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NEWSLETTER

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Friends,

Fall has been a busy time in House District 137. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!

The Houston Police Department's Midwest Division is holding their annual holiday bash on December 18th. This event is free to attend and has fun for the whole family.

The Gulfton HPD storefront is having a grand re-opening December 16th. We hope you can join!

There is an opportunity for anyone who is not currently insured to participate in the Federal Marketplace for health insurance. **The deadline for enrollment is this Sunday 12/15.**

Schools are soon closing for the holidays. There are several organizations in the community that provide holiday camps for children and teens to participate in during the winter break.

Our annual announcement of Valedictorian and Salutatorian was missing two outstanding District 137 schools. We want to make sure and recognize our amazing students.

With the year coming to the close, I want to remind you all of some of the services my office offers.

Every year, District 137 submits an ornament that will hang on the big tree in the Texas Capitol. Check out this year's artwork!

It is an honor to serve and represent you in the Texas Legislature. Please reach out to my office at any time.

Sincerely,



Gene presenting a resolution to the School of Science and Technology Advancement. Read on to learn more out about how to get special recognitions from my office.

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Houston Police Department-Midwest Division Holiday Bash

The Houston Police Department-Midwest Division is holding their 2nd annual Holiday Bash. Last year's event was a success and the department would like to invite the community to join them again this year on December 18th. The event is free to attend and there will be presents, arts and crafts, food, and opportunities for pictures with Santa!



Houston Police Department
Midwest Division
Presents
2nd Annual

Holiday Bash

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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Gulfton HPD Storefront Re-Grand Opening

The Gulfton Houston Police Department storefront is having a grand re-opening. The new storefront is renovated and they have expanded social services through the Harris County T.R.I.A.D program. This is a safe space for the community to talk about public safety concerns in private, file police reports, and receive a variety of other services.

The Gulfton Houston Police storefront will open on December 16th at 12 PM and is located at 6227 SW Freeway in Suite B. Come and join the celebration!

Click [here](#) to learn more about the T.R.I.A.D program.



Gene with HPD Police Chief Acevedo

Federal Marketplace Insurance 2020

The last day for open enrollment for the Federal Marketplace Insurance 2020 is December 15th. The event is for those who do not have insurance through another source. The Marketplace will help those who apply find an insurance plan that is right for them and help them enroll. Click the images below for more details.

FEDERAL MARKETPLACE INSURANCE 2020

If you don't have coverage through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or another source, the Marketplace helps you find and enroll in a plan that fits your budget and meets your needs.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

- ✓ Information about your household size
- ✓ Home and mailing addresses
- ✓ Information about everyone that will be included in your upcoming tax return.
- ✓ Social Security Numbers (SSNs) for everyone on your application
- ✓ Immigration document information (only applies to legal immigrations)
- ✓ Information on how you'll file your taxes (married or single)
- ✓ Employer & income information for everyone in your household
- ✓ Your best estimate of your household income for 2020

IMPORTANT UPCOMING KEY DATES

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Open Enrollment Starts

First day you can enroll in a 2019 Marketplace plan.

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Open Enrollment Ends

Last day you can apply for 2020 Coverage

First Day of 2020 Coverage

Starts January 1st

Outreach & Eligibility Team can help you start or finish an application, compare plans, enroll or answer your questions.

Please contact us at one of the following locations for more information and assistance.

Stafford Clinic

10435 Greenbough Dr.,
Ste. 300
Stafford, TX 77477
(281) 969-1837

Richmond Clinic

400 Austin Street
Richmond, TX 77469
(281) 633-3175

Email: oeteam@myaccesshealth.org

Also assisting the Missouri City and Rosenberg Area

Winter Break Camps

BakerRipley is hosting a Winter Holiday Camp, for children between the ages of 5 and 13, and Youth Camp, for children between the ages of 14 and 17. The Winter Holiday Camps will be held from December 23 through January 3 (**closed December 24th and 25th and January 1st**) from 7 AM to 6 PM. The cost is \$30 per child and snacks will be provided, but a sack lunch is encouraged.

For more information about BakerRipley's Winter Holiday Camp and Youth Program please contact them at (713)273-3788 or (713)273-3700

The YMCA also has multiple locations that will be hosting holiday camps. The winter camps will be held on December 23rd, 26th, 27th, and 30th. The New Year's Camp will be held January 2nd and 3rd. The cost for the holiday camps is \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members (financial assistance is available).

For more information about YMCA's holiday camps please visit <https://www.ymcahouston.org/programs/camps/holiday>



Congratulations to the 2019 St. Agnes and Strake Jesuit Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Congratulations to both St. Agnes and Strake Jesuit students for their academic accomplishments in 2019! My office and I wanted to take a moment to recognize your hard work and dedication. Listed below are the Valedictorians and Salutatorians that graduated last spring.

We would also like to offer all of our students living in District 137 to reach out to my office with any of your outstanding achievements so we can help you honor them!

School	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
St. Agnes Academy	Anabelle Conde	Meghan Swantkowski
Strake Jesuit	Michael Boling	Joshua Herrera



Joshua Herrera, who is attending MIT



Michael Boling, who is attending Georgia Tech



Anabelle Conde, who is attending Notre Dame



Meghan Swantkowski, who is attending Trinity University

We Want To Hear From You

I want to take this time to remind District 137 that my office is here to support our community in any way we can.

My office is happy to provide resolutions or certificates honoring constituents celebrating special occasions and milestones, such as the ones shown in this newsletter. In addition, we can request a Texas flag that has been flown over the Texas Capitol anytime throughout the year and provide you with a certificate recognizing your special occasion.

My office and I would also like to hear from you about any state policy issues for the upcoming Legislative session. State policy issues can include education, health care, property taxes, or any other issue that affects our community.

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House District 137 Tree Ornament



Every year, members of the Texas House of Representatives are invited to select a constituent to create a Christmas ornament that showcases their district. These ornaments decorate the Christmas tree that stands in the House Chamber of the Texas Capitol. This year's District 137 ornament was created by Mr. Hernandez's 10th and 11th grade art class at Sharpstown High School. If you would like your art class to be considered for future decorations, please reach out to my office and let us know!