



QUADRANTS

NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT NEWS

**Happy
New
Year**



TRAILS

We're trailblazing with vibrant new artwork featuring colorful turtles and aquatic bayou wildlife.

PARTNERS

Resources on how to BeSuccessful plus free Tow and Go serviced thanks to valued community advocates.

PROGRESS

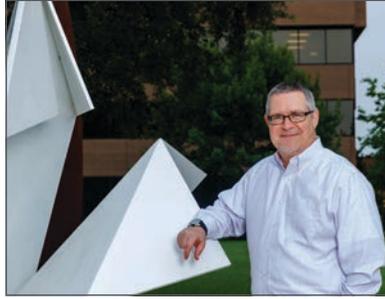
Five new gateway installations are planned this winter.

WINTER 2023

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, and welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of Quadrants. I hope you enjoyed rest and rejuvenation over the holiday season, and I wish you a joyous and prosperous year ahead.

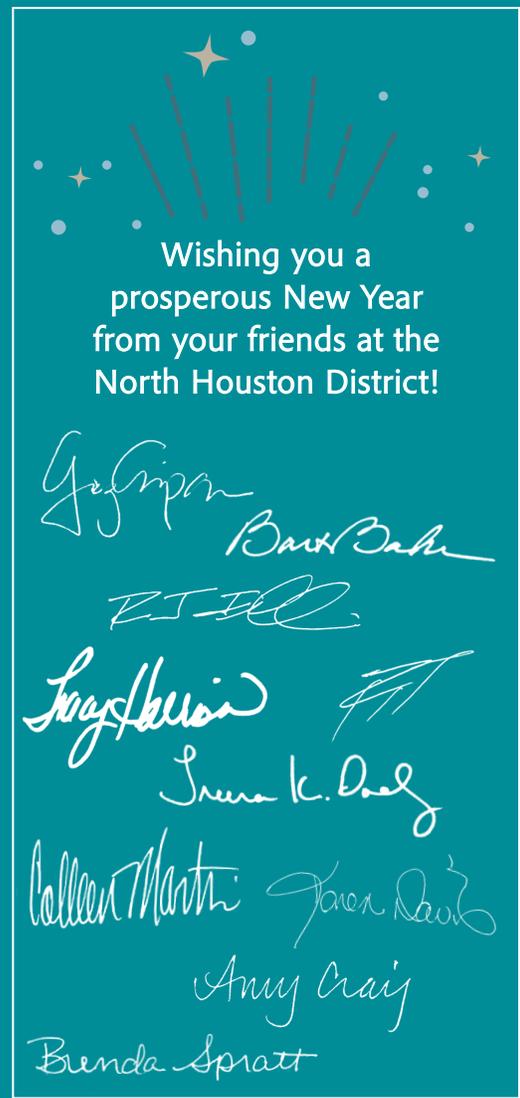
In 2023, we'll hit the ground running with progress on several visible projects across each quadrant of the District. Five new gateway signs will be installed, so drivers will likely see workers preparing pad sites at busy intersections this winter. Trail improvements and public art are planned, too. Read more about those on Page 5.



The New Year is often a time of personal and professional goal setting as we examine the past year and consider what worked well and what could use improvement. At the District, our work is guided by the dedication to creating an appealing, safe, and accessible place where people want to work, visit, and live. We're excited about our progress thus far and look forward to working with our partners as we deepen our efforts in public safety, planning, beautification, and advocacy for the area.

If you'd like to keep up with District news on a more regular basis, we invite you to follow us on social media and register for our e-newsletter by visiting northhouston.org/connect. Until next time, cheers to the New Year!

Greg Simpson
North Houston District President



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NORTH HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10 - 11



USA BMX Lone Star Nationals

ROCKSTAR ENERGY BIKE PARK
12257 Kuykendahl Road

Three days of USA BMX racing with more than 700 competitors from all over the world including USA BMX Pro Series racers. To register, visit www.usabmx.com.

Info: trackoperator@northhouston.org

FRIDAY
MARCH 17



Spring Break Bash

GREEN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
200 West Greens Road

Join Green House International Church, Houston Police Department North Belt Division, North Houston District and Villa Serena Communities as we celebrate the end of Spring Break with a community-focused, family friendly event. Build relationships with local law enforcement plus enjoy games, giveaways, and good times!

Info: tharrison@northhouston.org

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

Please share it with us on social media @NHDistrict or email cmartin@northhouston.org.

When community partners come together, positive change is possible.

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and Partners intersect*



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SAFE AND SECURE



The North Houston District commissioned the installation of 10 automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras in strategic areas within the North Houston District's boundaries to help local law enforcement solve and reduce crime. The cameras were built by Flock Safety, a public safety technology company that helps

neighborhoods, communities, and law enforcement work together to fight crime. The cameras capture license plate and vehicle description details.

Tracy Harrison, North Houston District's Vice President of Public Safety, spearheaded the project in the North Houston District, oversaw the installation, and is managing the implementation of this new crime prevention tool in partnership with Harris County Sheriff's Office and Houston Police Department. According to Harrison, nine of the 10 planned cameras are installed and are already being utilized by our local task force and patrol officers.

"The cameras solved a burglary case on the first day they went up," said Harrison.

"Our cameras will be used by local law enforcement agencies, adding a new layer of crime prevention in the North Houston District." For more, please visit northhouston.org/news-releases. 



WHERE PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE INTERSECT



MONUMENTAL PROGRESS

The North Houston District's Gateways program has improved the well-traveled intersections of Rankin Road at I-45, Kuykendahl Road at I-45, and Imperial Valley Drive at Beltway 8 with lighted signage and beautiful landscaping. Now, we are moving on to the next phase of the Gateway program with planned improvements at five new locations, including West Road at Interstate 45 on the east and west side, Greens Crossing at Beltway 8, Ella Boulevard at Beltway 8, and Northchase at Beltway 8.

In December 2022, the Board awarded construction contracts. Crews will clear land, pour concrete slabs, and then install irrigation and signs. Landscaping is the final step. Phase III is expected to continue from January to April, so please use caution while driving near impacted intersections. These new Gateway monuments are another way North Houston District strives to keep our area vibrant and welcoming through beautification and maintenance programs. 

Phase 1 - COMPLETE

- Rankin Rd. & I-45

Phase 2 - COMPLETE

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

Phase 3 - IN PROGRESS

- Ella Blvd. & BW 8 South Side
- Greens Crossing Blvd. & BW 8 North Side
- West Rd. & I-45
- Northchase Dr. & BW 8 North Side



TALES ON THE TRAILS

Trail Improvements



The Greens Bayou Trail is a popular amenity along the North Houston District's 6-mile trail system. Improvements were necessary to address safety and accessibility after damage stemming from Hurricane Harvey. The fourth and final phase of repairs concluded in November 2022 and replaced 3,750 square feet of trail from City View Park to Imperial Valley Drive. Wholly, the District replaced 17,730 square feet of concrete and 400 linear feet of steel rail along Greens Bayou Trail.



The Greens Bayou Trail was built in Harris County Flood Control District right of way through an ongoing partnership with the District and Houston Parks Board. Since the day it reopened, walkers, joggers and families have been enjoying the new and improved community trail.



Turtle Mural

In 2021, the District adopted a Public Art Program aimed at investing in community amenities that add to our region's appeal and attractiveness. As part of those efforts, nine trail art segments are planned at two popular locations. Soon, vibrant and colorful nature scenes featuring turtles and aquatic bayou wildlife will adorn Greens Bayou Trail at Greens Road and Imperial Valley Drive. In each case, the artwork will appear as the trail approaches the road, and in the medians, but not on the street.

The District is pleased to work with our friends at UP Art Studio on this project. UP Art Studio is well known across the Greater Houston Area for creating beautiful public spaces and working with Houston's most talented artists. Work should begin and be completed in January, weather permitting.



Parks Plan Progress



Lighted soccer fields, new trails, and more playgrounds – yes, please! The North Houston District is partnering with Asakura Robinson, a landscape architect and urban planning design firm, to develop a Parks Master Plan. The District maintains more than 60 acres of parks, including a community favorite Tom Wussow Park in the heart of the District off Greens Road. Wussow Park is a 12-acre facility, home to Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA and the site of numerous community events throughout the year. Wussow Park was built 20 years ago, and according to public opinion and demographic research, it could benefit from new features, additional play equipment, and improved soccer facilities.

The Parks Master Plan will provide recommendations for enhancements at Wussow Park as well as improvements at the District's five other existing parks, and recommend locations for the potential of new facilities.

Stay tuned. Experts from the Houston Parks Department, Houston Parks Board, Harris County Flood Control District, Greens Bayou Coalition, and Harris County Precincts 1 and 2, are busy at work. 🌱



HOUSTON TRANSTAR TOW AND GO PROGRAM HELPS KEEP DRIVERS SAFE

Story provided by Houston TranStar



Every day, Houston TranStar personnel see hundreds of dangerous incidents on the roadways. Whether it be vehicle breakdowns, flat tires or other mechanical failures, quick clearance of these vehicles can make a big difference in keeping people safe and keeping freeways moving. The Tow and Go Program was developed to keep motorists safe and traffic moving at no cost and provides quick clearance

of vehicle breakdowns on camera-monitored sections of the freeway. If you experience a mechanical failure in any freeway in Harris County, Tow and Go will get you to a safe location one mile from your breakdown at no cost. If you have a flat tire and you carry a spare, Tow and Go will also change it at no cost!

To reach Tow and Go, you can dial 713-881-3333 or download the free TranStar mobile app and tap on the tow truck icon in the top left corner to give them a call.



Houston TranStar offers emergency management services for Houstonians and works daily to keep roadways safe. For information, please visit houstontranstar.org/.

**BROKEN DOWN
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HARRIS COUNTY?
Call Tow and Go!**



They'll get you to a safe location one mile from your breakdown for free. Flat tire? They'll change it at no cost!

Save their number (713-881-3333) or call them by tapping the tow truck icon in the Houston TranStar App.

BESUCCESSFUL IN NHD WITH HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TARSHA JACKSON

This past November, a BeSuccessful Jobs & Community Resource Fair was held at Green House International Church. The fair was hosted by BeSuccessful Community Capacity Building Initiative, which was launched by Houston City Council Member Tarsha Jackson and Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The BeSuccessful program offers many benefits to residents of District B and works to bridge the gap between the workforce and the communities in need of training, certifications, social support, and employment opportunities. Program goals seek to give residents an opportunity to co-create economic development in their neighborhoods, support local businesses and promote entrepreneurship, refurbish blighted buildings, provide residents with the amenities they need including grocery stores, restaurants and parks.

Please follow @besuccessfulhtx and keep an eye out for future opportunities. For information, visit be-successful.org.



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION

On Tuesday, December 13, the District's regular Public Safety Committee Meeting was transformed into a celebration of our local law enforcement community.

Green House International Church provided lunch and hosted the event which was sponsored by North Houston District Public Safety Department and supported by Kalkan Capital Limited. The afternoon was spent in fellowship honoring officers from Aldine ISD Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Houston Police Department who serve our community.

North Houston District Vice President of Public Safety Tracy Harrison welcomed special guests and dignitaries, including Aldine ISD Chief of Police Paul Cordova, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, and Houston Police Department North Belt Division Commander R. J. Cantu. 🌍



Pictured from left are North Houston District Vice President of Public Safety Tracy Harrison, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and Pastor E. A. Deckard of Green House International Church.



Thank you to all our local officers and the law enforcement community!



Today, tomorrow and always - we appreciate your service and sacrifice.



Thanks to Aldine ISD Chief of Police for your dedication to our community.

BOARD RECOGNITION

Thank you to our board members for your partnership and dedication to our community, and congratulations to those who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2022!

One Year of Service

- Troy Cummins** COCA-COLA SOUTHWEST BEVERAGES
- Mozell Darthard Jr.** CDM YOUTH & WELLNESS CENTER
- Cory Driskill** CROW HOLDINGS INDUSTRIAL
- Richard Slutter** HILTON & MARRIOTT HOUSTON NORTH
- Dr. Quentin Wright** LONE STAR COLLEGE-HOUSTON NORTH

Five Years of Service

- Kaitlin Bellon** AMEGY BANK OF TEXAS
- Michael Kasmiersky** LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY

The District is governed by a board of 18 directors who serve staggered terms of four years. Directors are appointed by Houston City Council and commit to attending board meetings, as well as District events and community engagement opportunities. We appreciate the time devoted by all our Board members in our mission of attracting the best in commercial and residential life to our appealing, safe, accessible, and green activity center. 🌍



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Engagement
and Change
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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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