



Capitol Update

District 133 Newsletter

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



Dear Friends,

Spring weather is upon us with bluebonnets in bloom. While we have been more fortunate in Texas, other states have begun to experience unpredictable and inclement weather, something we are all too familiar with in Houston. With that in mind, one of my priorities is the safety and welfare of my constituents. Below are some tips to prepare you for the hurricane season.

Build a Kit - Have a disaster kit with enough supplies to last you and your family for 5 - 7 days; the kit should include food, medications, water and other basic necessities. **Make a Plan** - Have an emergency plan for your family and check to make sure that your workplace, children's school, and other places you frequent have emergency plans in place; be sure to practice your family's emergency plan before a disaster happens. Learn the local hurricane evacuation routes and how to find high ground. Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you needed to evacuate. **Be Informed** - Remember that the utilities we rely on everyday may be interrupted during and after a storm. A NOAA (National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration) Weather Alert radio, operated by a hand-crank or batteries, can prove to be a great resource. **Secure Your Property** - Cover your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows but a second option is to cover windows with 5/8" marine plywood. When using this option it is important to have all the pieces cut-to-fit and labeled with the intended placement on the home so everything is ready to install. Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.

If you are interested in what is happening now at the Texas Legislature, or around the district, please like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for continuous updates.

If you are ever in Austin, please make a trip to my office in the Capitol. We have a place to rest your feet and friendly faces to help you with any questions. We enjoy working for you and look forward to being of service.

Schools make a splash.

Congratulations to the 32 Houston ISD schools that have been named to the list of America's Most Challenging High Schools including District 133's own Westside High School. Keep up the good work and keep making Houston proud. For a list of the schools please visit <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/local/highschoolchallenge/>.

Need a Speaker?

Representative Murphy loves seeing new faces around the district. We also would be happy to donate auction items and door prizes to help raise funds for your organization.

Please email [Deanna Harrington](#), our District Director, if you are interested in setting up an event.

Planning A Vacation?

Spring in Texas is one of the prettiest times of the year and our gorgeous wildflowers begin to bloom. Do you like to hike, camp or fish? Do you want to know the fishing forecast? What do you know about the Urban Outdoor programs? Did you know that the Bobwhite quail population is declining? Visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife's web page for more information: www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Texas Parks and Wildlife has developed a comprehensive webpage with helpful information. You can purchase a hunting license, register your boat and find a Texas park all in one place. Another great resource is the Travel Texas website. They make it easy to find lodging, locate events and plan your road trip. Please visit www.traveltex.com and for a mobile version, please visit m.traveltex.com. Let's keep our travel dollars in our great state and help grow our economy by staying within our borders and supporting our state parks.

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