth empowerment and sponsored youth-directed programs.

AliefVotes

2023 – Powered by the District F office, AliefVotes program expanded their reach and influence in its second full year of operation. AliefVotes members and fellows held well-attended community events including a Civic Engagement Workshop at the Chinese Community Center and Chromebook Laptop Distribution at the Alief Neighborhood Center. Fellows also assisted at District F's back to school backpack giveaway. Look out for more events coming from these amazing young leaders in the years to come.



Case for Kids Check Presentation

April 6, 2023 – In partnership with the Harris County Department of Education and The Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids (CASE for Kids), Councilmember Thomas presented a total of **\$45,000** in awards to five District F nonprofits. Awardees included: Spirit of Youth Fencing Foundation, JJ's I'm Me Foundation, FotoFest, Chinese Community Center and Girlstart.

On July 11, CASE Debate students received a proclamation from Mayor Turner for their successful participation in the Houston Urban Debate League Day.



Reading with a Rapper

February 6, 2023 – Councilmember Thomas gathered Mayor Turner and Houston and Alief ISD superintendents along with Houston-based literacy program, Reading with a Rapper, to announce an investment of \$30,000 for the #TurnTexasYellow campaign. District F schools, HISD's Piney Point Elementary School and Alief ISD's Holub Elementary School, are a part of the campaign to increase literacy in under-resourced schools.

Hire Houston Youth (HHY) Interns

June 14, 2023 – District F participated in the Hire Houston Youth program again this summer. Returning interns, Izabella Garcia and Tommy Wan, have proven themselves to be an invaluable resource for the District F team. They aided in the success of many events including the pet pantry, back-to-school backpack giveaway and public safety town hall.

Easter Egg Hunt with Piney Point CC, Pilgrims Rest MBC, HPD Midwest (April 1)

- Hosted a festive Easter Egg Hunt, fostering community engagement and collaboration with local organizations and law enforcement.

Greek Week Youth Engagement (October 12)

October 12, 2023 – Councilmember Thomas was invited to participate in Alief ISD's inaugural Greek Week. Fraternity and sorority members spoke with high school students about their experiences and provided guidance on college and beyond.







NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

This year, District F welcomed a number of projects aimed at revitalizing our beloved neighborhoods. Taking care of and improving the district's current infrastructure is a key tenet of our office. From revamping our neighborhood parks to decommissioning homeless encampments to restriping crosswalks. These projects are all a part of making sure our neighborhoods are treated with respect.

50/50 Parks in District F

District F celebrated the opening the last 50/50 Parks in our neighborhoods this year: Harwin Park and Tanglewilde Park. The 50/50 Parks Initiative is led by the Office of the Mayor, Houston Parks & Recreation Department, Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston Parks Board. They bring together public and private funds to revitalize neighborhood parks, one park at time.

Harwin Park

February 18, 2023 – Harwin Park was one of the first parks in the city to complete its transformation as a part of the 50/50 Parks Partnership. Some of the improvements include added lighting, new covered picnic pavilion and upgrades to the walkways. **\$750,000**



Tanglewilde Park

October 27, 2023 – Councilmember Thomas celebrated with local leaders at the Tanglewilde Park ribbon cutting. Improvements to this 57-yearold park included updated playground equipment, a walking loop, and lighting and drainage—special shoutout to the Tanglewilde and Westmont neighbors who contributed their insight into the planning and development of the park.

Homeless Encampment Tour

September 15, 2023 – Following numerous calls from District F neighbors about concerns in the rising number of homeless people, Councilmember Thomas invited Marc Eichenbaum, Special Assistant to the Mayor on Homeless Initiatives, for a site visit of homeless encampments in District F. District F has worked closely with Marc, Houston Police Department, and Coalition for the Homeless to address the concerns of our housed and unhoused neighbors. The district will see an increase of outreach from nonprofit organizations at the end of 2023.

Houston Tool Bank Emergency Preparedness Partnership

Focused on strategic partnerships and preparedness to identify Neighborhood Emergency Hubs and Preparedness Partnerships to deploy resources before or immediately after an event. **\$52,155**

Restriping Crosswalks for Alief ISD

November 2023 – After vising an Alief ISD school, Councilmember Thomas noticed the deteriorating conditions of the crosswalks. Councilmember Thomas worked with the mayor's office and Houston Public Works to get the sidewalks restriped in a matter of weeks, making it safer for students and drivers.



QUALITY OF LIFE

District F continued enhancing residents' quality of life by prioritizing and sponsoring cultural and educational programs, promoting health and wellness, and investing in infrastructure improvements. These efforts contribute to a vibrant community where residents have recreational opportunities, cultural enrichment, and improved living conditions. The commitment to improving the quality of life is an ongoing journey, fostering a district where every resident can thrive.



Loving Our Seniors Event (February 18)

February 18, 2023 – We hosted the 3rd Annual Loving Our Seniors Event. Along with volunteers and support from SLB, we delivered Valentine's Day baskets to show love to our senior neighbors in Carver Crest.

District F Health Fair

May 20, 2023 – With the Houston Health Department, District F hosted a health fair at the Alief Neighborhood Center. Hundreds of our neighbors had an opportunity to speak with healthcare professionals and receive wellness exams.

HOT Spot Team

The City Council District F Hot Spot Team, a vital force in combating illegal dumping and enhancing community well-being, has completed **445 work orders, investing 1,209 man-hours**. Their comprehensive efforts include removing 16,050 lbs. of tree waste, 88 mattresses, 396 pieces of furniture waste, 348 tires, 14,040 lbs. of trash debris, 95 shopping carts, and 3,631 bandit signs. Additionally, the team has taken swift action and contributed to landscaping 25,000 sq feet, fostering an overall improvement in neighborhood quality and safety.

CULTURAL HERITAGE & PRESERVATION

District F is the cultural currency of the City of Houston, and celebrating the different cultures serves as a testament to our identity, history, and values. It connects us to our roots and provides a foundation for future innovations. In today's interconnected world, it is also one of our most powerful resources to transform societies and renew ideas.

'More inclusive Houston' | AAPI Advisory Board created to help bridge gap between City, community

The board will help forge stronger connections between the City and its diverse communities.



Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Board

May 30, 2023 – With Councilmember Thomas's suggestion, Mayor Turner created the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Advisory Board – a first. Many District F AAPI leaders, including Kenneth Li and Ben Chou, are distinguished members of the board representing every Asian expression in the city.

Conservation District Initiative -Piney Point

March 29, 2023 — Advocated for protecting the historical community of Piney Point by helping community leaders in their initiative to be recognized as a Conservation District.

IFTAR

April 2, 2023 — Participated in the IFTAR event, fostering cultural understanding and inclusivity.

Mexican Independence Day @ Consular de Mexico - Houston

September 16, 2023 — Commemorated Mexican Independence Day, strengthening ties with the Mexican community.

Interfaith Roundtable at Indonesian Consulate

September 14, 2023 — Engaged in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Honorable Andre Omer Stregar Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia on religious pluralism and the path to peace.

Mayors' Consular Ball & Czech Republic Honorary Consul

October 11, 2023 — Attended the Mayors' Consular Ball and hosted the Honorary Consul of The Czech Republic, Mr. Brian Vanicek.

Viet Lunar New Year (January 28)

January 28,2023 — Participated in the Viet Lunar New Year celebration at Viet Hoa, enriching the cultural diversity of District F.

75th Anniversary of Philippine Independence

June 12, 2023 —Celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, highlighting the importance of the Philippine consulate in District F.

Dias De los Muertos Festival at Sam Houston Park

October 28, 2023 — Participated in the Dias De los Muertos Festival celebration, embracing and preserving cultural traditions.

Blake's BBQ Closing

June 30, 2023 — Historic Piney Point and Houston institution, Blake's BBQ closed its doors this summer. We were honored to celebrate the last day with Mr. Blake, HFD Station 60 firefighters and our neighbors.



Africa Trade Trip with Mayor's Office of Economic Development

July 16-24, 2023 — District F has the largest Nigerian American population in the United States.

Councilmember Thomas joined Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Houston Delegation for a three-country trade mission to West Africa to foster economic ties related to Port Houston, Houston Airport System and Texas Medical Center. The group visited Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, and Ghana.

Councilmember Thomas received a surprise Happy Birthday serenade from His Excellency Adamu Gwari, the Permanent Secretary of FCTA in Nigeria and the Honorable Abike Daibiri Erewa.

In addition to Councilmember Thomas, the delegation included Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex Tatum and City Council Member Karla Cisneros along with members from various sectors and industries including the Texas Medical Center, Chevron, Haliburton, Port Houston, East End Maker Hub, and the Ghana-Houston Chamber of Commerce.

The mission of the trip was to foster government and business relationships between the City of Houston and the three West African countries, build on existing relationships, explore new bi-lateral economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural and civic engagement.



ALIEF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Alief Neighborhood Center Opening (January 15)

January 15, 2023 – Elected officials and community leaders came out to celebrate the long-awaited opening of the Alief Neighborhood Center.

Over 2,200 Houstonians descended upon the new state of the art 70,000 square foot Alief Neighborhood Center. The new neighborhood center is erected on the same grounds of the old Alief Community Center affectionally known as the Quillian Center.

The 38 acre renovated park at the community center features a public pool, playground, skatepark, baseball diamond, soccer fields, walking paths, tennis and basketball courts.





Houston Parks & Recreation

The new park development has an event lawn and game area, swimming pool, walking paths, tennis/ pickleball courts, basketball court, skatepark, soccer fields, practice field and futsal courts.

Enjoy swim lessons, water aerobics, open swim, and lap swimming and many other classes. The center offers youth focused amenities include a playground with a large climbing net structure and climbing wall, parents can also unwind in natural spaces or consider the FREE youth after-school and summer enrichment and meal programs.

Houston Public Library

Housed on the second floor, the Alief Regional Library also offers access to TECHLink, an innovative and potentially transformative extension of HPL's current program of services that includes free and equitable access to new and emerging state-of-theart technologies.

These spaces provide the community with instruction and tools for exploring music and video production, digital animation, graphic design, photo editing, multimedia presentations, coding, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)focused education.

Houston Health Department

Inside the facility, there is a full-service health department that performs many enhanced functions to address health inequities. Services benefit all Houston residents, but we also take additional steps to support those most in need, such as low-income mothers and children, the elderly, and minority populations.

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinic provides nutritional education & health care referrals, the Diabetes Awareness and Wellness Network (DAWN), provides free diabetes selfmanagement education, and Baker Ripley Senior Health and Wellness Center offers free meals, exercise classes, arts & crafts, and senior resources.





























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THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY D. THOMAS PRESENTS SUMMER OF SAFETY SWIM EVENT

Join District F, Houston Waves Swim Club, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for a Swim and Pool Safety Event.

Sunday, July 16, 2023 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Alief Neighborhood Center Pool 11903 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072





SUMMER OF SAFETY 3RD ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL

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APRIL 29 | 9:30AM TO 1:00PM

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West Houston Institute at HCC

2811 Hayes Rd, Houston, TX 77082

REGISTER AT

9:30 Deed Restriction Workshop

11:30 Protecting Your Home from **Contractor Fraud** 12:00 Estate Planning Resources

breakfast and snacks provided

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Monday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Houston Community College West Houston Institute 2811 Hayes Rd, Houston, TX 77082



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THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY D. THOMAS PRESENTS SUMMER OF SAFETY **SMOKE DETECTOR** CANVAS

Join District F and the Houston Fire Department in Canvassing the Beckford Place Neighborhood.

Friday, June 30, 2023 9 AM to 11 AM

Meet at Alexander Elementary School 8500 Brookwulf Dr, Houston, TX 77072

Volunteer





THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY D. THOMAS PRESENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

Join District F for a back-to-school backpack giveaway and an Alief Alumni Basketball Game between Elsik and Hastings! Registration required.

Saturday, August 12, 2023 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Alief Neighborhood Center, Basketball Gym 11903 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072 JPSD F # UNDATION



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Councilmember Tiffany D. Thomas to serve on national community and economic development committee

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Houston Councilmember Tiffany D. Thomas (District F) has been appointed to

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the National League of Cities 2023 Community and Economic Development federal advocacy committee. Thomas was elected to a one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy agenda and policy priorities on housing, land use, economic opportunity, and entrepreneurship. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington.

Houston organization launches THRIVE campaign to raise \$1.2M and be able to help 5,000 families in the next year



Houston city council approves new ordinance aimed to fight crime to 'create a more safe environment'

By Char Miller 🚳 Wednesday, May 24, 2023



C/M Tiffany Thomas launches 'Summer of Safety' initiative

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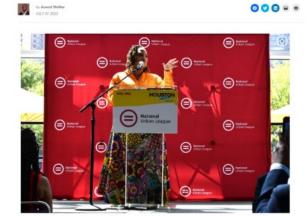
With summer's unique dangers approaching and June being Public Safety Month, District F Councilmember Tiffany D. Thomas launched the "Summer of Safety" initiative, a series of events and citywide campaigns focused on the health and safety of District F residents.

With an overarching goal of improving the quality of life for all District F constituents and Houstonians across the city, the initiative kicks off with a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Thomas, Houston's Chief of Police Troy Finner, Harris County District Attorney Special Prosecutor C. O. Bradford, and representatives from the Mayor's Office of Gang Prevention and Intervention.

"This year's focus centers on our young people. School is out and the summer can create space and opportunity for young people to find themselves in trouble. I want to offer communities and families the resources to help them prepare and safeguard themselves from potential dangers," said Thomas



NUL rally calls out Abbott's 'attacks on democracy'



COUNCILMEMBER TIFFANY THOMAS

What Do Houston City Council Members Actually Do? An Interview with Tiffany Thomas, **District F**



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ARTS & CULTURI

Houston comedian, actor Mo Amer will perform show on 'Mo Day'

Mo Day will officially be on September 16.

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ton City Hall on 713 Day. Sept idian Mo Amer was celebrated at Hos ally be Mo Day in the city of Houston.

SWIMMING

Free swimming lessons offered at Alief area pool as a part of 'Summer of Safety' series



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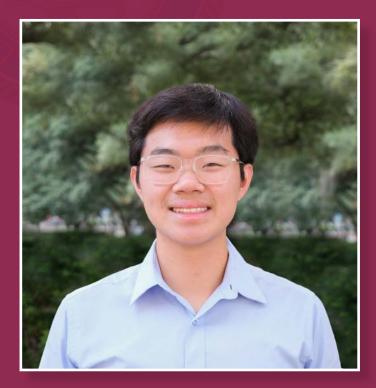
HOUSTON, Texas (KTRK) -- The day after two young children drowned in the San Jacinto River, free swimming lessons were offered at the new Alief Neighborhood Center.

State orders new environmental study of Houston low-income housing project

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COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



Tommy Wan

Tommy Wan (he/him) is an Alief native and an undergraduate student at the University of Texas at Austin studying Civil Engineering and Government. His work focuses on youth civic engagement, community development, and voter education in Houston. His experiences include the Houston City Council, Texas House of Representatives, and OCA-Greater Houston. Tommy is the Founder and Program Director for AliefVotes and continues to lead the group during his studies at UT. Through his visionary leadership, AliefVotes has grown to be a staple in the Alief community, partnering on community events with the Alief Super Neighborhood Council, Chinese Community Center and Harris County Precinct 4, to name a few.



Conrado Contreras

Conrado A. Contreras Tobar, recognized as "Contreras and Tobar" in literary circles, is a fervent advocate for a more compassionate society and equal opportunities. Conrado is also the visionary force behind The Salvadoran American Foundation of Houston, a 501(c)(3) community organization dedicated to empowering low-income individuals through free classes in Air Conditioning, Computing, English, and citizenship. He has added Spanish classes for English-speaking citizens since 2003 which were previously held at the Alief Neighborhood Center and are now housed at Hackberry Community Center.



Tena + Rickey Mcgowen

Westpark Village's Tena and Rickey, the heart and rock of their community, exemplify the essence of community champions. Tena manages the family's daily life while actively contributing to multiple organizations, including serving as the President of Westpark Village's Board and organizing the local Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) chapter. Juggling these responsibilities, she cares for her two children, Lennox and Eloise, planning engaging activities for their growth. Rickey, a dedicated professional at Carr Engineering, is equally committed to community service as a Community Events Organizer on the HOA board and a youth-focused church leader. Together, Tena and Rickey prioritize family while extending their care to their community, embodying the spirit of true community champions. referrals,

the Diabetes Awareness and Wellness Network (DAWN), provides free diabetes selfmanagement education, and Baker Ripley Senior Health and Wellness Center offers free meals, exercise classes, arts & crafts, and senior resources.



Renetta Moss

Renetta Moss, a trailblazer from the Piney Point neighborhood in southwest Houston, displayed an early passion for architecture and construction. Despite discouragement from her high school guidance counselor, she became the second Black female graduate from the University of Houston's College of Architecture and the third licensed architect in Houston. Renetta's career included notable projects at one of the world's largest developers, Hines, such as space planning for First Colony Mall and Galleria area office buildings. Discovered by Commissioner El Franco Lee while designing the Harris County Children's Protective Services Center, she spent over 17 years with the Harris County Engineering Department.

In an effort to halt further auto-related businesses from ruining the neighborhood, Renetta volunteered to serve as chair of the Piney Point Conservation District Committee. She is joined on that committee by fellow Piney Point advocates, Carolyn Boozer, Janie Putney and Patrick Goffney. The committee aims to preserve the existing fabric and character of the Historic Piney Point neighborhood for future generations.



Kristy Bell

Kristy leads marketing for EY's global oil and gas practice. She has over 15 years' experience in B2B marketing across industries including commercial real estate, oilfield services and professional services. A graduate of California State University at Long Beach, she chose Houston as home in 2003. Kristy currently serves as president of the Westmont Civic Club board which works to benefit all residents of the neighborhood through community projects and advocacy. She also serves on the Houston chapter of the American Marketing Association board as Director of the Penny Todd scholarship program, and on the board of Pup Squad Animal Rescue.



Jolie Craft

Jolie Craft has lived in Tanglewilde for 20 years and participated in Citizen Patrol for 6 years. She keeps track of the time volunteered by herself and the other 20 patrollers and acts as their liaison with Houston Police Department. Jolie is a civil engineer by trade and has worked for the same engineering company for 27 years, Vogler & Spencer Engineering. Her family consists of a boyfriend named Kal Turnquist and our 3 senior dogs: Raven, Cloudy, and Dingo. She enjoys tennis and pickleball in her spare time and was able to participate in the ribbon cutting at Tanglewilde Park.

HOUSING & COMMUNIITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Thomas chairs the Housing & Community Affairs Committee (HCA) and oversees the authorization of over **\$90 million** in federal, state and local funds to be utilized for numerous projects including job training, rapid rehousing, and single- and multi-family housing developments across the city. Council Member David Robinson serves as vice chair.

Below are highlights from each month's committee hearing.

January 17, 2023

The first meeting of the year included HCD's recommendation for Council approval of a substantial amendment to the Affordable Homes Fund Budget for the New Home Development Program (NHDP), amendments to agreements between COH and NGOs, and an additional **\$500,000** in Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR17) funds for a new multifamily development.

February 2023

Two meetings were conducted in February. The first meeting was a Special Called Meeting to review 9% Housing Tax Credit (HTC) applicants and recommendations. The second meeting consisted of ordinance recommendations for Public Services, Public Facilities and Single-Family developments.

March 2023

This meeting recommended Council approval to submit a grant application to HUD to receive over **\$52 million** in federal entitlement funds. HCD also recommended approval of over \$40 million for numerous projects in the Large Tract Affordable Home Development Program (AHDP) and **\$1.6 million** in Public Services.

April 2023

April's meeting recommended Council approval

to submit a **\$50 million** HUD grant application for CDBG-Disaster Recovery 2021 funds. HCD recommended approval of over **\$7.5 million** in HOPWA funds, **\$4.5 million** in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds and a 4% HTC resolution for a multifamily development.

May 2023

May's meeting included recommendations for Council, including **\$350,000** in Public Services, **\$7.75 million** for Public Facilities, **\$5.95 million** for Single Family developments and an amendment for the CDBG-DR17 program.

June 2023

This meeting included recommendations for Council approval of over \$850,000 in Public Services, **\$7.4 million** for Single-Family developments and a new Public Facilities lease agreement.

July

No meeting was held in July

August 2023

In August, HCD recommended Council approval for an amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan, **\$2 million** in Public Services, and a revision to the Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program.

September 2023

September's meeting consisted of recommendations for Council approval of **\$650,000** in Public Services, **\$14.3 million** in Single Family development and over **\$1.3 million** in Multifamily development. HCD also recommended approval of ordinances between COH and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to accept over **\$1.4 million** of 224 Texas Homeless Housing Services Program funds.

October 2023

Discussed recommendations to amend CDBG-DR17 subrecipient agreement with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and submission of applications to U.S. Department of Labor and HUD to receive over **\$3 million** in grant funding. This month also saw a recommendation to provide almost **\$275,000** to District F's West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM) for rapid rehousing and housing navigation services.

November 2023

No meeting was held in November





DISTRICT WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

January

3rd — Remove and replace panels on Langdon Ln. from Wilcrest Dr. to 10915 Langdon Ln. | **\$44,000**

16th — Replace sidewalks on Imperial Point Rd. from Sharpview Dr. to Triola Ln. | **\$100,000**

24th — Remove and replace damaged sections of sidewalk and existing ramps on Ashling Dr. from Gondola Dr. to Nobility Dr. | **\$40,000**

February

6th — Replace Sidewalks on Baneway Dr. from Stroud Dr. To Carvel Ln. | **\$166,000**

8th — Remove and replace damaged sections of curb/gutter on Highmeadow Dr and Westerland Dr. | \$3,000

March

15th — Drainage & pavement improvements at 3303 Longfield Circle | **\$23,000**

29th — Overlay with asphalt Jarvis St. Between Richmond Ave. and Clarkcrest St. and Clarkcrest St between Jeanetta St and Fondren. | **\$191,675**

28th — Place Traffic Calming devices at
 Wellington Homes Park. | **\$59,300**

29th — Stormwater sewer outfall repair at 10722 Landsbury Dr. | **\$17,000**

May

1st — Stormwater sewer outfall repairs a 12206 Sela Ln. | **\$25,000**

July

26th — Install traffic calming devices (speed cushions) in Carver Crest. | **\$20,500**

August

11th — Remove and replace new concrete sidewalk on Elmside Drive (West Side) Between W. Rivercrest Dr and Meadowglen Lane. |
 \$73,000

15th — Drainage improvements and outfall replacement at 10800 S. Kirkwood Road. | **\$36,000**

September

5th — New concrete sidewalk on 14301 Westheimer Rd (South Side). | **\$7,250**

5th —- Replace concrete panels on Richmond
Ave (Walnut Bend Ln. - Rogerdale Rd)
\$1,213,439.69

EITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (DISTRICT F RELATED)

Every week, City Council votes on projects and ordinances to advance progress. Following are a few highlights from 2023 related to District F.

January 2023

- City wide HPW Work Orders \$3,163,615.45
- Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority Budget Approval - \$396,471.60

February 2023

- Briarmeadow Area Drainage and Paving Improvements **\$15,887,142.38**
- Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) + Transportation & Drainage Projects Projects -\$7,738,718.93
- Resolution for the nomination of MEN'S WEARHOUSE, LLC to the Texas Economic Development Bank established by the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office.
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) - \$890,761.00

March 2023

- Reappointment to the Independent Police
 Oversight Board (IPOB) Isaac Eguia 2nd term
- Advanced Funding Agreement for Flood Plain Permits - \$66,000.00
- Ordinance establishing criteria and providing for the creation of Conservation Districts in the Neighborhoods of Independence Heights, Freedmen's Town, Acres Homes, Magnolia Park/ Manchester, Pleasantville, and Piney Point

April 2023

- City Wide Overlay Package which includes
 Carver Crest \$5,784,194.78
- Advance Funding Appropriation Agreement for 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program -\$264,000.00
- Additional appropriation to Interlocal Agreement Contract for Keegan's Hike and Bike Trail - \$61,767.25

May 2023

- 2019 Roadway Rehabilitation Overlay Package \$6,888,483.88
- Wastewater Ground Water Well Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal -\$2,687,256.33
- Temporary chiller and chiller replacement at HPD Westside Command Station -\$1,206,663.20
- Ordinance relating to the regulation of Bring-Your-Own-Bottle ("BYOB") establishments, declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty.

June 2023

- FY 2019 Roadway Rehabilitation Overlay Package **\$3,117,726.50**
- Advanced Funding Agreement for the Bridge Rehabilitation on **South Kirkwood Drive**

July

- Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) + Transportation & Drainage Projects -\$20,360,439.91
- Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for International Management District Bikeways Project - \$50,024.00
- Advanced Funding Agreement for Gessner Road Reconstruction and Widening - \$157,500.00

August 2023

- Force Main Renewal and Replacement -Eldridge Parkway, Beechnut, and West Orem -\$10,440,742.25
- Appointment to the Houston Food Insecurity Board - Vanessa Lipscomb (WOW Project)



- Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) + Transportation & Drainage Projects -\$11,399,363.57
- Citywide Work Orders for Council District Service Fund Projects - **\$2,741,289.80**
- Professional Engineering Services Contract for Boone Park and Hackberry Park Detention -\$1,514,415.00

September 2023

- Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project - **\$1,899,941.40**
- Additional appropriation for Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program to complete additional work at the new Alief Neighborhood



- Approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement with the Westchase Management District for the Design and Construction of Walnut Bend Lane Project - \$4,254,092.50
- Ground Water Facility / Re-Pump Station /

HVAC & Ventilation System Improvements - **\$210,000.00**

 Approving a contract between the City of Houston, the Office of Emergency Management and the HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK for Disaster Clean-up and Recovery -\$353,618.00

October:

- Approval of final contract for construction services for Harwin Park - \$679,167.50
- Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation
 - Contract Amount: **\$832,366.74**
- Resolution allowing construction of Bissonnet Apartments, an affordable rental housing property located at 12000 Bissonnet Street in the City of Houston, Texas, and authorizing the allocation of tax credits to such development
- Ordinance approving and authorizing the second 10-year segment of the Capital Improvements Plan for the Westchase 380 Program and pursuant to an Economic Development Agreement - \$233,964,675
- ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and the Co-Participants of the CHELFORD CITY MUD REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT to expand the plant's service area for Houston Public Works

Center - **\$232,383.70**

November:

- Ordinance approving additional Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM) for Rapid Re-Housing and Case Management Services -**\$273,688.00**
- Purchase Order Addendum for Electric, Eco-Friendly, and On-Demand Shared Ride Services within multiple Houston Complete Communities



DISTRICT F BUDGET

Houston Public Works: 11 projects including panel replacements, safe sidewalks, speed cushions, streetlighting. **\$897,949.67**

Department of Neighborhoods:

Two matching grant projects for SN25 and the Institute of Chinese Culture. (Both projects are beautification of public spaces). **\$9,100.00**

Houston Police Department: For

overtime funding to target after-hour clubs in Mid-West and the install of 50 FLOCK License Plate Reader (LPR cameras around District F). **\$152,500.00**

Solid Waste Department: For our Hot Spot team to help eliminate illegal dumping throughout District F. **\$75,000.00**

Office of Emergency Management:

To create a partnership with the Houston Tool Bank through a tool loan agreement and emergency preparedness plan specifically for District F. **\$40,295.00**

Houston Public Library: Partnership with

Reading with a Rapper that will enhance their ability to continue making a difference in literacy through the art in District F schools. **\$30,000.00**

Houston Parks And Recreation

Department: CASE for Kids afterschool and summer enrichment program funding. **\$15,000.00**

DISTRICT F BUDGET

Department	Spent	Allocated	Rol	led-Over
DON	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00		_
HPD	\$ 152,500.00	\$ 139,073.00	\$	13,427.00
SWD	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 61,392.86	\$	13,607.14
HPW	\$ 897,949.67	\$ 809,624.67	\$	88,325.00
HPBLGC	\$ 75,000.00		\$	75,000.00
ARA	\$ 6,460.52		\$	6,460.52
HPL	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		_
OEM	\$ 40,295.00	\$ 40,295.00		_
HPARD	\$ 15,000.00		\$	15,000.00

FY24 Projections

July 1-June 30 is the fiscal year for the City of Houston.

The following projects are rolled over to the next fiscal year and will reflect in the 2024-2025 budget.

- Additional FLOCK LPR cameras (5) for public safety per neighborhood request. (\$13,750)
- 2. Matching grants for sidewalk beautification and tree-planting projects (\$10,000)
- 3. Funding for the SPARK Park Program at Martin Elementary which will add a new concrete walking trail and play equipment **(\$10,000)**
- 4. Tree canopy trimming and streetlight repairs (\$3,000)
- 5. Additional sidewalk improvements and traffic calming devices.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES — 2023 CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Constituent Services remains the center of the District F Office. Over the year we have managed inquires related to extensive water leaks, extremely high-water bills, stray animals and more.

WATER LEAK REPORTS August-September 2023

Zip Code	Count
77072	344
77099	161
77082	143
77063	91
77042	61
77477	45
77083	14
77036	10
77077	9
77057	1
Grand Total	879

District F reported 515 water leaks in August and 364 in September for a total of 879.

High water bills – Related to the water leaks, but also an issue throughout the year. Electronic water meters and the implementation of estimated usage caused many neighbors to receive erroneously high water bills.

Homeless encampments – The city of Houston is a national leader in combatting homelessness, however, as many of our neighbors reported to the office, District F has seen an increase in homelessness. CM Thomas along with the Mayor's Special Advisor on Homeless Initiatives, Marc Eichenbaum, toured some of the most reported homeless encampments in F. The city is slated to focus on District F in the fall and winter of 2023 to provide resources to our unhoused neighbors and to clean up our neighborhoods.

Streetlights – Streetlights were such a hot topic this year that we created a form for our residents to submit their requests for new streetlights and streetlight repairs. We were able to route requests directly to our CenterPoint partners who worked hard to make our streets safer. Council passed an ordinance to make it take away the fees for residents to request new streetlights.

2023 311 Calls – As of November 30

Zip Code	Count
77072	6690
77099	448
77082	3262
77063	2340
77042	1303
77477	564
77036	476
77083	461
77077	170
77057	64
77498	33
77094	24
77031	18
77478	8
77450	8
77494	2
77493	1
77053	1
77037	1
77084	1
Grand Total	19,1918

Comparison to the Previous Year (FY 22)



CASES THIS YEAR vs. 16,463 last year (^19.93%)

Case Types

Water Leak	3005
Water Service	1509
Traffic Signal Maintenance	1371
Missed Garbage Pickup	1236
Sewer Wastewater	1086
Parking Violation	912
Missed Recycling Pickup	827
Street Condition	611
Heavy Trash Violation	536
Nuisance On Property	498
Container Replacement	479
Container Repair	441
SWM Escalation	434
MultiFamily Habitability Violation	430
Dead Animal Collection	414
Street Hazard	370
Missed Heavy Trash Pickup	358
Traffic Signs	317
Water Main Valve	300

Health Code	240	Air Pollution	24
Fire Hydrant	230	Sewer Manhole	24
Pothole	228	MYR PW	22
Traffic Signals	213	Add a Can Cancellation	22
Uncollected Service Units	204	Other	21
Trash Dumping or Illegal Dumpsite	197	New CIP Request	20
Building Code Violation	180	Mow Esplanade or Median	17
Water/Sewer/Drainage Billing	165	Dangerous Building	16
Restoration Due to Utility Work	165	MYR Correspondence	16
Drainage	155	Traffic General	15
Recycling Cart Repair	150	Container Problem	14
Add a Can	140	Dangerous Commercial Building	14
Water Meter	135	Bandit Sign	13
Fire Code Complaint	126	Flashing School Beacon	12
Recycling Cart Replace	122	Flooding	11
Tree Trim	117	Property Damage	10
Missed Yard Waste Pickup	113	Sign Code Violation	10
MAO General	102	Vehicle or Personnel Complaint	10
Junk Motor Vehicle	91	Traffic Bridge/Freeway Lighting	10
HPW Escalation	86	Spilled Debris	9
Recycling Participation NEW	85	Container Placement	9
PW CIP Project	81	Drainage System Violation	9
Tree Removal	74	MAO Events	8
Nuisance on Commercial Property	74	MYR HPD	8
New Resident Container	71	Unregulated Residential Facility	7
Minimum Standards	71	Traffic School Zone	6
Administrative Review	69	Litter Park	6
Water Quality	66	Lighting	6
Meter Investigation	64	Graffiti - Private/Commercial Property	6
Personnel or Vehicle Complaint	63	Park Forestry Escalation	5
Occupancy Violation	59	Restoration due to Meter Work	5
Traffic Markings	57	Poor Drainage	5
Dumpster Complaint	36	Physically Challenged Pickup	5
City Engineer	29	Fuel Island	5
MAO Meeting	24	Non Residential Collection Service NEW	5

Bridge and Barricade	5	Graffiti - ATT Telephone Equipment	1
MYR SWM	5	Graffiti - City Bridge	1
New Move In Service	4	Graffiti - City Property	1
Floodplain	4	Graffiti - METRO Bus/Rail	1
Water Adjustment Board Review	4	Case Update	1
Administrative Hearing	4	Sprinkler Repair	1
Water or Ground Pollution	4	Environmental Health Escalation	1
Major Water Leak	3	Neighborhoods Updates - Subscribe	1
Subpoena	3	Parking Escalation	1
Birth or Death Certificate Forms	3	Graffiti - Traffic Signal/Sign	1
Sidewalk Repair	3	Recycling Information	1
Litter Esplanade Median	3	Soccer Goal	1
Electrical Hazard	3	Hole in Unpaved Ground	1
Trail Repair	3	SPARK Park	1
Water Shortage Violation	3	Vital Statistics Escalation	1
Playground or Court Equipment Repair	3	Trash Can New	1
MYR ARA	3	Customer Feedback	1
Speed Cushion Repair	3	Graffiti - TXDoT Highway	1
Steel Plate in ROW	3	Park Facilities Escalation	1
MYR HCD	3	Storm Debris Collection	1
Non Residential Collection CANCEL	2	Employee Commendation	1
Graffiti - CenterPoint Electrical Equipme	nt 2	Tree Planting	1
Amenity Repair	2	Clean Pavilion or Restroom	1
Fence Repair	2	Minor Water Leak	1
Tree Code Violation	2	Graffiti - City Park	1
Traffic Applications	2	SWM Information	1
Tree Stump Grinding	2		
MYR PR	2	Grand Total	19744
Order Bag Tags	2		
Donation Box Violation	2		
Mow Park	2		
Disaster Preparedness Guide Request	2		
Fountain Repair	2		
Automated Recycling for Business NEW	1		
Pest Control	1		



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311

From traffic fines and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints, District F residents can call 311 and speak to one of our highly trained agents. Agents are available 24/7 to answer your calls. Residents can also access this helpful service via an e-mail to 311@ HoustonTX.gov. A self Service Request (SR) form

is available online at www.houston311. org or by using our 311 smartphone app which can be installed by scanning the barcode below.

