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NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT NEWS



National Night Out draws over 500 to North Houston District and more community partners every year

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Local Teen Rescues Submerged Mother and Toddler



Photo courtesy of chron.com



Photo courtesy of Houston Texans

While most of the North Houston District area fared well during Tropical Storm Imelda, some of the Aldine area was impacted.

Jayden Payne, an Aldine High School junior, was on his way home with his mother when he witnessed a car suddenly submerging in a nearby ditch. Inside the vehicle were a trapped mother and toddler struggling to get out and Jayden ran to their rescue.

Since then, Jayden has received local and national recognition for his heroic gesture.

Thank you to all of our National Night Out partners!



- Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA
- Amazon
- AT&T
- Green House International Church
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Home Depot
- Houston Fire Department
- Houston Police Department
- Lone Star College
- Madera Residential
- On-Site Towing
- Spartan Security
- Texas General Land Office
- Texas Litter Control
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- Villa Serena Communities

If you missed it, visit facebook.com/NHDDistrict to view the NNO video or check out the recap on pages 4 - 5.

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Houston Rockets Stop in North Houston District

To honor the brave men and women that protect and serve the North Houston District businesses and residents, members of the Houston Rockets and Chick-Fil-A visited the Houston Police Department North Belt Division on September 11 (9-11), **National Day of Service and Remembrance**.



Hitch your bike, grab your helmet - New Sports Amenity Opens in North Houston

On August 16, the gates to the much anticipated bike park in the North Houston District opened to the public with a grand opening ceremony attended by over 250 guests.

The park, located on 12257 Kuykendahl Rd., has been officially branded as the **Rockstar Energy Bike Park** and will soon draw extreme sports enthusiasts from all over the country to the BMX Lone Star Nationals competition hosted on October 25 – 27.

Although some parts of the park are still in progress, it has already received hundreds of visitors.



Photo courtesy of Harris County - Houston Sports Authority



Photo courtesy of Harris County - Houston Sports Authority

For details, visit RockstarEnergyBikePark.com. Don't forget to bring your helmet!

Meet the Staff!

- From left:*
- Herik Hernandez
Park Attendant
- Trenea Dockery
Parks & Recreation Manager
- Lundy Jakei
Security
- Tyler Chesser
Maintenance



Home of the
2020 BMX World Championships

National Night Out 2019: Community and Connection



“It’s really awesome that North Houston District promotes this type of event.”

*Hector Balcacer,
Home Depot Specialty
Sales Assistant Store
Manager*

The breeze swirls, rustling trees along a path just inside Thomas R. Wussow Park. Families have gathered, filling tote bags with goodies. It’s just on the edge of dusk, and the Houston air is uncharacteristically pleasant for October 1, bringing out scores of locals to enjoy this year’s **National Night Out** celebration.

As a DJ ramps up the lively playlist, members of the Harris County Sheriff’s Office gather below the covered plaza, fresh off a tragic week of losing a

friend and colleague, Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal. But the mood isn’t somber, it’s playful and fun, as Houston Police Department officers begin to congregate opposite their friendly rivals to begin the annual tug-of-war competition. It’s a reminder of why National Night Out is so important: Community matters. Safety matters. Relationships matter.

Harris County Sheriff’s Office easily pulls off the victory, earning bragging rights until next October, but the fun is just beginning.

Here, vignettes on this year’s National Night Out from the people that came to enjoy, represent and connect.

Hector Balcacer, Specialty Sales



Assistant Store Manager at Home Depot, is facilitating DIY projects with kids and parents, helping them craft planes, toolboxes, tow trucks, clocks and planters.

“This is the third year that we have been involved in National Night Out. We’re here for the kids, the parents and to support the community. Bringing the community together is important, and it’s really awesome that North Houston District promotes this type of event.”





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Resident **Regina Thomas** came out to explore the festivities with her nine-month-old pup, Geeovannie. It's her first time participating in National Night Out.

"It's exciting with a bunch of kids and they need this. I like the fact that they actually see the deputies and the police officers doing positive things. I like that they see them in a positive light and up-close, so they can talk to them and know that they're tangible."

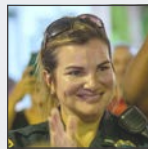


Avery Matthews, Account Manager with AT&T Connected Communities mentions the great turnout.

"I've been in Houston for three years now, and I think it's great how the police department, the fire department and the community come out here together. We are really pleased to have the opportunity to be here, and by doing so we get to be a part of the community and talk to residents, customers and potential customers."



This is **Lieutenant Bridget Lummus'** third year attending the North Houston District's National Night Out. In her position over dayshift patrol in the North Belt Division, she's especially invested in the community and its safety.



"My favorite thing about this event is the kids. We get to mingle with people in the community and have time to actually talk to them. I wish people knew that the officers out here in North Houston, our heart is in it. We all came to this station because we wanted to be a part of the community. We're all on the same team."

Taking it all in is North Houston District's president, **Greg Simpson**.



"We have this beautiful park in the middle of several apartment communities. National Night Out is a great opportunity for us to use the park to bring the community together with law enforcement to celebrate and support one another."

He, too, is enjoying the breeze, and the sense of community that National Night Out has come to foster over the years. 🌿



Friends of Down Syndrome Finds a Home in North Houston

In honor of Down Syndrome month in October, North Houston District spotlights its newest neighbor, Friends of Down Syndrome

After relocating three times since its launch in January of 2014, **Friends of Down Syndrome** has settled into a North Houston property capable of keeping pace with both its growth and its mission.



The organization, through its Down Syndrome Academy, provides academic, vocational and social opportunities to 75 students from across the region. Its growth in the past five years has continuously challenged



its president's determination to avoid a waiting list.

"We did not want to have a waiting list because parents of special-needs children are always being put on waiting lists," said Rosa Rocha.

Fortunately, a \$1 million donation earlier this year allowed for the purchase of a building at the southwest corner of I-45 and Beltway 8. In addition to more room, the new headquarters offers rental income, thanks to existing tenants, and 20,000 square feet of ready-to-lease space.

Rocha is also seeking partners to help bring to life her vision of creating on-site green space.

"Our students don't drive, so we'd love to remove some of the concrete

to make room for a few trees and a walking trail or a vegetable garden," described Rocha.

Inside, the program relies on a paid staff of 12, and more than 1,000 monthly volunteer hours. October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, and the group will be hosting its annual fashion show, All Gussied Up 2019 on October 27. The fall show, along with a black-tie Cinderella Ball held each spring, are both high-end fundraisers designed to keep tuition rates low.



For more information about Friends of Down Syndrome, including ticket and sponsorship availability for All Gussied Up 2019, visit www.friendsofdownsyndrome.org.

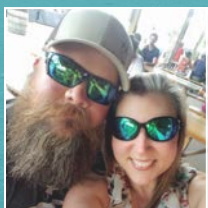
Photos courtesy of Friends with Down Syndrome.



11947 North Freeway

Did you know?

There are approximately **45,000 employees in the North Houston District**. Actually, two of them happen to be married and one of them works for the North Houston District team!



Meet Amy and Erik Craig. Here's a little more about their story.

Where you grew up?

Both of us – in the Aldine area

How did you meet?

We had classes together in high school, but we didn't start dating until several years after we graduated.

Amy, how long have you been with North Houston District?

13 ½ years. I started as an administrative assistant and am now the brand manager and graphic designer.

How about Mr. Craig?

U.S. Oil | A Division of U.S. Venture, Inc. for 4 years. We work a mile apart!

Something everyone should know about the District?

The artwork here is amazing! There is a wide variety of art installments and sculptures throughout the District, and each piece is unique and stunning. My favorite is Butterfly mosaic at Buckboard Park.



District and HGAC Hold Public Meeting: Redevelopment



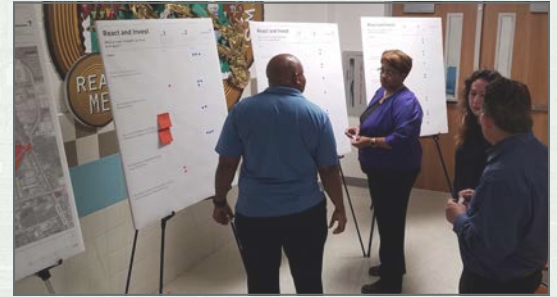
On October 7, the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) held a public meeting at Greenspoint Elementary to present recommendations on area improvements as part of the North Houston Livable Centers Study.

The design consultant, Huitt-Zollars, presented the following vision.

Goals:

1. Be the downtown/Hub of north Houston.
2. Be a model for safe places to walk and bike.
3. Offer Accessible, Affordable, Resilient Housing.
4. Create a central park that can also hold flood water.

What do you think? Message us via [facebook.com/NHDDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/NHDDistrict).



Join us! Breakfast, networking & an insightful presentation on the 2019 Kinder Houston Area Survey!



The North Houston District proudly welcomes
Rice University - Kinder Institute for Urban Research
Founding Director Dr. Stephen Klineberg
to its Fall Business Community Breakfast.

Thursday, October 31, 8:30-10 am
Hyatt Regency Intercontinental Airport Hotel
425 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E., Houston, TX 77060



Stephen Klineberg has been shaping local thought on the ongoing changes in the Houston metropolitan region for almost 40 years.

Through his work on the "Kinder Houston Area Survey," now in its 38th year, he has tracked the economic outlooks, demographic patterns, experiences and beliefs of local residents.



RSVP by Oct. 18 to district@northhouston.org

Beautification and maintenance at North Houston District's Tom Wussow Park of 11 acres at 500 Greens Rd.



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The North Houston District is a management district that advocates for projects and services that attract the best in commercial and residential life to the area.

It's a special purpose district created by the Texas Legislature and provides enhanced services in public safety, planning and development, beautification and maintenance of public rights of way, and development of parks and trails.

The District's service area includes four quadrants that span across the intersection of Interstate 45 North and the North Sam Houston Parkway.



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