

## Dear residents,

Since my first term in office, I've been committed to improving mobility in the Kingwood area and am very proud of the great strides the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority/Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 10 (LHRA/TIRZ 10) has made over the last decade. This process was kicked off by our extraordinary Kingwood Area Mobility Study Steering Committee. The journey has been long and filled with many challenges but we are finally at the tipping point when it comes to reducing congestion in the Kingwood Area by expanding Northpark Drive. I am excited to announce the groundbreaking for the Northpark Drive Overpass Project is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, weather permitting. The LHRA Board awarded the contract to Harper Brothers Construction for construction during their December Board meeting.

The groundbreaking is happening during the mobilization phase. In the coming weeks, residents can expect to see the contractor moving equipment, supplies, and materials in preparation for construction commencing soon. Once construction commences, please be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on-site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as the project may require a one-lane closure. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times and may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area. For a detailed traffic plan during construction, residents can view the plans [here](#) (pages 43-163).

The design and engineering plans for the Northpark Drive Overpass Project were completed earlier this year and went out for bid this summer. A visual of the design can be seen [here](#). It took many months to go through the process of acquiring property for the right-of-way necessary to expand Northpark Drive.

The Northpark Drive Overpass Project is expected to alleviate congestion, enhance accessibility, and increase safety in the Kingwood area by widening Northpark Drive from four to six lanes between I-69 and Russell Palmer Road, along with adding a grade separation at Texas State Loop 494 and the Union Pacific Railroad crossing. The 2015 Kingwood Area Mobility Study, commissioned by TIRZ 10, concluded this project is critical to ensuring public safety.

Congratulations and thank you to the LHRA/TIRZ 10 Board Members for reaching this incredible milestone!

The District E Office will be closed in observance of Good Friday, on Friday, April 7, wishing all who celebrate a Happy Easter.

Sincerely,

Dave Martin

## Kingwood Drive Panel Replacements Underway Chestnut Ridge to Royal Forest

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Houston Public Works is currently performing panel replacements in the westbound lanes of Kingwood Drive from Chestnut Ridge to Royal Forest. The cost of the project is \$160,000 and is funded with Mayor Pro Tem Martin's Council District Service Funds.

The repairs are expected to be completed by Monday, May 15, weather permitting. Once the contractor is finished with panels in the westbound lanes they will then replace panels in the eastbound lanes. Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

As a result of the construction activities, please be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on-site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as the project will require

a one-lane closure. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times but may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area.

## Free Microchipping Events in District E

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Last month, the District E office partnered with BARC and Xfinity to put on free microchipping events in Kingwood and Clear Lake. BARC was able to microchip nearly 200 pets between the two events. Thank you to Comcast Xfinity for sponsoring the Kingwood event as well as the BARC staff and volunteers who worked tremendously hard on the events.

In January 2022, City Council approved the requirement that all dogs and cats be microchipped. However, there was a one-year grace period that gave residents the opportunity to chip their dogs. The City will still require a pet license, but BARC will utilize the microchip number as evidence of licensing rather than providing a physical metal tag for the pet's collar, which is easily lost or broken. This change will allow BARC Animal Enforcement Officers to scan and return a pet to its owner while the officers are in the field, eliminating the need to bring the animal back to the shelter for intake.

If your dog or cat has already been microchipped please be sure to keep your pet's registration up to date with BARC. Registering your pet is the law. [The City of Houston Municipal Code](#) requires that anyone who owns, keeps, possesses, or has control of a dog or cat four months of age or older must have his or her pet registered, vaccinated against rabies every year, and a registered microchip. Even indoor pets can get out and become lost. You are required to renew your registration yearly and updated if you move and/or your pet is given away, lost, stolen, or deceased.

For more information on how to have your pet microchipped and/or update your pet's registration please visit [BARC's website](#).

## Partnership Lake Houston Teacher of the Year Luncheon

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On Tuesday, March 21, the staff from Mayor Pro Tem Martin's office attended the Annual Partnership Lake Houston Teacher of the Year Luncheon. The luncheon recognized outstanding teachers who were nominated by their peers based on innovation, motivation, and spirit in the classroom. The luncheon was held at the Humble Civic Center and presented awards to 53 teachers of Humble ISD and surrounding higher learning institutions in the Lake Houston area.

It was a wonderful tribute to those dedicated to educating the youth of the Lake Houston community. Mayor Pro Tem Martin was honored to provide certificates to these teachers who have gone above and beyond for their students and communities during the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!



## City of Houston Terminates Contract with Inframark

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As a result of the investigation initiated by the District E office regarding operations at the Kingwood Central Wastewater Treatment Facility, the City of Houston has determined it is best to terminate its contract with Inframark, effective Friday, March 31, 2023.

It became clear that Inframark was in violation of its agreement with the City of Houston during the last two months to manage the Greater North East Houston Service Area system, which includes the Kingwood Central Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mayor Pro Tem Martin continues to appreciate the swift action and response of Houston Public Works and he looks forward to the conclusion of the

ongoing criminal investigation by the Houston Police Department.

Since April 1, Houston Public Works is now operating the water and wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Greater North East Houston Service Area, which includes Kingwood. The City determined that it can best serve Kingwood residents just as Houston Public Works safely and efficiently operates water and wastewater treatment facilities every day throughout the City of Houston.

For more information, please contact Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin's office at (832) 393-3008 or [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

## Intersection Improvement Project for E Lake Houston Parkway & FM 1960 Delayed

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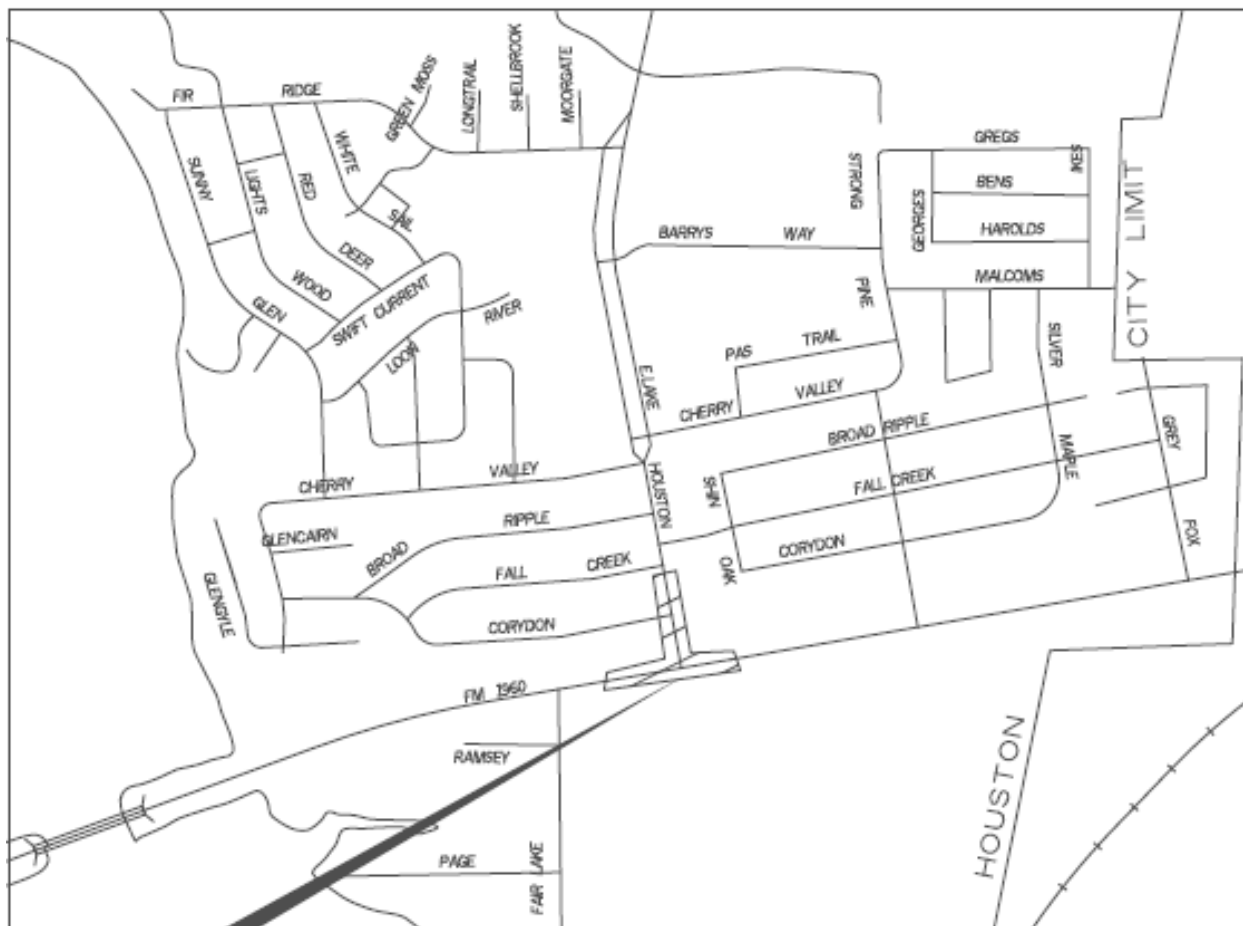
In February, Houston Public Works started an intersection improvement project at E Lake Houston Parkway & FM 1960. The scope of work includes the addition of a dedicated right turn lane for southbound traffic, an

audible pedestrian signal system, mast arm traffic signal poles, pedestrian ramps, and crosswalks. The cost of the project is \$850,000 and is funded through the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund.

The project was anticipated to be completed by Friday, June 23. However, the project is experiencing delays due to coordination issues with TxDOT and will now be completed by Friday, August 4, weather permitting. Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As a result of the construction activities, please be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on-site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as the project may require occasional lane closures. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times. Residents may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area.

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PROJECT  
LOCATION


VICINITY MAP

## Lake Houston Safety Plan #KnowYourZone



With warmer weather quickly approaching it's important to "Know Your Zone" when you're on Lake Houston. The [Lake Houston Safety Plan](#) provides Lake Houston residents and visiting recreational users with information preparing them to better identify their location on the lake and how to best report a lake incident to 9-1-1 dispatchers. The "Know Your Zone" map was created by District E in collaboration with the Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department, Houston Planning Department, Houston Office of Emergency Management, Houston Emergency Center, and the Houston Public Works Department. To date, signs have been installed at Deussen Park, East End Park, River Grove Park, Kings Harbor, W Lake Houston Parkway Bridge, and on the FM 1960 Bridge. Houston Public Works has been hampered by the weather but is still working to install signs that have been requested by community groups and private community boat dock owners.

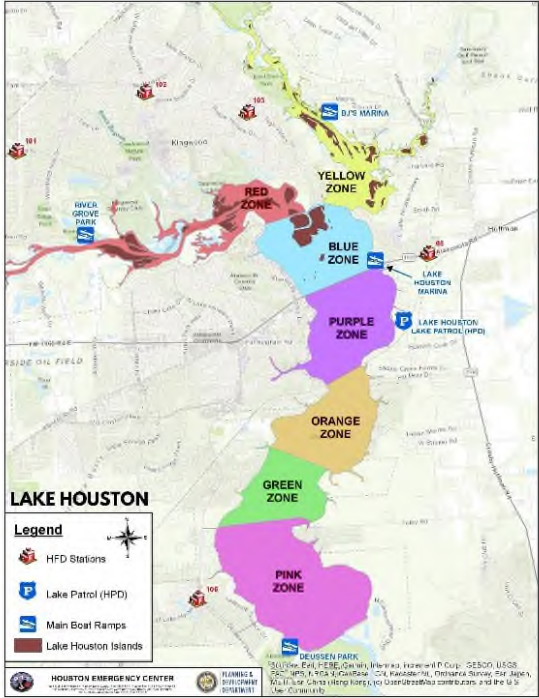
To learn more about the Lake Houston Safety Plan



**DAVE MARTIN**  
MAYOR PRO TEM

**IMPORTANT LAKE HOUSTON CONTACTS**  
ALL EMERGENCIES: 9-1-1  
Houston Fire Station 65 (Huffman): (832) 394-6700  
Houston Police Department (non-emergency): (713) 884-3131  
HPD Kingwood Division - Lake Patrol Unit: (832) 394-9854

## KNOW YOUR ZONES!



**LAKE HOUSTON**

**Legend**

- HFD Stations
- Lake Patrol (HPD)
- Main Boat Ramps
- Lake Houston Islands

HOUSTON EMERGENCY CENTER  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The color zones shown on the map will be used to assist 9-1-1 dispatchers locating incidents on Lake Houston.

- **RED ZONE**  
West Fork San Jacinto River, River Grove Park, Forest Cove, Woodland Hills, Fosters Mill, Belleau Woods, Kingwood Country Club, Kings Harbor, Deerwood Golf Club
- **YELLOW ZONE**  
East Fork San Jacinto River, The Commons, Woodstream Village, Royal Shores, Canary Creek, Riverchase Village, East End Park, Luce Bayou
- **BLUE ZONE**  
Atascocita Shores, Atascocita Marina, Lake Houston Marina, North Side of FM 1960, Huffman
- **PURPLE ZONE**  
South side of FM 1960, Spanish Cove, Walden on Lake Houston, Fairlake Lane
- **ORANGE ZONE**  
Inflian Shores, Bridges on Lake Houston, Saddle Creek Farms
- **GREEN ZONE**  
Waters Edge, Lakeshore
- **PINK ZONE**  
Deussen Park, Lake Shadows, Lakewood Pines, Stillwater, Summerwood, Crosby

## LAKE & BOAT SAFETY TIPS

Lake Houston is patrolled by the Houston Police Department's Lake Patrol Division, Texas State Troopers, as well as Texas Game Wardens.

- **WEAR A LIFE JACKET, IT'S THE LAW.**
- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE LAKE.
- MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BOAT'S WEIGHT IS BALANCED.
- DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE DARK, KNOW WHAT TIME THE SUN SETS.
- ALWAYS CHECK FOR WEATHER, WIND, AND SMALL-CRAFT ADVISORIES.
- PREPARE FOR ANYTHING AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FIRST-AID KIT.
- KNOW THE SIGNS OF DROWNING.

**90%**  
OF ALL DROWNINGS OCCUR WHEN A PERSON IS NOT WEARING A LIFE JACKET.

visit [www.houstontx.gov/knowyourzones](http://www.houstontx.gov/knowyourzones). There you can print your own maps, share with neighbors, post on social media, and #knowyourzone.

Should you like to request a presentation for your group (HOA, Civic Club etc.) or receive resources directly, please email the District E Office at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

## Tips on How to Prevent Your Vehicle From Being Broken Into



The Houston Police Department implores locals and visitors to play a proactive role in lowering crime by locking car doors and keeping valuables in places where criminals cannot see them.

More often than not, property or valuables can be seen by simply looking into the vehicle. Most thieves don't want to take a gamble by breaking into a vehicle where they could walk away empty-handed. They are looking for a sure thing.

Thieves also frequent areas such as hotels/motels, restaurants, shopping centers, and parks where they know people have a tendency to leave valuables such as purses, wallets, or keys inside their vehicles while they eat, shop, or exercise.

HPD offers these five tips on securing vehicles and property:

- **Take your keys.** Nearly 20 percent of all vehicles are stolen with the keys in them.
- **Lock your car.** Approximately 50 percent of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- **Park in well-lighted areas.** More than half of all vehicle thefts occur at night.
- **Don't leave valuables in plain view.** Don't make your car or truck a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight. Remove all valuables and luggage.
- **If you have an alarm, use it.** Loud warnings sound when doors, hoods, or trunks are opened.

For more information, you can visit the [HPD - Auto Theft Division's website](#).

## Report a Streetlight Outage

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our electric service territory in and around Houston. Click on the link below to report a streetlight outage.



**You will be asked to provide:**

- a pole number (or nearby address) for the non-functioning lights you want to report
- contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a streetlight)
- an e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
- the number of streetlights you would like to report

The system will guide you through the remaining steps.

[To report a streetlight outage using the interactive map, click here.](#)

Report general power outages by calling 713-207-2222 or toll-free 800-332-7143.

## Utilizing 3-1-1 to Report Issues

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Residents may act as extra eyes and ears on the streets, and soon you'll be able to report a pothole, a malfunctioning traffic light, or a drainage problem while you're out and about. Houston 311 is in the process of launching a new smartphone app that makes reporting issues like these easier than ever. The app will use GPS to identify your location and also allow you to snap a photo to add to your service request. Reports are automatically sent to the City's 311 system and routed to city departments for resolutions.

You can still alert the City of Houston of issues by dialing 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 of potential problems in your community. Houstonians can also access this helpful service via an e-mail to [311@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:311@HoustonTX.gov). A self Service Request (SR) form is available online at [www.houston311.org](http://www.houston311.org). Once you've reported a problem please follow up with the District E office by emailing your case number and information on the issue to the District E office at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov) so that we can help make sure the problem is addressed in a timely manner.



**SAN JACINTO  
BAYOU GREENWAY**

**RIBBON CUTTING  
CELEBRATION**

**11 AM - 1 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023**

**11:30 AM**  
Speaking  
Program

**12:15 PM**  
Ribbon Cutting &  
Group Bike Ride

Bring the family and join us to celebrate the grand opening of the new **San Jacinto Bayou Greenway** in Kingwood!

*Free food and giveaways!*

**1025 MARINA DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX 77339**

For more information and to RSVP,  
visit [bit.ly/SanJacBayouGreenway](https://bit.ly/SanJacBayouGreenway)  
or scan QR code







# MOBILE BOPA Collection Event

Batteries, Oil, LATEX Paint, Antifreeze (BOPA)

**Kingwood Metro Park & Ride**  
3210 W. Lake Houston Parkway  
Houston, Tx. 77039

**SATURDAY**  
**April 22, 2023**  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## We accept:



**Batteries**  
Rechargeable  
& Lead Acid



**Used Oil**  
Used motor &  
cooking oil  
15 gal. limit/each



**Antifreeze**  
15 gal. limit



**Latex Paint**  
15 gal. limit  
**No Oil-Based Paint**



**Appliances &  
Scrap Metal**  
Refrigerators,  
Freezers &  
Air Conditioners

## Event Ends Promptly at 1pm

Must present driver's license or water bill as proof of City of Houston residency.

### Not accepted:

No Oil-based Paint, Paint without labels, Household Hazardous Waste/Chemicals, Business Waste, Medical Waste, Radioactive Waste, PCB's, Dioxins, Ammunition, Explosives, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Smoke Detectors, Household Trash or Tires.

Electronics will NOT be accepted at the BOPA events. Monthly electronics recycling events are held every 1st Saturday in Kingwood; and 2nd Saturday in Clear Lake.

**NOTE:** Only items listed will be accepted. No need to bring EMPTY Latex paint cans or those that have HARDENED. These can be thrown away with your household garbage.

\*Lead Acid Automotive, NiCad, Lithium Ion & Rechargeable Batteries accepted. (No Alkaline)

# **REPORT BLOCKED TRAIN CROSSINGS**



**UNION PACIFIC**



**888-877-7267**

**FED RAILROAD  
ADMIN**



**[bit.ly/blockingtrain](https://bit.ly/blockingtrain)**

# CASE For Kids Provider Fair 2023

A FREE event for out-of-school  
time professionals  
Friday, April 21, 2023

Workshops Begin at 8:30 a.m.  
Vendor Booths Open at 10 a.m.

Harris County Department of Education—Conference Center  
6300 Irvington Blvd., Houston, TX 77022

Want to meet other out-of-school-time vendors? Looking for new activities for students in your afterschool program?

Join us for the 2023 CASE for Kids Provider Fair, a FREE event for out-of-school time professionals to discover services and activities available for students in out-of-school time programs across Harris County.

Learn about quality academic and enrichment activities for school-aged youth participating in out-of-school time programs and network with more than 50 out-of-school time providers offering services such as homework help, tutoring, robotics, golf, dance, photography, and more!

FREE professional development workshops on select topics will be offered. Registration required.

To register and for more information, visit [hcde-texas.org/ProviderFair](https://hcde-texas.org/ProviderFair).

Questions? Contact [CASEforKids@hcde-texas.org](mailto:CASEforKids@hcde-texas.org).

#### About CASE for Kids

CASE for Kids, a division of Harris County Department of Education, services improve program quality and equalize access to afterschool, summer, and enrichment opportunities – because what happens between school and home matters. To learn more about CASE for Kids services, visit [Afterschoolzone.org](https://Afterschoolzone.org).

**CASE for Kids**  
Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment

 Harris County  
Department of  
Education







## City of Houston **INTERNSHIP** *Opportunities*

### MAYOR'S HIRE HOUSTON YOUTH PROGRAM

**Application opens  
January 16, 2023**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be 16 - 24 years old
- Must be eligible to work in the U.S.
- Reside within the City of Houston
- Must be available to work 32 hours per week for 8 weeks
- Pay rate is \$10.00 per hour

We have summer internships available in various City departments through the Mayor's Hire Houston Youth Program. The eight-week internship will run from June 12 - August 3.

The Hire Houston Youth Program gives you the opportunity to learn about and engage in your local government while gaining valuable work experience!



### **APPLY**

**Apply early – Application screening begins March 27!**

[HireHoustonYouth-CityofHoustonJobs](https://www.hirehoustonyouth-cityofhoustonjobs.com)

**NOTE:** Successful candidates will be required to pass a background check

**QUESTIONS?** Email: [summerjobsprogram@houstontx.gov](mailto:summerjobsprogram@houstontx.gov)





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### **District E Upcoming Monthly Events**

Please refer to Mayor Pro Tem Martin's District E [website](#) for location, time, and more event details for City of Houston Events. Email the District E office ([districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov)) if you would like us to include your upcoming event in future newsletters!

- April 12 – KSA Public Safety Committee Meeting
- April 13 – [Northpark Drive Overpass Project Groundbreaking](#)
- April 13 – HPD Northeast Division Positive Interaction Program Meeting
- April 13 – Meadowcreek Village Civic Club Meeting
- April 15 – Houston Parks Board San Jacinto Bayou Greenway Ribbon Cutting
- April 18 – [Partnership Lake Houston Hurricane Outlook Luncheon](#)
- April 18 – HPD Clear Lake Division Positive Interaction Program
- April 18 – HPD Kingwood Division Positive Interaction Program
- April 19 – Kingwood Super Neighborhood Council Meeting (Zoom)
- April 20 – [Fire Craft BBQ Ribbon Cutting](#)
- April 22 – Kingwood BOPA
- April 27 – [Partnership Lake Houston - Kingwood BizCom](#)

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See a pothole, report it by calling (713) 837-0311

Get the latest on COVID-19 including locations of active testing sites can be found [here](#).

Tune to [HTV Houston](#) to watch live and recorded City Council and Committee Meetings.

