



QUADRANTS

NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT NEWS

*Sunshine,
shades,
and
summer
smiles*



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LATE SUMMER 2023

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Quadrants, North Houston District's quarterly newsletter. We are excited to announce the Parks Master Plan in this edition and share several projects that are underway.

Maintaining and expanding parks and trails is a cornerstone of our work, and, as such, the District recently completed a year-long process of developing the 2023 Parks Master Plan. From the plan, and in partnership with the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Houston Dynamo, and Houston Dash, a new mini-pitch soccer facility is in the works and will be ready for play by June 2024. Please read more about the mini-pitch on Page 7 and expect many exciting park announcements to be revealed in the near future.

We enjoyed monumental progress with our Gateway Program over the summer and have three new signs installed at key intersections across the District. Phase 4 will kick off soon, and Phase 5 will add nine more. Improving intersections helps our efforts to create a sense of place, layered with improved pedestrian experience and driver safety.

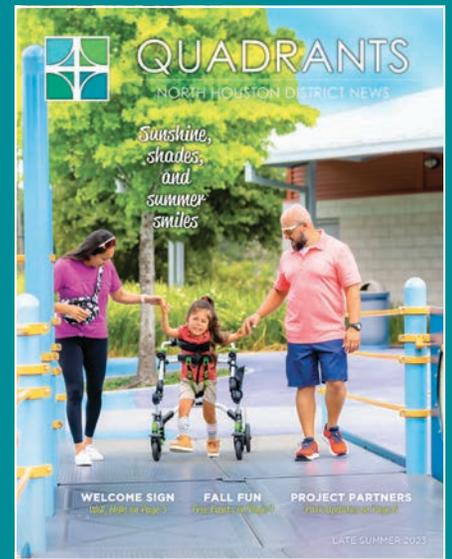
National Night Out is just around the corner, so please save the date for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, and join us for a community celebration at Thomas R. Wussow Park from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We hope you enjoy this edition and invite you to connect with us if you'd like more frequent updates on our progress in pursuing projects that create an attractive, safe place for businesses and residents to thrive.

Greg Simpson
North Houston District President



ON THE COVER



Pictured from the left are Denyze, Amadeus, and North Houston District Field Services Director, Asdrubal "Dru" Gutierrez, enjoying the inclusive playground at Dylan Park. Dru is the driving force behind park maintenance and improvement projects for the District. He works for his family - and yours too.

Read more on Page 6.

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The District is governed by a board of directors who serve staggered terms of four years. Directors are appointed by Houston City Council from a list of persons recommended by the District to serve on its Board of Directors.

MONUMENTAL PROGRESS

In August, crews wrapped up the construction of three new gateway monument signs at well-traveled intersections throughout the North Houston District. The signs are illuminated and surrounded with thoughtful, native landscaping, adding elements of style and safety along popular Beltway 8 thoroughfares at Ella Boulevard, Greens Crossing Boulevard and Northchase Drive.

These new gateway monuments are another way North Houston District strives to keep our area vibrant and welcoming through beautification and maintenance programs that create an inviting atmosphere.

“The gateways are an important element of branding the District,” said Robert Fiederlein, Vice President of Planning and Infrastructure. “It’s a way for us to differentiate our area, so when you pass through one of these intersections, you’ll know you’re entering a place that’s being cared for and invested in.”

Check out a video project update from Fiederlein on our YouTube channel. [📺](#)



Nine in Five

Through a partnership with the Greens Crossing Property Owners Association, signs at five intersections will receive facelifts during Phase 5 of the program, expanding the District’s branding efforts in the Northwest Quadrant.



Nine existing signs will be repurposed to coordinate with the monument signs in the program.

North Houston District Gateway Program Map

Phase 1

- Rankin Rd. & I-45

Phase 2

- Kuykendahl Rd. & I-45
- Imperial Valley Dr. & BW 8

Phase 3

- Ella Blvd. & BW 8 *South Side*
- Greens Crossing Blvd. & BW 8 *North Side*
- Northchase Dr. & BW 8 *North Side*

Phase 4

- Greenspoint Dr. & BW 8 *North Side*
- West Rd. & I-45

New in 2024!

Phase 5

- Greens Pkwy. & Gears Rd.
- Ella Blvd. & Gears Rd.
- Greens Crossing Blvd. & West Greens Rd.
- West Greens Pkwy. & West Greens Rd.
- Ella Blvd. & BW 8



NORTH HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24**



USA BMX State Championship

See website for event schedule

ROCKSTAR ENERGY BIKE PARK
12257 Kuykendahl Road

Come out and see riders from across the country compete at the #1 BMX Track in Texas! Follow Rockstar Energy Bike Park on social media for updates.

Info: https://www.usabmx.com/site/bmx_races/524461

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 26**

Alebrije Art Hispanic Heritage Month



10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ALDINE BRANCH LIBRARY
11331 Airline Drive

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Aldine Library will be converted into an immersive display of Hispanic culture and art. A big part of Mexican folk art are Alebrijes, representations of Mexican spirit animals, typically hand-carved and painted by artisans.

Info: <https://hcpl.net/locations/ALD/> or 832-927-5410

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30**

Ice Cream Social

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

DYLAN PARK
12351 Kuykendahl Road

Bring the kids out for family fun, games, prizes, music, food, and ice cream! Dylan Park is adjacent to North Houston Skate Park.

Info: Follow @NHoustonSk8park or call 281-873-6422

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14**

BeSuccessful Initiative 1-Year Anniversary

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**GREEN HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL CHURCH**
200 West Greens Road

You're invited to the 1-year Anniversary celebration for the BeSuccessful Community Capacity Building Initiative.

Info: info@besuccessful.org



Do you have an upcoming event, fair, festival, or meeting?

Please share with us on social media @NHDistrict or email cmartin@northhouston.org.
When community partners come together, positive change is possible.

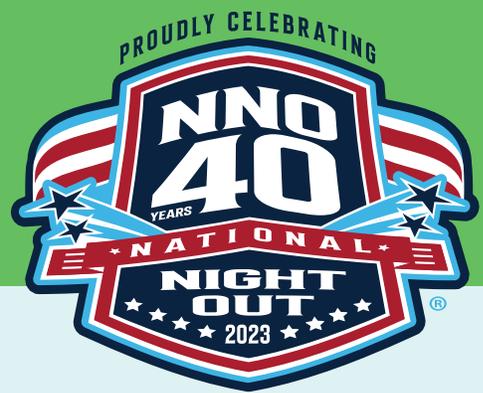


NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION!

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Thomas R. Wussow Park
 500 Greens Road

**Bring your family and friends
for an evening in the park!**

- Free Food and Snacks
- Petting Zoo and Family Fun
- Giveaways and Raffles
- Meet Local Law Enforcement
- Crime Prevention Tips and Resources



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is a fun way to meet your neighbors and engage with local law enforcement as we work together to build a safer community. Please follow us on social media for updates.

northhouston.org



North Houston District

For information, visit northhouston.org/nno or follow us on social media.

CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENTS

Our Field Services Department maintains equipment and aesthetics at eight parks and along eight miles of trails that stretch across the North Houston District. Along with a regular mowing and maintenance rotation, parks get extra love, extra investment, and new equipment based on community need. Check out some of our recent projects!



1 Line of Sight at Jack Drake Park

This Greens Bayou Trail trailhead had a recent refresh that spruced up the park while preserving the natural habitat and supporting the ecosystem that thrives there. A park expansion earlier this year prompted new fencing and benches, and new park amenities are coming soon. Stay tuned.

3 Butterfly Magnets at Buckboard Park

Buckboard Park serves as a community gathering place in our Southeast Quadrant. With fenced playgrounds and partially shaded walking trails, it's perfect for families. Native landscaping and pollinator gardens are sprinkled throughout, and lush landscaping creates a peaceful atmosphere.

2 Bright New Slide at Dylan Park

Our new and improved double slide means double the fun and fun for all! Dylan Park is an inclusive play space adjacent to North Houston Skate Park off Kuykendahl Road. Before you visit, check park hours at northhouston.org/parks.

4 Safe and Secure at Ida Gaye Gardens

A new fence adds safety and beauty to the neighborhood treasure that is Ida Gaye Gardens. The park includes shaded walking trails, a peaceful pond, specialized senior mobility equipment, and lush landscaping, offering the nearby community a reprieve from daily hustle and bustle.



Parks and Trails Brochure

As summer winds down and fall promises fair weather, we hope you enjoy the nearly 70 acres of parks and more than eight miles of trails in the North Houston District's recreation system. Pick your favorite park with our new Parks and Trails Brochure – available online at northhouston.org/parks.



PARKS PLANS REVEALED



The Parks & Trails segment from Greens Road to Imperial Valley Drive along Greens Bayou is featured on pages 70 and 71 of the 2023 Parks Master Plan.

Enhanced parks and expanded recreation are on the horizon in the North Houston District thanks to implementing the 2023 Parks Master Plan, offering more options for health and wellness activities to area residents, employees, and visitors.

Plan recommendations include adding new amenities to parks while updating others, as well as connecting the District's eight miles of trails to neighboring path systems and linking existing parks to one another, creating a unified and cohesive network.

Robert Fiederlein, the District's Vice President of Planning and Infrastructure, said the plan - which calls for developing hike and bike trails and additional green spaces along both sides of Greens Bayou - was crafted with direct input from stakeholders and community members.

Considering all the District's park users, from lunchtime workplace walking groups to family time Sunday strolls, Fiederlein said offering folks opportunities to head

outside and to be active is important to ensuring they have the tools to thrive.

"We want people to be healthy and well, because that means they are available to go to work and go to school," Fiederlein said. "[Investing money into our parks] is investing in people."

That means considering new philosophies surrounding park features and upgrading



The North Houston District's annual National Night Out event was a perfect opportunity to engage with community members about future park plans.

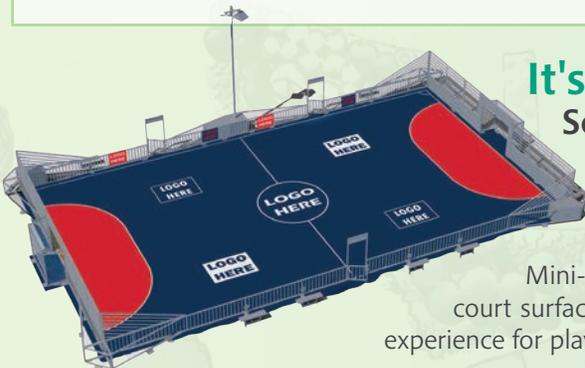
equipment accordingly. For example, the District is planning to install an outdoor fitness center and a youth soccer complex at Wussow Park.

The District also plans to study new trails and on-street routes to connect more residents to existing parks and trails.

Designed to guide development over the next 10-15 years, the plan will first focus on updating 20-year-old Wussow Park, the District's flagship recreation amenity.

The District applied for a nearly \$1 million Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant to jumpstart improvements, which are slated to begin in early 2025. Fiederlein said his organization also hopes to partner with the City of Houston, Harris County, and Aldine ISD to fund projects in the parks plan.

For a complete look at the District's Parks Master Plan, please visit northhouston.org/planning.



It's Good to have Goals Soccer Players Rejoice - Mini-Pitch Coming Soon

The District has teamed up with the U.S. Soccer Foundation as well as the Houston Dynamo and Houston Dash to install a mini-pitch at Wussow Park. The new amenity should be ready for play by June of 2024.

Mini-pitches are fully contained mini soccer fields equipped with integrated nets on a hard court surface. Because of the design, the ball can remain in constant play, creating an exciting experience for players and spectators alike.

Through a partnership with the Dynamo and Dash, U.S. Soccer Foundation and community partners, this mini-pitch is one of 15 to be built across the Greater Houston area by 2024. The partnership includes programming like youth clinics and open-play tournaments hosted by the Dynamo and Dash. Local children also will have opportunities to participate in seasonal camps to practice and sharpen their skills. More on this story in our next edition of Quadrants. Stay tuned.



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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 I-45 North and Beltway 8.



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Houston Police Department Positive Interaction Program

"Community Involvement in Crime Prevention"

North Belt Division
Monthly Schedule

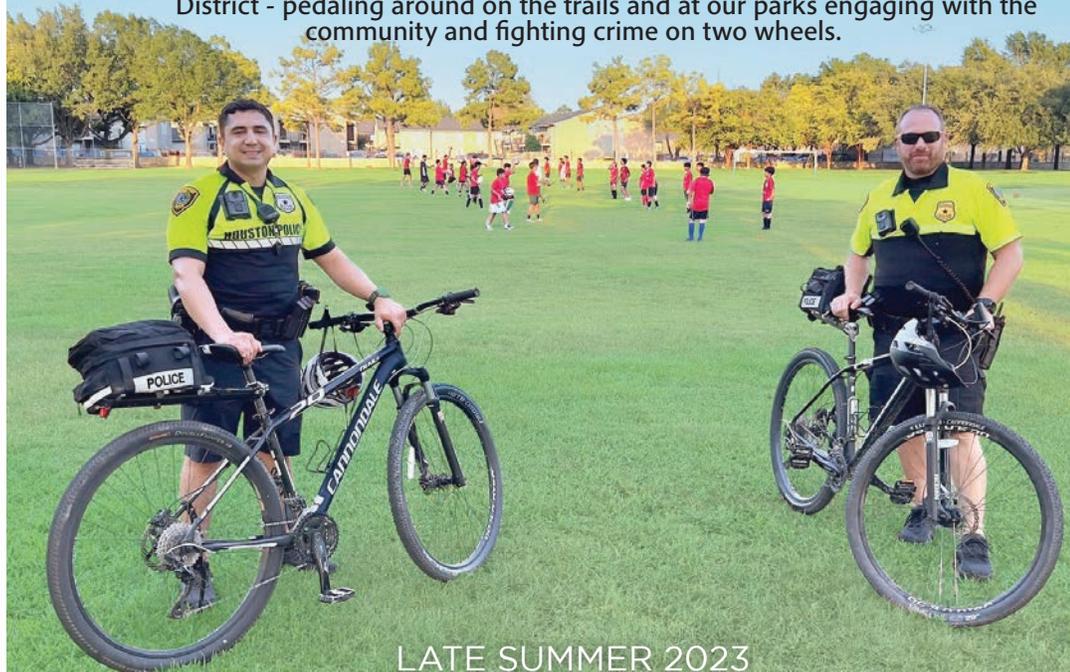
COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Third Tuesday of the Month
6:00 PM

BUSINESS MEETINGS
Third Thursday of the Month
Noon

100 Glenborough, 10th Floor
hpdnorthbeltdivision@houstonpolice.org

Summer Pedal-ers

From May through August, Houston Police Bike Patrol officers are out and about in the District - pedaling around on the trails and at our parks engaging with the community and fighting crime on two wheels.



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