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September 13, 2019

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

This week, Governor Abbott released the Safety Action Report, building on the eight Executive Orders released last week to further enhance public safety coordination to prevent mass violence in Texas. We are also pleased that the Texas Education Agency has published the latest House Bill 3 video, relating to special education and dyslexia. This is a very important topic for myself and my staff, and we appreciate the agency including this in their web series.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,



September 2019 Calendar

Download my September 2019 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.

September 2019					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LABOR DAY Office Closed	Office Closed				Memorial Day The day is observed on the first day of May.
Lake Houston Park Forum City Council, Lake Houston Forum	Texas House of Representatives Redistricting Committee		Texas House of Representatives Redistricting Committee		
Lake Houston Area Retail Teachers Association Meeting	Texas House of Representatives Area Customer Protection & Consumer Safety Work Committee	TIF Professional Stakeholders	Empowered Area State Neighborhood Council Meeting	Networking After Hours	Empowered Area: Breakfast to Honor Legislative Administrative Operations
Lake Houston, TX, TX	Lake Houston Area Chapter of Congress State College and University of Lake Houston	Empowered Area State Monthly Meeting	Empowered Area: Breakfast to Honor Legislative Administrative Operations	Empowered Area: Breakfast to Honor Legislative Administrative Operations	Texas Tribune Festival

Thank you for downloading my calendar for the month of September. You can use this document to view the links that contain more information about various events occurring in House District 127 and in Austin, Texas. You may also print it to get a hard copy of what I'll be up to this month. I hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,

 State Representative Dan Huberty
 September 13, 2019

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CALENDAR!

Natural Disaster Preparedness

National Preparedness Month: Save Early for Disaster Costs

It is National Preparedness Month and the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) reminds residents that natural disasters are unpredictable. People at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful circumstances, having access to personal, financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently.

It is important to prepare in advance by gathering and safeguarding critical documents including:

- Photo IDs
- Birth certificates
- Social security cards
- Insurance policies
- Medical and immunization records
- Pet ID tags and shot records

Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that can be used during a crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place and have small bills on hand because ATM's and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.

Additionally, a disaster can disrupt mail service for days or weeks, so if you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits, switch to electronic payments to secure your financial stability and eliminate the risk of stolen checks.

Having insurance for your home or business property is the best way to ensure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild or replace whatever is damaged. Review existing policies for the amount and extent of coverage to ensure that you are covered for all possible hazards.

Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). Flood insurance policies have a 30-day waiting period after the purchase date before coverage takes effect. Get additional information at [Floodsmart.gov](#).

If you sustain property damage from a natural disaster, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. In the meantime, take photos and/or videos of the damage. Also, have a list of the items that were lost, stolen or damaged. Having that list, including photographs and receipts, will ease the process and get your claim settled faster.

Updates from Austin

Governor Abbott Releases Texas Safety Action Report

Following weeks of meetings with nearly 50 experts in the aftermath of tragedies across the state, Governor Greg Abbott today unveiled the Texas Safety Action Report. The Governor's report elaborates on the Executive Orders issued last week that are intended to bolster the public safety coordination that can prevent mass shootings. The Texas Safety Action Report also provides additional ideas for the Texas Legislature and state agencies to consider that can make our communities safer while also respecting the Constitution.

Governor Abbott's Texas Safety Commission convened community leaders, law enforcement officials, federal officials, business representatives, faith leaders, tech experts, counselors, advocates, lawmakers, and survivors of mass shootings to study what has happened, identify any shortcomings in our current systems, and explore ways to prevent these horrific tragedies from taking place. The strategies laid out in the Texas Safety Action Report are a result of these meetings.

"We must act with resolve in response to the despicable acts of violence we have witnessed in Texas," said Governor Abbott. "Solving the problems that have led to these horrific events will take more than governmental action. The complete solution will require more than what is outlined in this paper. It will require parents, families, churches, law enforcement, community

groups, schools, and others working together to fortify the social fabric of our society. Texans are at our best when we are tested. Together, we will transcend this test, and forge an even better future for our state."

[Click here to read Governor Abbott's full Texas Safety Action Report.](#)

TEA: "HB 3 in 30" Video Series: Special Education and Dyslexia



Updates from City of Houston

Housing and Homelessness

Houston homeowners have until Dec. 31, 2019 to make home repairs that could be eligible for reimbursement under the federal Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP).

The deadline is set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The deadline is for the actual repairs to be completed; homeowners can still apply for reimbursement after December 31 for work completed before that date. "If you've been putting off repairs of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, now is the time to make them so that you may be eligible to have federal funds cover some of your costs," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The maximum amount of reimbursement depends on homeowners' income:

- Below 80% Area Media Income (AMI): 100% of eligible expenses, up to \$80,000
- 81 -120% AMI: 50% of eligible expenses, up to \$40,000
- Above 120% AMI: 25% of eligible expense, up to \$20,000

All homeowners impacted by Hurricane Harvey should take the Harvey Recovery Survey at recovery.houstontx.gov or by phone at 832-393-0550. Program representatives are available in multiple languages to take questions and assist Houstonians in taking the survey. The survey takes less than 15 minutes and does not require documentation. Almost 20,000 residents have taken the Harvey Recovery Survey. As a result, about 5,000 homeowners have been invited to apply to HoAP and are working on an application or have completed their submission. Seventy-one percent of survey respondents potentially eligible for HoAP are low- to moderate-income as a result of extensive outreach effort in vulnerable neighborhoods. Almost \$150 million is still

available for reimbursements.

Funds for Harvey Recovery Programs are provided by the City of Houston and the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

2019 Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Region HUD Maximum Annual Household Income Limits (Area Median Income)

Household Size	80% AMI	120% AMI
1-Person	\$42,750	\$64,100
2-Person	\$48,850	\$73,200
3-Person	\$54,950	\$82,400
4-Person	\$61,050	\$91,600
5-Person	\$65,950	\$98,900
6-Person	\$70,850	\$106,200
7-Person	\$75,750	\$113,500
8-Person	\$80,600	\$120,800

Updates from the District

Additional Mission Modification for Mouth-Bar Requested

The Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) mission assignment modification to address partial removal of the mouth-bar has concluded. The mission assignment modification provided the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) authorization, acting at the direction of FEMA, to remove an additional 497,400 cubic yards of debris from the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston, known locally as the "mouth-bar". Council Member Martin has never accepted the amount of debris included in the mission modification and continues to fight that number today.

The modification to the USACE Emergency Debris Removal Contract was executed at the beginning of June 2019. FEMA instructed USACE to remove 497,400 cubic yards of material deposited in the mouth-bar from Hurricane Harvey. As of September 3, 2019, USACE removed 500,000 cubic yards of debris from the mouth-bar. Council Member Martin and the City of Houston have been very vocal in opposition to the amount of sediment to be removed from the mouth-bar since last year, believing that it was much too low.

FEMA cannot explain how the number of 497,400 cubic yards was calculated, even while the City of Houston has provided verifiable scientific data to show the amount needing to be removed from the mouth-bar is closer to 1.4 million cubic yards of sediment deposited by Hurricane Harvey. During a meeting held in June 2019 FEMA representatives verified the City's study and data collected was of sound scientific nature. In August during a follow up meeting with FEMA representatives they again stated, "Your (City of Houston) data is not bad data." The report that FEMA is using to justify their number (497,000 cubic yards) is a [four-page table top study](#) that does not begin to answer questions that were asked of the City of Houston by FEMA, which produced a [94-page comprehensive report](#).

Overall the dredging efforts in the San Jacinto River have removed roughly 2 million cubic yards of debris from the river alone, which has been tremendous to return the flow and depth in the river.

A letter has been sent to our [Federal Congressional Delegation](#) requesting action be taken to address the remaining Hurricane Harvey debris remaining in the mouth-bar. This letter urges [Senator John Cornyn](#), [Senator Ted Cruz](#), [Chairman Kevin Brady](#), and [Congressman Dan Crenshaw](#) to continue to support recovery of our area through requesting an additional mission modification from FEMA allowing for the final one million cubic yards of sediment related to Hurricane Harvey to be removed. Granting a second mission modification allows the use of existing pre-positioned resources as well as an estimated savings of nearly \$20 million for mobilization.

In the hopes an additional mission modification is granted, the City of Houston has proactively secured a third disposal site that has already received USACE permits for sediment disposal. Residents wishing to participate in this request for additional support, please contact your federal representatives.

SJRA, Harris County Flood Control District, and Montgomery County Launch "Know Your Watershed" Campaign

San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), and Montgomery County announce the launch of *Know Your Watershed*. www.KnowYourWatershed.com is designed to help identify a watershed, recognize flow patterns, and provide important water-related facts in a creative way.

It is no surprise that the Greater Houston region ranks in the top ten on the National Weather Service list of U.S. cities that have the most erratic weather conditions. Weather conditions, particularly flooding, can happen quickly and can be determined by weather and drainage conditions in surrounding geographical areas.

The *Know Your Watershed* campaign is an interactive web platform developed and maintained by SJRA in partnership with local entities. It is designed to educate San Jacinto River Basin residents by engaging them in 1) identifying their watershed 2) recognizing flow patterns 3) observing how water naturally drains throughout the basin, and 4) learning important water-related facts in a creative and entertaining way. Viewers can tap into the flow of information by clicking on an "Address Viewer" link and searching for their location, or take a virtual tour with perky water drop SJ Watershed and her friends by clicking on the "Story Map" feature.

"During recent severe weather events, SJRA realized the need for an effective way to communicate with the public regarding water flow patterns and watershed locations," said Chuck Gilman SJRA Director of Water Resources and Flood Management. "Information from Know Your Watershed can help residents understand the potential impact of a given rainfall event and equip people with knowledge to assist in preparation for the next severe weather incident."

"It is important that residents know the watershed in which they live or work and understand how water flows through our watersheds to help them determine how they could be impacted during heavy rainfall and flooding," said meteorologist Jeff Lindner, head of HCFCD's Hydrologic Operations Division. "The Know Your Watershed Tool is a great way to visualize this information."

"Two years ago, when Hurricane Harvey hit, we experienced firsthand how water unexpectedly flows where it shouldn't," said U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw. "All levels of government in the region are working on alleviating this problem, but in the meantime, residents should know about the topography of their neighborhood and how it can impact them. The Know Your Watershed campaign is a crucial tool for educating residents and helping them know what to expect should severe weather and heavy rainfall to hit."

"Montgomery County is proud to partner with SJRA on this project to deliver a valuable amount of data to help educate citizens across the entire region," said Montgomery County Judge Mark J. Keough. "As you navigate through the website you will learn the various tributaries that contribute to our vast watershed. I encourage every one to take a few minutes to explore knowing your watershed."

The San Jacinto River Authority's mission is to develop, conserve, and protect the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County. The SJRA is one of two dozen river authorities in the State of Texas, and like other river authorities, its primary purpose is to implement long-term, regional projects related to water supply and wastewater treatment. SJRA receives no money from the state, nor does it collect any type of taxes.

If you would like to know more about SJRA, what we do, and how we work for the community, check out our website www.sjra.net and follow us on social media [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://twitter.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority) and [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937).

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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>

Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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