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NEWSLETTER

April 2022

Friends,

Ramadan Mubarak! May this Ramadan bring joy, health, and wealth to all those who are celebrating.

There are volunteer opportunities in HD 137 to deliver dinners to those in our community celebrating Ramadan.

Getting tested for COVID-19 is free, easy, and keeps our families and neighbors safe!

The METRO Board of Directors has released an agency-wide Climate Action Plan.

International Management District is hosting their International Kite Festival later this month.

Houston Community College is offering FREE training for high demand occupations.

April is National Autism Awareness Month. Social Motion offers classes for youth with autism.

Texas will be having a special election on May 7th for two proposed constitutional amendments.

Air Alliance Houston is looking for volunteers to host air quality monitors.

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,



Gene with Gulfton Municipal Management District board members at the Gulfton March Against Crime event.

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Hot Meal Deliveries to Refugee Families

The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services will be helping their clients celebrate Ramadan this year by making special dinner deliveries each Friday and Saturday this month as people break their fast.

If you're interested in volunteering to deliver meals, you can click the image or [sign up here](#). The available shifts are listed below:

Friday, April 15

Saturday, April 16

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

If you have any questions, the Alliance's Volunteer Coordinator is reachable at mnabhani@thealliancetxt.org.



Free COVID-19 Testing

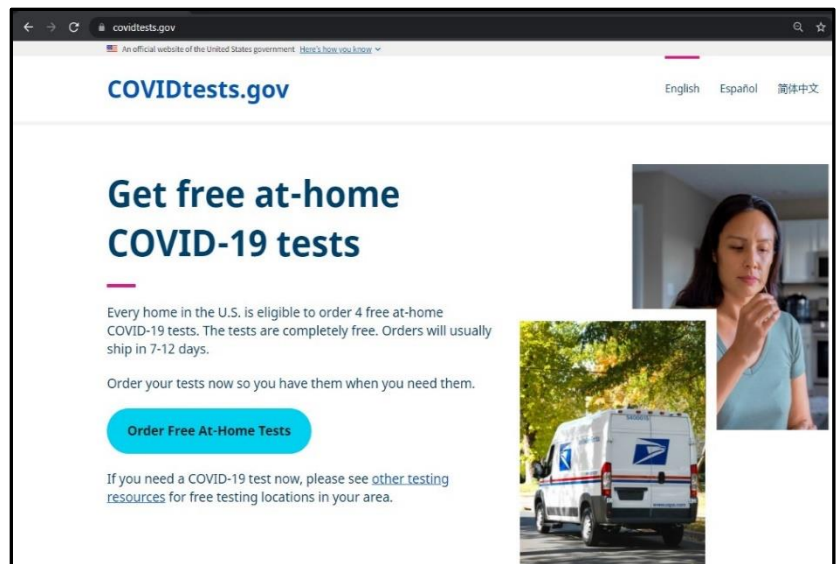
Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 **free** at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days and will be delivered by USPS.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Click the image or follow the link below to order your tests: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Provide results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines

[Additionally, the Houston Health Department offers numerous free testing sites located throughout the city. Please click on the image to the right to view locations and more information:](#)



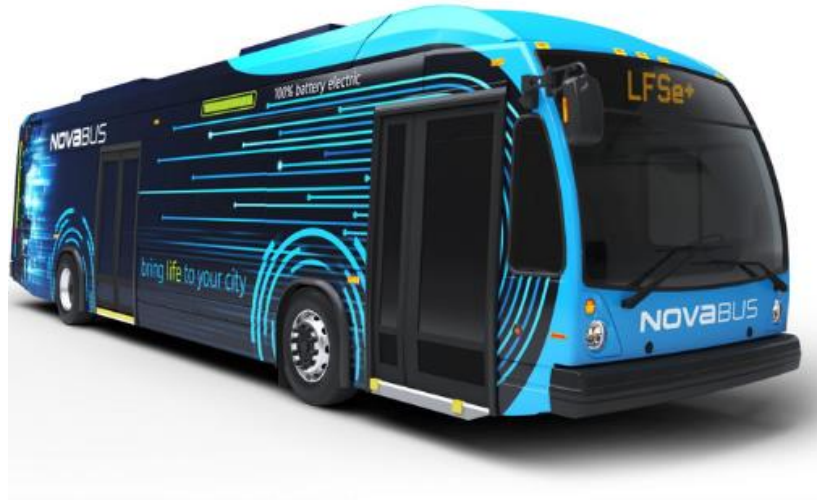
METRO Climate Action Plan

This year, the METRO Board of Directors has adopted an agency-wide Climate Action Plan, "which charts a path to a more resilient and sustainable future." It is guided by the Federal Transit Administration's Sustainable Transit for a Healthy Planet Challenge, which aims to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent or more by 2030.

As a part of their Climate Action Plan, METRO has purchased:

- 20 full-size electric buses (pictured to the right) and
- 10 paratransit vans.

Additionally, METRO will soon explore the use of vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cell electric technology. METRO is committed to meeting a 100 percent zero-emissions bus replacement goal by 2030.



To read more about METRO's Climate Action Plan, click the METRO logo below:



International Kite Festival

On Saturday, April 30 from 10 AM - 1 PM, the International Management District will be hosting their International Kite Festival. The festival will be in the **International Community Garden, located at 8409 1/2 Dairy View Houston, TX 77072.**

This exciting event is free and perfect for kids of all ages. In addition to kite contests, the event will also have a petting zoo, rock wall, fun games, face painting, and more.

The first 200 kids will receive free kites and categories for the kite contests include:

- largest
- smallest
- most unique
- highest-flying
- most colorful.

International District

INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022 10AM-1PM

International Community Garden 8409 1/2 Dairy View Houston, TX 77072

FREE EVENT!
Petting zoo, rock wall, fun games, face painting & more!

FREE KITES TO THE FIRST 200 KIDS!
Kite Contests for Largest, Smallest, Unique, Highest, and most Colorful kites!

Follow us to see all of the great things going on in our community

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Houston Community College FREE Fast-Track Training



Fast Track Training for Free

Houston Community College (HCC) is offering FREE training for high-demand occupations to help students in need of jobs get them.

Available programs in the fast-track program are:

- **Air Conditioning Technician (English)**
- **Air Conditioning (Bilingual)**
- **Carpentry/Framing**
- **Certified Logistics Associate/Technician**
- **Child Development Associate**
- **Commercial Truck Driving**
- **CompTia A+**
- **CompTia Cloud+**
- **Comprehensive Medical Coding Systems**
- **Cyber Security**
- **Desktop Support and Networking Specialist**
- **EKG Technician**
- **Electrical Technician (English/Spanish)**
- **Drone Remote Pilot Certification**
- **Drywall Installation and Repair**
- **Industrial Scaffolding**
- **Medical Business Office Professional**
- **Network+ (CPMT 1049 only)**
- **Plumbing I & II**
- **Welding Technician (English/Spanish)**
- **Pipefitting Training**
- **Residential Construction**
- **Sheet metal Training**

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these occupations, the HCC Fast-Track Interest form can be accessed [here](#).

Social Motion - Classes for Youth with Autism

April is World Autism Month beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Social Motion is offering classes to help children with autism build social skills in some key areas including communication, perspective, self-awareness, self- advocacy and personal responsibility.

Topics include:

- How to join/leave conversations
- Using social filters
- Using social media appropriately
- How to ask for help
- Accepting constructive criticism
- Handling big emotions
- Identifying what a good friend look like



All classes are free depending on income eligibility and will be held at Gethsemane Church, located at 6856 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77074. For more information visit www.socialmotionskills.org.

Texas Special Election - May 7th

Governor Greg Abbott [issued a proclamation](#) setting Saturday, May 7, 2022 as the special election day for two proposed constitutional amendments in Texas.

The League of Women Voters of Texas has prepared a Voters Guide for the 2022 Special Constitutional Amendments Election using the analyses [language from the Texas Legislative Council](#).

The League's nonpartisan Voters Guide is available [English](#) or [Spanish](#). And if you'd rather listen to their video on the proposed constitutional amendments you may find them at [Proposition One](#) and [Proposition Two](#).

Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

87th Texas Legislature, 2nd and 3rd Called Sessions
May 7, 2022, Election



Searching for Volunteers to Host Air Monitors in The Gulfton Area

Concerned about air pollution in your community?



APIS air monitor

Air Alliance Houston is looking for volunteers to host air quality monitors outside of their homes, community centers, businesses or schools.

How does this benefit me?

- Gain hard data on air pollution in your neighborhood
- Help AAH and your community make informed actions to improve air quality
- Receive a \$30 'thank you' gift card if chosen to host a monitor

What do I need in order to host an air monitor?

- An outdoor plug
- Strong wifi connection (to upload air quality data)
- Be located in the 77081 Zipcode*

*Proximity to suspected pollution emitters will be taken into consideration. Not all interested parties will receive an air monitor.

AAH started the Community Air Monitoring Program in early 2021 to give communities more agency and information over and on their air quality.

PurpleAir air monitor



Want to host an air monitor or have questions?

Please contact Juan Flores at juan@airalliancehouston.org | 713-553-6351

Want more info on AAH and our work? Sign up to our mailing list using tinyurl.com/subscribeeah

www.airalliancehouston.org

Everyone has a right to breathe clean air.



Le preocupa la contaminación del aire en su comunidad?



monitor de aire APIS

Buscamos voluntarios para alojar monitores de calidad de aire fuera de sus hogares, centros comunitarios, negocios o escuelas.

¿Cómo me beneficia esto a mí?

- Obtenga datos concretos sobre la contaminación del aire en su vecindad
- Ayude a AAH y a su comunidad a tomar acciones informadas para mejorar la calidad del aire
- Reciba una tarjeta de regalo de \$30 como agradecimiento si es seleccionado para alojar un monitor

¿Qué necesito para alojar un monitor de aire?

- Un enchufe en el exterior
- Fuerte conexión de wifi (para subir datos de calidad de aire)
- Estar localizado en el código postal 77081*

*La proximidad a emisores de contaminantes sospechados se tomará en cuenta. No todas las partes interesadas recibirán un monitor de aire.

AAH comenzó el programa comunitario de monitoreo de aire a principios del 2021 para darle a las comunidades más poder e información sobre su calidad de aire.

monitor de aire PurpleAir



¿Quiere alojar un monitor de aire o tiene preguntas?

Favor de contactar a Juan Flores en juan@airalliancehouston.org | 713-553-6351

¿Quiere más información sobre AAH y nuestro trabajo? Inscríbese a nuestra lista de correos utilizando tinyurl.com/subscribeeah

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