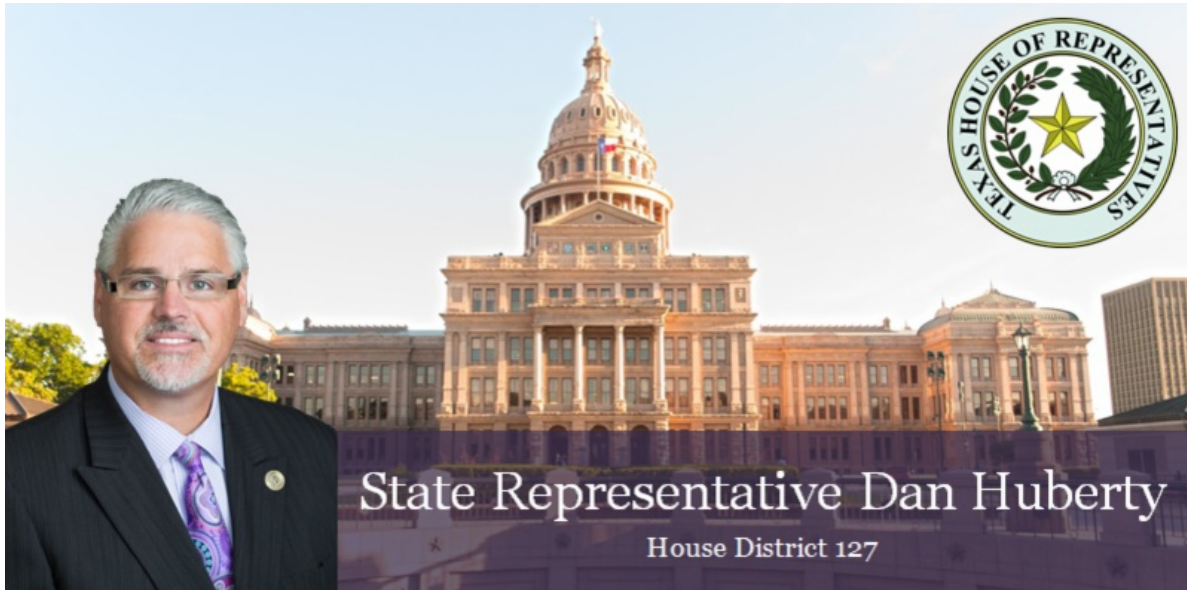


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September 22, 2017

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. This edition contains more information on recovery after Hurricane Harvey as well as some of our "usual business" as we slowly get back on our feet.

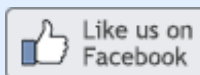
This newsletter contains an updated calendar with an extensive list of resources for you and your family, information about road closures, events in and around HD 127, and some information about what we're doing at the state level to assist in recovery efforts.

Be sure to click the button below to "like" me on Facebook. This is the best way to keep up-to-date with information related to hurricane recovery that is specific to our area.

I would like to remind you that our district office is closed ***until further notice*** and will reopen once my staff can safely work in the building. In the meantime, please contact my Capitol Office staff if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty



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## Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

### Public Invited to Harvey Recovery Fair

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management invites residents affected by Hurricane Harvey to a recovery fair this weekend.



**WHAT:** Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fair

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Houston Community College - Northeast, Art Hub Gallery, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, Texas 77013

You can find shuttle information, participating organizations, and more about the event on ReadyHarris's website for the event. [Click here.](#)

## Thank You San Antonio Solid Waste Management!



Texas' Garbagemen Are Coming To Save Houston (HBO)

Though the historic floods caused by Hurricane Harvey have receded, the piles of trash and debris deposited on residential streets throughout Houston have not. And with local landfills doubled in volume, the city found itself in need of help from neighboring cities.

VICE News spent the day with the City of San Antonio's solid waste management department as they were deployed to the neighborhood of Kingwood to clear the streets.

## Harvey Debris Collection in Kingwood and Lake Houston Area (Press Release from Houston City Councilman Dave Martin)



Houston City Council Member Dave Martin would like to remind District E residents that the process to clean up storm debris is going to take time and over the last few weeks we have made great strides. In the Kingwood and Lake Houston Area Council Member Martin has secured the assistance of the City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department as well as a City of Houston contractor DRC Emergency Services. These crews are working 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week, to help restore our community.

The District E office has just been made aware that San Antonio crews will be revisiting areas that include Royal Shores, Kings Point, and Fosters Mill in an effort to completely close out these communities, freeing up resources in the future to fully tackle the rest of the community. This news came to our office after a San

Antonio Solid Waste Department strategy meeting. The San Antonio crews are now focused on clearing out complete communities to eliminate a need for additional passes. The San Antonio crews are continuing to work diligently and are committed to assisting our area clean up as quickly as possible.

Due to the varying sizes of each individual neighborhood, debris piles per home, and sheer amount of devastation in our area, there is no timeline for first or second pickups of debris. To assist the debris removal crews please take a look at this [chart](#) so that your debris pile can be addressed. There have been some homes in which their first pass is well over 7 tons alone, which makes timing very hard to predict. Additionally, once a truck is filled, it then must make a trip to the landfill in Atascocita for dumping. This trip to the landfill which includes weighing and document completion takes on average two hours. These factors make it impossible to estimate when these trucks will make it into individual communities.

The San Antonio crews have picked up over 2,000 tons of debris from Kingwood Greens, Kingwood Lakes, and The Barrington, which are just three neighborhoods that are part of a long list of affected areas. In total as of Saturday, September 16, the San Antonio crews have collected over 12,000 tons of debris and completed more than 900 loads since they arrived in the Kingwood area on September 4.

The District E Office will be in touch with individual HOAs to provide 24-hour notice before the debris removal trucks enter your community. This notice is given so that residents can clear their roadways and be prepared to assist the San Antonio crews by moving their debris piles forward on their lawn to make sure that all debris is picked up on the first pass. The arm on the grappler truck only reaches about ten to sixteen feet so if residents can push their trash forward while the truck are onsite that will increase the productivity of the crews. Please make sure to acknowledge these crews when you see them as they have left their homes and families in San Antonio to help our community.

We encourage residents that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey to report damage to [City of Houston 3-1-1](#) by calling (713) 837-0311 and make sure that the City of Houston has record of your damage. This 3-1-1 report is crucial and assists with the City's report to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). You may also provide your address and individual service request number to assist the District E staff in keeping precise flood damage records. Thank you for your continued patience as we work to get the Lake Houston Area back on its feet.

For more information on debris clean up, please contact the District E office at (832) 393-3008 or via email at [districte@houston.tx.gov](mailto:districte@houston.tx.gov).

## More Disaster Recovery Centers Open in Greater Houston

Several Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) have opened in Harris County to help individuals and businesses impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State of Texas, and other agencies will be at the centers to provide information about disaster assistance programs and guidance for filing an application. The DRC's are now open at the following locations:

<b>Bayland Community Center</b> 6400 Bissonnet Street Houston, TX 77074 Hours: Daily, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Neutrality Building (Suites 125 &amp; 150)</b> 1301 Fannin Street Houston TX 77002 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
<b>Baytown Community Center</b> 2407 Market Street Baytown TX 77520 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<b>Pasadena Convention Center (opens Sept. 21)</b> 7902 Fairmont Parkway Pasadena, TX 77505 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
<b>Greenspoint Mall</b>	<b>St. John Vianney Catholic Church</b>

263 Greenspoint Mall Houston TX 77060 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	625 Nottingham Oaks Trail Houston TX 77079 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
<b>Humble Senior Activity Center</b> 1401 S Houston Avenue Humble TX 77338 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<b>The Church Without Walls</b> 5725 Queenston Boulevard Houston TX 77084 Hours: Daily, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Katy Mills Mall</b> 5000 Katy Mills Circle Katy, TX 77494 Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<b>Webster Civic Center</b> 311 Pennsylvania Avenue Webster TX 77598 Hours: Daily, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. SBA representatives are available to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss and magnifiers for people with vision loss. Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

If possible, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. Eligible residents may register for assistance the following ways:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Phone 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS- Video Relay Service) (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).
- Via the FEMA app, available for Apple and Android mobile devices. To download visit: [fema.gov/mobile-app](http://fema.gov/mobile-app).

The following information is helpful when registering:

- Address of the location where the damage occurred (pre-disaster address).\* Current mailing address.
- Current telephone number.
- Insurance information.
- Total household annual income.
- Routing and account number for checking or savings account (this allows FEMA to directly transfer disaster assistance funds into a bank account).
- A description of disaster-caused damage and losses.

Disaster survivors can visit any of the centers for assistance. Locations of other recovery centers are online at [www.fema.gov/DRC](http://www.fema.gov/DRC).

## New Red Cross Disaster Assistance Website Launches



**American  
Red Cross**

[Click here to apply for financial assistance.](#)

## Hurricane Harvey Update from the Texas Veterans Commission

The veterans' story of Hurricane Harvey is one of many layers, with more than half a million veterans

among those affected by the storm. We have seen a swift and massive response at the federal, state, and local levels - including at the Department of Veterans Affairs where they have been providing updates to veterans via their website.

In the response to the storm, we have also witnessed the grit and determination of our service members and veterans. From the thousands of troops participating in the recovery - including several employees of the Texas Veterans Commission serving in the Guard and Reserve - to the hundreds of veterans who braved the storm to check on a neighbor or volunteered their truck or boat to assist in the evacuation process.

[Click here to find information specific to veterans.](#)

## City of Houston Harvey Recovery Information to be Provided Through *AlertHouston*



The City of Houston is working with partner agencies, non-profits and the State and Federal government to provide information to Houston residents about the city's road to recovery.

*AlertHouston*, the City's emergency notification system, will be used to keep you informed.

If you are already registered for *AlertHouston*, you will begin to receive recovery information. If you wish to opt-out, you are welcome to update your profile using the link below. This ensures you are only getting the notifications you wish to receive.

For more information on Houston's Harvey recovery, or for ways to help, visit [houstonrecovers.org](http://houstonrecovers.org) and follow official City of Houston accounts on social media using #HOURecovers.

*AlertHouston* is a service provided by the City of Houston Office of Emergency Management. To update your profile, [click here](#).

## TxDOT Will Close the I-10 Katy/East Freeway This Weekend



The Texas Department of Transportation will close the **I-10 Katy/East Freeway** in both directions in downtown Houston this coming weekend to continue the demolition and reconstruction of the Elysian Viaduct. A total closure of all westbound and eastbound mainlanes of I-10 between I-45 and I-69 will take place **Friday, September 22 at 8 p.m. until Monday, September 25 at 5 a.m.**

Motorists traveling eastbound on I-10 Katy will be detoured to I-45 Gulf Freeway southbound to I-69 Eastex northbound to the I-10 East Freeway eastbound mainlanes. Motorists traveling westbound

on I-10 East Freeway will be detoured to I-69 Eastex southbound to I-45 Gulf Freeway northbound to the I-10 Katy Freeway westbound mainlanes.

There will be additional closures of entrance and exit ramps and connector ramps within the workzone to accomplish this work. A full list of associated closures can be found at [www.houstontranstar.org](http://www.houstontranstar.org). Police officers will be on site to assist with traffic control.

This project includes the reconstruction of the Elysian Viaduct (bridge structure) from Brooks Street to Commerce Street. It was needed to accommodate population growth, enhance mobility and improve connectivity in the local area. TxDOT awarded the construction contract to Balfour Beatty in June 2016 for \$35.6 million.

For more information on scheduled lane closures in the Houston District contact Danny Perez at (713) 802-5077.

All closures are subject to change due to inclement weather. Follow us on Twitter @TxDOHoustonPIO.



**Supplemental  
Nutrition  
Assistance  
Program**

Texas Health and Human Services announced that it will roll out disaster food relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey to residents in Harris County starting Friday, Sept. 22.

Texas has been rolling out D-SNAP in a phased approach and is expanding to Harris County in coordination with local officials. Harris County sites will run through Oct. 5.

Texas will offer D-SNAP at three sites in Harris County. This is in addition to the 18 counties previously announced.

More counties will be announced soon. The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as D-SNAP, provides short-term food benefits for eligible families recovering from a disaster.

For information on D-SNAP sites, go to [www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap](http://www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap) to find days, hours of operation and detailed instructions. Applications are being taken based on a rolling alphabetical order. People will need to apply on certain days depending on the first letter of their last name.

**Harris County Sites:**

<u>Greenspoint Mall</u> 12300 North Freeway Houston, TX	<u>Southwest Multi- Service Center</u> 6400 High Star Drive Houston, TX	<u>Pasadena Convention Center</u> 7902 Fairmont Parkway Pasadena, TX
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**Alphabetical Rollout Details**

- Date Last name
- Sept. 22, 27 A - C
- Sept. 23, 28 D - H
- Sept. 24, 29 I - M
- Sept. 25, 30 N - R
- Sept. 26, Oct. 1 S - Z
- Oct. 2 to 5 Anyone

**More Information**

People with questions about D-SNAP, including those who have special needs, should dial 2-1-1 and select option 6. For other storm-related services, including shelters, dial 2-1-1 and select option 5. For questions about TANF, Medicaid or CHIP, dial 2-1-1 and select option 2.

To check benefit amounts, recipients can visit [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com) or call the Lone Star Help Desk at 800-777-7EBT (800-777-7328).

[Español: Beneficios de comida del programa SNAP en Caso de Desastres. Lea más en este sitio web.](#)

## For Your Information

### TEA, ATPE Warn of Email Phishing Scam



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) have been advised of a current phishing email directed at teachers and school systems across the state.

The email, which bears the ATPE logo and an outdated TEA logo, comes from a non-TEA email address and appears to target teachers with the following message:

"You are invited to represent your school and district in a three day all-expense paid seminar and training workshop taking place in Austin, TX, it is being put together by the Association of Texas Professional Educators and Texas Education Agency. Kindly go through the included seminar invitation for details and registration."

Two links are provided to supply information for seminar registration. Clicking on either of these links is not advised.

Neither TEA nor ATPE have any connection with this email nor is any such joint training seminar currently

scheduled by our organizations. The contact name and phone number provided in the email are not associated with either organization.

ATPE is alerting its members. TEA joins ATPE in warning all educators and school systems to advise this email is a phishing attempt and should be deleted without following any of the included links.

## Speaker Straus Issues Harvey-Related Interim Charges



The Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on Thursday asked three House committees to begin studying issues related to Hurricane Harvey and state preparations for future natural disasters.

In total, Speaker Straus issued five interim charges, which are instructions the Speaker gives House committees to guide their work preparing for the next legislative session. He plans to release a full list of interim charges, including more issues related to Harvey, in the next couple of months.

The House Committee on Public Education, of which Rep. Huberty serves as Chairman, was issued the following charges:

- Determine, to the extent possible, the scope of financial losses, including facilities, that resulted from Harvey.
- Recommend possible state actions, such as changes to student counts or property valuation, to mitigate any negative impact on districts and ensure governance structures and parameters allow for effective responses.

You can read more about what the House of Representatives will be doing to help the state recovery from Hurricane Harvey in the Speaker's press release [here](#).

## Constituent Resources

### District Office Closure

Please be advised that, due to the flooding in HD 127, the District Office of State Representative Dan Huberty will **be closed until further notice**. Anyone needing immediate assistance should contact the Capitol Office. You can find out how to contact them at the bottom of this newsletter.

### Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

## House District 127 Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered in regard to response and recovery of Hurricane Harvey is posted immediately to our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" us so that you can have the most up-to-date information.



## Upcoming Events

September & October 2017

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under





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