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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

Friends,

From my family to yours, happy holidays!

West Oaks Hospital celebrated their 40th anniversary.

There's a new Spark Park at Collins Elementary!

HPD South Gessner and Midwest Command Stations are accepting donations for holiday events for kids in HD 137.

Holy Ghost Catholic Church is seeking vendors for their Christmas Market.

I joined Harris County Commissioners Court for a special recognition.

The City of Houston wants input from Gulfton on sidewalk improvements.

If you would like to have an announcement featured in our newsletter, please contact us at district137.wu@house.texas.gov for information on submissions and deadlines.

It is an honor to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,



Every year, members are invited to decorate a Christmas ornament to be displayed at the Texas Capitol. This year's ornament for HD 137 was designed by art students from Jane Long Academy. Great work!

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West Oaks Hospital 40th Anniversary

This year marked the 40th anniversary of West Oaks Hospital's service to the people of Southwest Houston.

West Oaks is the largest and longest-standing psychiatric hospital in the Greater Houston area, and offers a full continuum of mental health care from early childhood to adulthood.

Over the past four decades, West Oaks Hospital has been an invaluable resource to area residents who are struggling to overcome mental health issues, and in so doing, they have not only saved lives but immeasurably strengthened the community.

I was honored to speak at their 40th Anniversary ceremony, and present a resolution from the State of Texas, celebrating their achievements, and wish them 40 more years of service to our community.



Gene presenting a resolution at West Oaks Hospital 40th Anniversary celebration

Presentation of Texas Flag to Collins Elementary

Last month, I joined Collins Elementary School in Alief ISD for a ceremony celebrating the grand opening of their Spark Park. The new playground equipment will serve our students and communities for years to come!

I was honored to present them a State of Texas Flag that was flown over the Texas Capitol in their honor.

If you would like to request a flag to honor a special event or achievement of your organization or family, please contact my office and my staff would be happy assist you.



Gene with Principal Marshall at Collins Elementary Spark Park Ceremony

HPD Midwest Division Holiday Drive-Thru and South Gessner Annual Christmas Toy Drive

The Midwest Division of the Houston Police Department is planning a **holiday drive-thru** event to sponsor families for the holidays.

They have created an Amazon wish list where you can purchase items from the comfort of your own home that will be delivered to their station. These gifts will be given to families in need throughout HD 137.

You can view the wish list at:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/5MZY1XLWV0D/guest-view>

Houston Police Department

South Gessner



Christmas Toy Drive

Help brighten a child's spirit this
Christmas season!

Please donate by December 17th

EVENT WILL BE HELD:

DECEMBER 21, 2021 | 9-11 AM

**6227 SOUTHWEST FRWY
HOUSTON, TX 77074
832-394-2660**

The Houston Police Department South Gessner Station is hosting their Annual Christmas Toy Drive.

The event will be held: **December 21 from 9-11 a.m.**

6227 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074
832-394-2660

Help brighten a child's spirit for the holidays. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

Donations will be collected until December 17th. Please contact **Tammy Rodriguez**, with the Gulfton Citizen's Advisory Council for information on how to donate - carta0761@gmail.com; (832)394-2660

The holidays can be a difficult time for many families across our district. My office and our community partners greatly appreciate our district's commitment to helping each other during the holidays.

Christmas Market - December 18, 2021

Vendors needed for the Holy Ghost Church Christmas Market!

Saturday, December 18th, 2021, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Holy Ghost Catholic Church | 6921 Chetwood Drive
(Corner of Bellaire and Chimney Rock)

We are looking for artisans, crafters, and more! Candle makers, soap makers, wreaths and ornament makers, toys, books, last minute holiday gifts, foods, spices, and whatever you have to sell!

Contact Janie Carrillo at 713-668-0463 or carrilloj@holyghostchurch.net or Gabriella Mackin at marshalmackin@yahoo.com to sign up as a vendor. The last date to sign up is **December 15, 2021.**

VENDORS NEEDED!
**FOR THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS MARKET!**

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Holy Ghost Catholic Church | 6921 Chetwood, Houston, TX
77081 (Corner of Bellaire & Chimney Rock)

We are looking for artisans, crafters, and more! Candle makers, soap makers, wreaths and ornament makers, toys, books, last minute holiday gifts, foods, spices and whatever you have to sell!

\$50 for a table to be paid to the church; vendors keep the rest of their sales.

Contact Janie Carrillo at 713-668-0463 or carrilloj@holyghostchurch.net or Gabriella Mackin at marshalmackin@yahoo.com to sign up as a vendor. The last date to sign up is December 15, 2021. Please sign up ASAP so we know how many vendors we have!

Honoring Deacon Dan



Gene with Judge Hidalgo and the members of the Harris County Commissioners Court honoring Deacon Dan for his service to Harris County Youth

I was so fortunate to attend a recognition honoring Deacon Daniel Gilbert of the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston at Harris County Commissioners Court.

"Deacon Dan" as he's best known, has spent his career with the Special Youth Services team reaching juveniles who have fallen through society's cracks.

After decades of service, Deacon Dan is retiring. A special thank you to Commissioner Ellis and Judge Hidalgo for helping my office to honor such an outstanding individual. If you would like read the resolution honoring Deacon Dan, please click [here](#).

Gulfton Sidewalk Plan

PLAN DE BANQUETAS PARA LA COMUNIDAD DE GULFTON



QUEREMOS ESCUCHAR SUS COMENTARIOS!

La Ciudad de Houston está interactuando con la comunidad y el Consejo Super Neighborhoods para ayudar a identificar las necesidades de banquetas e inundaciones de la comunidad. Los objetivos del proyecto incluyen mejorar las banquetas existentes, construir banquetas donde haiga brechas, mejorar los problemas de inundación y drenaje y hacer de Gulfton una comunidad más resiliente. Sobre la base de los comentarios de la comunidad, análisis técnicos y las mejores prácticas en seguridad y diseño de carreteras, el plan identificará una visión para la comunidad.



CÓMO PARTICIPAR:

ENCUESTA:
bit.ly/3mF7011



SITIO WEB
DEL PROYECTO:
www.engagehouston.org/resilient-sidewalks



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GULFTON NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK PLAN



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The City of Houston is engaging with the community and the Super Neighborhoods Council to help identify community sidewalk and flooding needs. The project goals include enhancing existing sidewalks, filling in sidewalk gaps, improving flooding/drainage issues, and making Gulfton a more resilient community. Based on community feedback, technical analysis, and best practices in roadway safety and design, the plan will identify a vision for the neighborhood.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

SURVEY:
bit.ly/3mF7011



PROJECT WEBSITE:
www.engagehouston.org/resilient-sidewalks



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The City of Houston is looking for ways to improve sidewalks and flooding in the Gulfton neighborhood. Gulfton includes a mix of housing types, commercial uses, and a diverse population where multiple languages are spoken. This diversity make Gulfton a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

The project goals include enhancing existing sidewalks, filling in sidewalk gaps, improving flooding/drainage issues, and making Gulfton a more resilient community. The City is leading a comprehensive planning effort to identify community sidewalk and flooding needs. Based on community feedback, technical analysis, and best practices in roadway safety and design, the plan will identify an overall vision and implementation framework for the Gulfton Resilient Sidewalks Plan.

For more information on the project visit: www.engagehouston.org/resilient-sidewalks, or click on the images above.