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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



**Issue 46**

## NEWSLETTER

**January 2020**

Friends,

A new year, a new decade, welcome to 2020!

My staff and I want to wish everyone a happy New Year, and a happy Lunar New Year!

This month we celebrated the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The BakerRipley Gulfton Campus hosts a number of events and activities to help serve our neighbors, including civil legal clinics in partnership with Lone Star Legal Aid.

Asian Heritage Tours has a restaurant Bingo featuring restaurants from House District 137.

Our community is a great place to start a small business, and we have resources to help you get started!

Have something you want to share with the community? Learn more about how to be featured in our newsletter.

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 help honor and celebrate Lunar New Year festivities in House District 137

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# Happy New Year!

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This month marked the beginning of a new decade, and New Year's celebrations have been going on all month. In addition to a new calendar year, this January also saw Lunar New Year celebrations throughout House District 137. Lunar New Year is celebrated by millions of people around the world, is also known by other names, including the Chinese New Year, Spring Festival, Seollal and Tet Nguyen Dan. Happy Year of the Rat!



Gene and his family are joined by elected officials during Lunar New Year's celebrations

## Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Monday January 20th was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Celebrated on the third Monday of every January, MLK Day remembers the life and activism of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King remains one of the most important figures in American History, who campaigned tirelessly for civil rights, and equality for all.



His efforts were galvanizing, both in inspiring change and entrenching resistance, and although his life was tragically cut short, his words and teachings still carry the same weight as when he first spoke them. It was my honor to join Mayor Sylvester Turner and other community leaders in our city's Annual MLK Day Parade. Click [here](#) to view my video of the MLK Day parade.

# 2020 Events at BakerRipley Gulfton Campus

The BakerRipley Center is a wonderful resource to residents of House District 137. They offer a multitude of services, from daycare to help with your taxes, and have always been a trusted partner to my office. In addition to offering great events on a monthly basis, my district office is located at BakerRipley. Feel free to stop by!



**LONE STAR  
LEGAL AID**



**CIVIL LEGAL CLINICS**  
6535 Rookin St. Houston, Texas 77074

**EVERY SECOND FRIDAY**

Pre-Register Online:  
<https://bakerripleyimmigration.as.me/>  
or call

**713-273-3707**  
for assistance with scheduling.

**WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH LONE STAR LEGAL AID!**

PLEASE VISIT US FOR OUR FREE CLINICS REGARDING:

- FAMILY LAW (DIVORCE, CHILD CUSTODY)
- DISASTER RELIEF
- LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES
- NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS (ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES, SERVICES)
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- CONSUMER (BREACHES, FRAUD, ABUSES)
- EMPLOYMENT (DISCRIMINATION, WAGE CLAIMS)
- HEALTHCARE
- HOUSING
- CIVIL MATTERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CONNECTING TEXAS KIDS TO HEALTH COVERAGE
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF CRIME
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
- LOW INCOME TAX PAYER CLINIC (DISPUTES, RIGHTS)
- CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO VETERANS & FAMILY
- JUVENILE ISSUES (DELINQUENCY, NEGLECT)
- WELFARE & INCOME ASSISTANCE



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LEGAL AID**



**CLINICAS LEGALES CIVILES**  
6535 Rookin St. Houston, Tx 77074

**CADA SEGUNDO VIERNES**

Pre-Regístrate a través del siguiente enlace:  
<https://bakerripleyimmigration.as.me/>  
or llame

**713-273-3707**  
para obtener ayuda en registrarse.

**¡NOS HEMOS ASOCIADO CON LONE STAR LEGAL AID!  
POR FAVOR VISÍTENOS PARA NUESTRAS CLINICAS GRATUITAS SOBRE:**

- LEY FAMILIAR (DIVORCIO, CUSTODIA INFANTIL)
- ALIVIO DE DESASTRES
- DISPUTAS DEL PROPIETARIO / INQUILINO
- PROBLEMAS DE VECINDARIO (MEDIO AMBIENTE, SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS, UTILIDADES)
- PODER LEGAL
- CONSUMIDOR (INCUMPLIMIENTOS, FRAUDE, ABUSOS)
- EMPLEO (DISCRIMINACIÓN, RECLAMACIONES DE SALARIOS)
- COBERTURA MEDICA
- ALOJAMIENTO
- MATERIAS CIVILES DE JUSTICIA PENAL
- CONECTANDO A NIÑOS DE TEXAS CON COBERTURA MEDICA
- ASISTENCIA LEGAL PARA VÍCTIMAS DE CRIMEN
- ASISTENCIA LEGAL PARA SOBREVIVIENTES DE ABUSO SEXUAL
- CLÍNICA DE IMPUESTOS PARA PERSONAS DE BAJOS RECURSOS (DISPUTAS, DERECHOS)
- SERVICIOS LEGALES CIVILES PARA VETERANOS Y FAMILIA
- CUESTIONES JUVENILES (DELINQUENCIA, NEGLIGENCIA)
- ASISTENCIA PARA PROGRAMAS PUBLICOS E INGRESOS



The Gulfton campus will also host a Food Fair and a Utility Assistance Drive this month. The Food Fair will be held February 18th at 8:00am, and the Utility Assistance Drive will take place February 20th at 9:00am. These events are free to the public, but space is limited.

For more information about events at BakerRipley, please visit their website or contact my district office to learn more.

# Asian Heritage Tours Bingo Challenge

Asian Heritage Tours are just one of the awesome services offered by the Chinese Community Center.

The tours offer cooking workshops, walking and bus tours of Asiatown, including Bellaire Blvd., Harwin, and Hillcroft, as well as tours of unique cultural sites. Cultural showcases are also offered, as well as innovative programming to engage our community like the BINGO challenge below!

You can learn more about Asian Heritage Tours and the Chinese Community Center [here](#).



**CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
中華文化服務中心

## Asian Heritage Tours

**B I N G O**

Hong Kong Food Street	Ishin Udon	Crawfish and Beignets	San Dong Noodle House	Mein Restaurant
Tasty Point	Kuen Noodle House	Nabemono King Flavor	Popfancy	Mala Sichuan Bistro
Tiger Den	House of Bowls		Bite of Spice	Xiong's Cafe
Star Snow Ice & Teriyaki	Okome Don	Aqua S	Lucky Dragon	Jang Guem Tofu and BBQ House
Don Cafe	Tofu Village	Chengdu Taste	Golden Dumpling House	Pine Forest Garden

[cchouston.org/tour](http://cchouston.org/tour) #asianheritagetours  
  cchouston  cchouston79

**Win gift cards, free tours, workshops, and more!**

### HOW TO PLAY

1. Visit and enjoy a meal at listed restaurants
2. Take a selfie of you in the restaurant
3. Post and tag us on:
  - Facebook or Instagram (@ccchouston)
  - or Twitter (@ccchouston79)
  - **and** use hashtag #asianheritagetours
4. Once you complete a row of 5 consecutive boxes in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line, email Cathy Podell, Asian Heritage Tour Coordinator, at [tours@ccchouston.org](mailto:tours@ccchouston.org) with your name and mailing address to claim your prize\*

\* Prizes include \$25 gift cards, free Asian Heritage Tours or workshops based on availability.



The Asian Heritage Tours are sponsored in part by the Southwest Management District.

# Small Business Resources

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Small business is an important part of what makes House District 137 such a special place. From restaurants with cuisines from all over the world, to specialty grocers and fashion, our small business community is as diverse as our district.

Click below for resources from the Small Business Association for tips and templates on writing a business plan. Additionally, the City of Houston's Office of Business Opportunity has information about permitting, licensing, and business development, as well as a plethora of resources to help you put your business plan into action.



## Have Something to Share?

If you or your organization has something you would like us to share in our newsletter, please feel free to send it our way!

Our monthly newsletters will be distributed during the final week of each month, so if there is any information you wish to share for the upcoming month, please send in submissions to my District Director, Jake Breault - [jake.breault@house.texas.gov](mailto:jake.breault@house.texas.gov)

The deadline to have your piece considered in that month's edition will be the 20th of each month (Ex. April announcements would need to be submitted before March 20th to be included in that month's edition).

My office truly values input from our community, and we look forward to sharing the great work that you all are doing.