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Friends,

Happy Lunar New Year!

I was pleased to join events throughout our district celebrating the Year of the Tiger.

This month, we celebrate and honor Black History in HD 137.

"Jugging" is a serious issue Southwest Houston. Learn more about how to protect yourself and your family.

Workforce Solutions is offering childcare assistance for persons employed in the service industry.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles took recent action to combat the use of fraudulent temporary paper license plates.

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,



Representative Wu at the Chinese Community Center's Lunar New Year celebration in HD 137.

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Happy Lunar New Year!



Gene and Houston Police Chief Finner Celebrating the Year of the Tiger

February 1st marked the beginning of Lunar New Year celebrations and the beginning of the Year of the Tiger. Lunar New Year, Chinese Chunjie, Vietnamese Tet, Korean Solnal, Tibetan Losar, also called Spring Festival is typically celebrated beginning with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ending on the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 15 days later. The origins of the Lunar New Year festival are thousands of years old and are steeped in legend.

This year is the Year of the Tiger. It is said that people born in the Year of the Tiger are born leaders, who are courageous and energetic, love a challenge or competition, and are prepared to take risks. They are hungry for excitement, and are sometimes rebellious, but always capable of great generosity and love. There is never a dull moment with a Tiger.

Tiger Years: 1902, 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022



Gene and Harris County Judge Hidalgo at a Lunar New Year Celebration in HD

February Is Black History Month



The original building of the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Click the image for more information.

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of Black Americans, and reflects on the origins of Black communities.

House District 137 was once the site of the Piney Point Freedman's Settlement, in what is now part of the Midwest neighborhood (Jeanetta/Fondren/Richmond/Westheimer). Across the street from Piney Point Elementary (a school whose roots extend back to a one-room school house in the Piney Point settlement) is the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1865, following the end of the Civil War, a group of Christian pioneers from Piney Point led by Rev. Max Austin and Sister Hannah Rasmus purchased property off the 8000 block of Westheimer Road. A church, cemetery, and a schoolhouse were constructed to serve the new community. The church building was later moved to the corner of Westheimer and Jeanetta leaving the remaining property in its entirety for memorial space.

The Pilgrim Rest congregation has over 150 years of history and leadership in Houston, and continues to serve as a historic and spiritual center for our district. I am honored to recognize the achievements and importance of Black Texans in founding our community, as we celebrate our history.



Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church as it stands today. Click the image to learn more about their storied history.

Crime Prevention - "Jugging"

Many thanks to [Southwest Management District](#) for this public service information. I encourage you to share this information with your neighbors and friends. Jugging is when a robber follows someone leaving a bank, drive-through or ATM and robs them or their vehicle at a later stop.

Protect yourself:

- Look for suspicious vehicles; backed into parking spaces, with dark windows, no front license plate, or suspicious looking occupant(s).
- Avoid indications that you are carrying cash.
- Check the rear view mirror frequently to see if you are being followed, if so, call 911 while driving to a police station.
- Avoid driving home since "juggers" may have used your license plate number to get your home address.
- Call 911 if you see someone else being "jugged".

Crime Prevention: "Jugging"



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防止犯罪: Jugging (盯梢銀行搶竊)

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Prevención de crímenes: "Jugging" Asaltantes

"Jugging" es cuando un ladrón sigue a alguien dejando un banco, paseo bancario, o ATM, y roba a la persona o su vehículo en una parada mas adelante.

Para Protegerse:

- Cuando este en el Banco busque vehículos sospechosos: vehículo que esta estacionados de reversa, con ventanas oscuras, sin placa de matrícula delantera, o ocupante(s) de aspecto sospechoso.
- Evite cualquier indicación que lleva dinero en efectivo.
- Revise su espejo retrovisor con frecuencia para ver si está siendo seguido y, si es así, llame al 911 mientras conduce a una estación de policía.
- Evite conducir a casa ya que los vigilantes "juggers" podrían haber usado su numero de placa para obtener la dirección de su casa.
- Por favor llame al 911 si usted piensa que alguien esta vigilando "jugging" a otra person.

"Jugging" (盯梢銀行搶竊) 是強盜跟蹤離開(銀行, 提存款車道, 自動存取款機)的銀行客戶, 並在後來停留的處所偷竊客戶的車輛或直接搶劫客戶。

保護自己的方法:

- 留意可疑的車輛: 倒退進入停車位的車輛, 深色車窗的車輛, 沒有前面車牌的車輛, 或有可疑乘客的車輛。
- 避免露出你有攜帶現金的任何跡象。
- 頻繁的由後視鏡查看是否有人在跟蹤你, 如果真的有, 撥打911 並開車前往警察局。
- 避免開車回家, 因為 "juggers" (盯梢銀行的搶竊犯) 可能已經由你的車牌號碼查出你家的住址。
- 如果你認為你看到別人被 "jugged" (盯梢銀行搶竊), 也請撥打911。

Phòng ngừa tội phạm: Jugging (tạm dịch "theo dõi để cướp")

"Jugging" được hiểu là tình trạng tên ăn cướp theo dõi một người vừa rời khỏi ngân hàng hoặc vừa dùng dịch vụ ngân hàng hoặc cột rút tiền tự động để cướp tài sản của họ hoặc phương tiện đi lại của họ khi họ đến trạm dừng kế tiếp.

Bằng cách nào để tự bảo vệ bản thân:

- Để ý đến những xe thấy có khả nghi: chẳng hạn như xe đầu lúi vào trong bãi đậu xe, có kiếng đen ở cửa kính xe, không có bảng số xe ở phía trước hoặc những người có dáng vẻ đáng ngờ.
- Đừng thể hiện cho người khác thấy là quý vị đang có mang theo tiền mặt trong người.
- Nhìn vào kiếng chiếu hậu thường xuyên hơn để coi có bị ai theo dõi không, nếu có thì gọi 911 hoặc chạy thẳng đến trạm cảnh sát gần nhất.
- Tránh chạy thẳng về nhà vì có thể "juggers" (tạm dịch "những kẻ theo dõi để cướp") có thể kiểm được địa chỉ nhà của quý vị thông qua bảng số xe.
- Hãy gọi 911 nếu bạn nghĩ bạn thấy người nào đó đang thực hiện hành vi theo dõi để cướp ("jugged").

Service Industry Recovery Child Care

This program is designed to provide care for children of parents who are employed in the Service Industry and have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. If eligible, the parents can receive 12 months of childcare assistance without a Parent Share of Cost. Learn more about eligibility requirements here: <https://www.wrksolutions.com/for-individuals/financial-aid/financial-aid-for-child-care/service-industry-recovery-child-care>

Need a Provider?

Workforce Solutions makes direct payments to the childcare providers chosen by eligible parents to help you keep your job, train for a better job or search for a job. A provider must be approved by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to qualify for payment by Workforce Solutions. Workforce Solutions can help you find a provider in your area. For more information on providers, go to the [Find a Child Care Provider](#) page on their website.



Application to Apply

- English - [Click Here to apply for \(SIR\) Child Care.](#)
- Spanish - [Click Here to apply for \(SIR\) Child Care.](#)

Update from Texas Department of Motor Vehicles: Temporary Tags



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

HELPING TEXANS GO. HELPING TEXAS GROW.

Many of you have reached out to my office regarding the abuse of the temporary vehicle tags issued via paper plates. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) recently took actions to deter the fraudulent use of these temporary tags.

To stop the fraudulent production and use of temporary tags, the TxDMV board established limits on the number of temporary tags available to dealers and will deny bad actors access to the temporary tag database as soon as fraudulent activity has been identified. These actions will have immediate effect, once filed with the Texas Register. TxDMV will begin using the new authority to deny bad actors access to the temporary tag system immediately.

The Board actions implement [House Bill 3927](#), enacted by the Texas Legislature during the 87(R). These tools will reduce the ability of criminals to print unlimited numbers of temporary tags for illegal purposes while ensuring legitimate dealers retain full access to temporary tags needed to support vehicle sales. I was proud to vote in favor of HD 3927, though there is still more work to be done.

My office truly values the input we've received from our community on this pervasive issue, and will continue to fight in Austin to help prevent this illegal activity.