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September 20, 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, Tropical Storm Imelda reminded us of our districts vulnerability to devastating natural events. While the flood waters recede, there will again be work that needs to be done to continue preparing ourselves and our community for the next devastating event. I would like to thank all of our first response teams that acted so quickly to help those in our area that were in need.

In Austin, I would like to congratulate Dr. Kevin Ellis on his appointment to the Chair of the State Board of Education. Dr. Ellis and I served together on the Texas Commission on Public School Finance during the last interim, and his hard work, leadership and dedication had a direct impact on the unprecedented legislation we were able to pass during the session.

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						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LABOR DAY Office Closed	Office Closed				Memorial Day Office Closed
	Lake District Party from City Council Luncheon Event	From State of Representatives Redistricting Committee		From State of Representatives Redistricting Committee		
	Health Area Rural Teachers Association Meeting	From House of Representatives Agriculture Policy Work Committee	TX Professional Development	Outstanding Alibi Cases	Missouri Area Republican Business Association Autism Conference	
				Approved Tax Code Monthly Meeting		
Lake District 127 Luncheon		Lake Houston Area Chapter of Congress Executive Order Luncheon		From Senate State Science and Technology Policy Work Committee	Health Policy 2nd Annual Subcommittee Symposium	Travis District Festival
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THE CALENDAR!

Natural Disaster Preparedness

Tropical Storm Imelda

The Houston Health Department recommends people in the Houston-area keep safety in mind during recovery from flooding due to Tropical Depression Imelda. “Good hygiene, food safety and properly sanitizing a flooded home are of the utmost importance the next few days,” said Dr. David Persse, local health authority for Houston Health Department. The department recommends people follow the flood safety precautions below.

Food Safety

Do not eat any food that may have come into contact with floodwater. If cans have come in contact with floodwater or storm water, remove the labels, wash the cans, and dip them in a solution of 1 cup (8 oz/250 mL) of bleach in 5 gallons of water.

Cleaning and Sanitizing Your Home

When rain or flood waters get into your home, take steps to prevent mold growth. First, wash surfaces with soap and warm clean water to remove dirt and debris. Next, sanitize surfaces with household bleach. Clean it with a solution of 1 cup household liquid bleach per 5 gallons of water. Remember:

- Keep children and pets out of the affected area until cleanup is complete.
- Remove and discard items that cannot be washed and disinfected (such as, mattresses, carpeting, carpet padding, rugs, upholstered furniture, cosmetics, stuffed animals, baby toys, pillows, foam-rubber items, books, wall coverings, and most paper products).
- Remove and discard dry wall and insulation that has been contaminated with floodwaters.
- Thoroughly clean all hard surfaces (such as flooring, concrete, molding, wood and metal furniture, counter tops, appliances, sinks, and other plumbing fixtures) with hot water and laundry or dish detergent.
- Help the drying process by using fans, air conditioning units, and dehumidifiers.

Tetanus Shot

People seven years of age and older with puncture wounds or cuts that were exposed to flood water or dirt may be at risk for contracting tetanus. They will need a tetanus shot if they have not had one in the past ten years. Please consult your primary care physician or your medical home. Exposure to flood water without a wound or skin injury is not a risk for tetanus.

Good Hygiene

Practice good hygiene (handwashing) after contact with flood waters.

- Do not allow children to play in flood water areas.
- Wash children's hands frequently (always before meals).
- Do not allow children to play with toys that have been contaminated by flood water and have not been disinfected.

Updates from Austin

GLO Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Funds Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is seeking input on the development of the State of Texas Action Plan for \$4,297,189,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Funds. These funds were allocated to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for mitigation programs, projects, and planning in the areas affected by [Hurricane Harvey as well as 2015 and 2016 Floods](#).

Written and oral comments regarding the development of the [State of Texas Action Plan for CDBG-MIT funds](#) will be taken at public hearings scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

Beaumont, Texas:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Jury Empaneling Room
1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas, 77701
[WEBINAR INFORMATION](#)
[VIEW MAP](#)

Austin, Texas:

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
Texas State Capitol, Capitol Auditorium, E1.004
1100 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701
[WEBINAR INFORMATION](#)
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Governor Abbott Appoints Dr. Keven Ellis Chair of the State Board of Education

Gov. Greg Abbott has appointed Lufkin chiropractor Dr. Keven Ellis chair of the State Board of Education (SBOE).

Although the members of the board are elected, the governor appoints the chair from among the 15 board members. The appointment must be confirmed by the Texas Senate.

“It’s an honor to be given this position of trust,” Ellis said. “The State Board of Education plays a key role in our state’s public education system. It sets the curriculum standards, adopts instructional materials, and oversees the country’s largest educational endowment, just to name a few of our responsibilities. I pledge to work with all members and lead the board in a bipartisan fashion as has my predecessor Donna Bahorich.”

“I’m delighted to hand the gavel over to Dr. Ellis,” said Bahorich, who after four years as board chair has served the maximum time available in that leadership role. “I hope Dr. Ellis finds this role as rewarding and meaningful as I have. He has already demonstrated tremendous statewide leadership during his tenure as vice chair of the Texas Commission on Public School Finance, which laid the groundwork for our state’s new school funding law,” she said.

Ellis was first elected to the SBOE in November 2016, after serving as board president of the Lufkin Independent School District Board of Trustees. As the SBOE District 9 member, Ellis represents about 1.7 million residents in Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Rusk, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties.

TEA: "HB 3 in 30" Video Series: Reading Practices



Updates from City of Houston

Houston "Crush the Crisis" Drug Take Back Day

A week-long awareness effort to curb the growing misuse and addiction to prescription pain medication in the region, where deaths in Harris County associated with opioid overdose are up 135% since 2013, was announced at Houston City Hall by officials of the Houston Health Department, area municipalities and the University of Houston at Sugar Land in partnership with HCA Houston Healthcare.

In addition to rolling out an aggressive social media campaign, the program's partners will host a take-back collection of unused or expired opioids on **Saturday, September 21**.

"Crush The Crisis" will give individuals the opportunity to turn in tablets, capsules and patches of Codeine, Hydrocodone, Demerol, Oxycodone, Darvon and other opioids at **13 HCA Houston Healthcare-affiliated hospitals and facilities**. Drive-thru collections will be set up in the parking lots of each facility on September 21 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A drop-off collection also will be available at the University of Houston in Sugar Land.

According to a 2015 survey, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency stated more than 6.4 million Americans abused prescription drugs. Many of those cases, the agency study showed, involved the abuser getting pills from a family member's or a friend's medicine cabinet. Prescription opioid use also is a significant risk factor or gateway to heroin addiction. The National Institute on Drug Abuse found that 86 percent of young, urban injection drug users had used opioid pain relievers non-medically prior to using heroin. Their three main sources for obtaining opioids were family, friends or personal prescriptions.

"Opioid misuse and addiction strikes at the heart of every community," said Dr. David Persse, Houston Health Department Health Authority and EMS Medical Director. "It affects us all, regardless of race, class or background and I applaud this region-wide partnership designed to tackle it head on."

Each Crush The Crisis collection will be staffed by uniformed security. Needles, syringes, lancets and liquids will not be accepted.

"This is a 'no-questions-asked' collection designed to safely capture and dispose of addictive prescription pain medications before they fall into the wrong hands," added Dr. Stephen Nesbit, chief medical officer of HCA Houston Healthcare. "If you are no longer on a medication, whether or not it has expired, it needs to be removed." In 2018, 318 deaths in Harris County were

associated with opioid overdoses, according to the City of Houston Health Department. In 2013, the department reports 234 deaths in the area were attributed to opioid overdose.

For a list of HCA Houston Healthcare hospitals and facilities participating in the September 21 Crush The Crisis drug take-back day, go to www.hcahealthcare.com/crushthecrisis or call 833-582-1970.

Updates from the District

Harris County Commissioners Court Votes to Raise the Property Tax Rate; Final Approval October 8

Harris County Commissioners Court voted to raise the property tax rate to the maximum amount allowed by law without going to the public for approval for the increase. If given final approval on October 8, the new tax rate would be 65.26 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of your home. Commissioners R. Jack Cagle and Steve Radaack voted against this tax increase; County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners Rodney Ellis and Adrian Garcia voted in favor. You can submit your comments via public hearing or by contacting your commissioner's or county judge's office via telephone, email or letter.

All hearings will be before Harris County Commissioners Court on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building at 1001 Preston in downtown Houston. Public hearings dates and times are:

- September 20, 2019 – 1:00 PM
- September 24, 2019 – 10:00 AM
- October 8, 2019 – 10:00 AM (This is the date of the final tax rate adoption.)

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<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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