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Honoring Women in Public Safety



(left to right) Houston Police Department North Belt Division Lt. Bridgett Lummus, Sgt. Jen Kennedy (HPD), Harris County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Sarah Malkowsky, Sgt. Monica Lopez (HPD), Sgt. Susana Salazar (HPD), North Houston District Public Safety Director Tracy Harrison

This fall, police women throughout the country were celebrated on National Police Woman Day, September 12, and we'd like to salute all the women in law enforcement and public safety that tirelessly make the North Houston District (NHD) better every day.

Meet and learn more about the ladies in charge of the latest increased efforts for a safer North Houston.

Tracy Harrison



Public Safety Director
North Houston District

Tracy's 20 years of experience ranges from the military, law enforcement, to the public sector. She identifies needs and develops programs by building partnerships and guiding public safety standards in the District. She ensures collaboration among all public safety entities serving each of our quadrants.

Bridgett Lummus



Lieutenant
HPD, North Belt Division

Lt. Lummus manages the day shift patrol at the

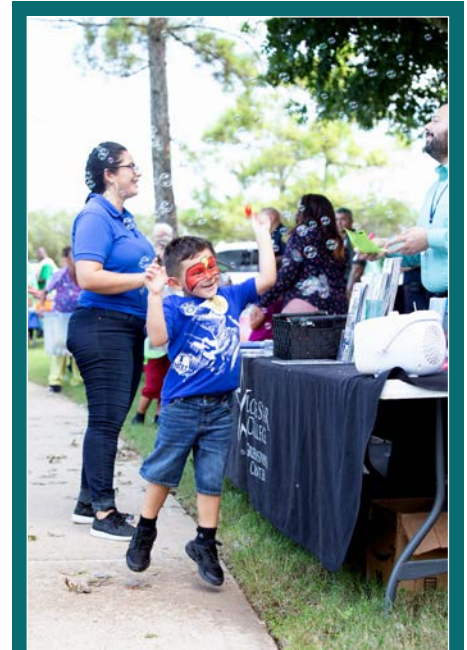
North Belt Division and has proudly been an officer for 21 years.

Susana Salazar



Differential Response
Team (DRT) Sergeant
HPD, North Belt Division

A tenured police officer of 18 years, Sgt. Salazar oversees undercover operations, enforcement of city codes in local businesses including convenience stores, nuisance abatements and community service in the Humble, Greenspoint and Willowbrook areas.



Pop, pop, pop:

Fernando Sandoval jumps for bubbles and joins his mother at the Lone Star College booth at National Night Out.

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First New Coca-Cola Plant Built in U.S. in Decade Breaks Ground in Pinto Business Park



With a theme of classic red throughout the scene, Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages (CCSWB) held a special event in the North Houston District to celebrate the groundbreaking of its new facility in Pinto Business Park on September 25.

According to Tom Lynch, senior vice president of CBRE in an RealtyNewsReport.com article, demand

for land in Pinto has been strong since Hines opened the business park.

Last year, Amazon opened its fulfillment center at Pinto, and in May of this year, CCSWB, a Dallas-based subsidiary of Mexican Coca-Cola bottler Arca Continental, announced it would consolidate its Houston facilities and also open a \$250 million production and distribution facility in the District. The 1-million-square-foot facility will be the first new Coca-Cola plant built in the U.S. in a decade.

Guests were invited to a ceremony at the Hilton Houston North where Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos presented Coke officials with a proclamation on behalf of Governor Abbott, which was followed by a check

presentation to the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters chapter from Coca-Cola.

The event culminated at 600 Fallbrook for the unveiling of the facility art rendering, groundbreaking ceremony and a toast Coke style with Coca-Cola bottles.

Among the special guests were Mayor Sylvester Turner, Senator Sylvia Garcia, Consul General of Mexico Oscar Rodriguez, Council Member Jerry Davis and many more community leaders.

Coca-Cola officials said the project will modernize their entire infrastructure servicing Houston, create jobs and that the facility will open in 2020.



Pinto Business Park is located in the southwest quadrant of the NHD.



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Why Businesses Move to the North Houston District

Local and new tenants join panel on relocating and growth

Approximately 150 guests gathered at the CityNorth Conference Center for the Bisnow Commercial Real Estate Event (CRE) co-hosted by the North Houston District and Lincoln Property Company on October 4.

Bisnow, an online CRE trade publication with 17,000 subscribers in Houston, was a strategic partner in the planning of the event and hosts CRE events all over the country and

internationally, focusing on topics related to the developments in key markets.

The first panel included area tenants and representatives from Emser Tile, Meridian Energy Group, Texas Children's Center for Women and Children and Conn's Distribution Center. From affordability, accessibility to customers and proximity to the airport, guest speakers shared their

reasons for moving or expanding their businesses to the District.

"Why do business here?" Emser Tile's vice president of real estate, Mark Comstock asked, "Because it's easy," referring to Houston's license and permit process. In addition, a second panel of experts discussed the impact of oil and gas on commercial real estate.

Monica Lopez



Administrative Sergeant
HPD, North Belt Division

HPD's current home on the northside at 100 Glenborough Dr. is managed by Sgt. Lopez, who supervises the operations of the administrative unit. She has served in law enforcement for 17 years.

Sarah Malkowsky



Sergeant
HCSO

Sgt. Malkowsky has been a sheriff's deputy for 13 years and leads the HCSO Task Force created specifically for the NHD. The task force was created to proactively improve safety and combat criminal activity.

Jen Kennedy



Crime Suppression Team
Sergeant
HPD, North Belt Division

Sgt. Kennedy has been a police officer since 2007 and is tasked with combatting violent crimes such as robberies and identifying active gang members.

Q. What do you like most about your job? Or what has been your most proud achievement as a female officer?

Lt. Lummus – The best part of my job is working with the community! I see great changes developing in a once high crime area. Partnerships and relational policing definitely have great results!

Sgt. Kennedy - The best part of my job is being able to take an active part in improving our communities.



Sgt. Jen Kennedy

When we are able to identify and charge robbery crews or gang members engaging in organized crime, it provides a safer environment for the community, especially the youth.

My proudest achievement was being named tactical police officer of the year for my work in identifying and coordinating efforts to combat criminal street gang in northeast Houston.

Q. How do female officers make a difference or balance a male-dominated profession?

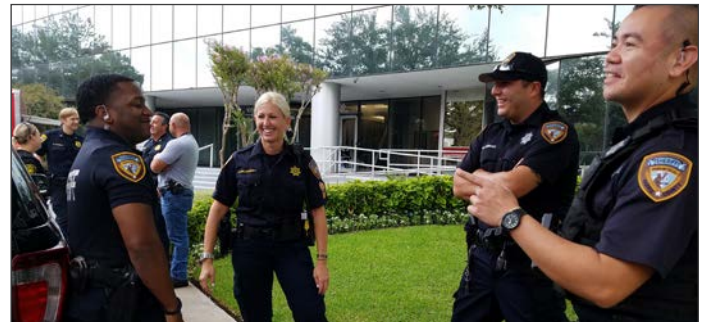
Harrison - There was a time when serving in a law enforcement capacity I was the lone female officer at a sheriff's department. It's nice to be here in Houston where I now see so many women not only in the field, but in leadership positions.

I believe women bring a unique difference to law enforcement by their ability to sometimes calm escalating situations.

Sgt. Salazar - Although it is a male-dominated profession, I've never felt like I wasn't given every opportunity to become successful in my career. Working for such a diverse department, I've been able to achieve a successful career through hard work. Females can equally grow in this profession.

Q. What's it like to be a female officer in North Houston or tell us about your most memorable anecdote or learning experience?

Sgt. Malkowsky - No matter the gender or role you are in, you cannot demand respect. You have to work at earning it, but it's a feeling of accomplishment once it happens. Not just from your peers, or subordinates, but the command staff above you and the community you serve.



Sgt. Sarah Malkowsky

Sgt. Lopez - People will listen to a female officer; one that can really see eye to eye with them, remaining compassionate and empathetic. Women have a natural instinct for that.

Harrison - I was one of two women out of 99 other Marine males who graduated, while also training to guard U.S. embassies overseas. I look at this experience as one of my most accomplished due to the difficulties I had to endure. I just kept putting one foot in front of the other.

Q. What advice would you offer to young women aspiring to work in law enforcement or public safety?

Lieut. Lummus - Don't let the small stuff change you or get you down. You can and will make a difference if your heart and mind is in it for the right reasons.

Sgt. Kennedy - Do not be discouraged or anxious about aspiring to work in a male-dominated field.

Sgt. Salazar - Do your research on what it takes to become a police officer, and work hard for the path that you have chosen. Prepare yourself mentally and physically.

Sgt. Lopez - Learn all that you can.

Sgt. Malkowsky - Never let anyone make you feel you are less than your worth. Women have a lot to offer in law enforcement.



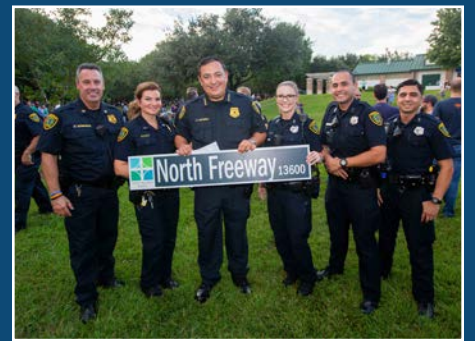
Oh What A Night!

With helicopters flying overhead and landing into a crowd of 300 at Thomas R. Wussow Park, the North Houston District celebrated its biggest National Night Out event this year!

Families and residents from nearby apartment communities walked to Wussow Park to check out a dozen booths ranging from builder workshops to a petting zoo. The evening kicked off with prayer, followed by music, and big prizes.

Also, Houston Police Department Chief Art Acevedo and Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez made special appearances and joined the games and meet-and-greets.

To view the official photo gallery and video, visit our Facebook @NHDistrict.



New Pedestrian Bridge

In January, Houston Parks Board kicked off the Greens Bayou Greenway Project as part of the Bayou Greenways 2020 initiative.

The new greenway features include:

- Greenspace
- 2 miles of hike-and-bike trails
- Botanical themed design elements
- Landscaping

Recently, a new pedestrian bridge was installed west of I-45 over Greens Bayou, which will connect the new trails to the North Houston Bike Park that is currently under construction at the intersection of Interstate Highway 45 North and Kuykendahl.



Happy Anniversary Amazon HOU2

On July 24, the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Pinto Business Park hosted a special event for its approximately 2,000 employees and their families as it commemorated its one-year anniversary in the North Houston District.

In September, Amazon's HOU2 (its second center built in Houston) continued the festivities with an open house event for the media and special guests including Governor Greg Abbott (photo courtesy: Office of the Texas Governor).





GREENSPPOINT

New Space for Techy Entrepreneurs Opens in Greenspoint

Interested in starting your own tech or engineering company? Check out the NuWorld Epicenter at 10800 Imperial Valley to learn more about its innovation depot and services available for technology and engineering entrepreneurs.

On October 1, the venue held its grand opening and provided tours for guests including Houston City Council Member Amanda Edwards, an Aldine ISD alum.

According to its website, the tech incubator aims to provide a progressive culture and community of innovators, tools, resources, mentorship, and funding for entrepreneurs.

For more details, visit www.nu.world.



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Buckboard Park Restoration

Ensuring that the area is recognized for its cleanliness, well-landscaped streets and roadways and for its overall appearance is an important part of the District's work. Field services manager, Asdrubal "Dru" Gutierrez, has been busy doing just that.

Buckboard Park, a 5-acre neighborhood park located at Buckboard Dr. and Wagon Rd., showed signs of weathering; there was mold on the pavers and damaged benches in the courtyard.

Restoration included power washing the courtyard, two main entrances, the piñata pavilion, and replacement of three benches.



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Partnerships: North Houston District and Harris County Public Library



The state-of-the-art Curiosity Cruiser mobile library brings books after school to hundreds of children of Northborough Drive apartments as well as STEM learning and exploration activities.



In the News!

North Houston District's National Night Out was featured on the *Houston Chronicle's* City/State front page on October 3.



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New North Houston District Board Member Jason Friedman, Amazon HOU2's head of human resources, with *Quadrants* just off the press.

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