

Dear Residents,

I hope each of you had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and had the opportunity to be with family and friends. As 2021 draws to a close, I reflect on many blessings we experienced over the last 12 months. I can't help but be grateful for the opportunity to serve the City of Houston and the residents of District E.

I am grateful to have met the people I have, to work daily with my colleagues around the council table, and to be involved in the many exciting projects and developments underway across the district. I am so proud of all the hard work, dedication, and growth our Houston Spaceport in Clear Lake has experienced this year. I am so happy to see all the road improvements projects that have been completed across District E, and I am excited to see even more road improvement projects that are still to come.

From Kingwood to Clear Lake, there are multiple developments in the works that will enhance the quality of life for residents and generate a significant economic impact, not only on District E but the city as a whole. We look forward to bringing more news about these projects and developments after the first of the new year.

It is with a heavy heart that I wish Katherine Cunningham, my Deputy Chief of Staff and member of the District E Office team for the past 6 years, a fond farewell as she moves onto the next chapter of her career. Kat has found an opportunity that she just cannot pass up and will move her closer to family. We wish her well and will miss her greatly.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Please note that our council office will be closed on Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve for my staff to spend time with their families. We will be anxiously waiting to respond to your calls and emails when we return to the office on January 4.

Sincerely,

David P. Martin

Desilting Under Kingwood Bridges



Houston Public Works maintenance crews are performing desilting under certain bridges in Kingwood. This work is being funded through the City's general maintenance and operation funds.



Crews have now completed work on the Kingwood Drive Bridge over the Diversion Ditch and the Kingwood Drive Bridge over Bens Branch.

The scope of work included removing accumulated silt and sediment from underneath the bridge and in the immediate vicinity of the bridge apron.

Houston Public Works will now focus on the Northpark Drive Bridge over Kingwood Diversion Ditch and Tree Lane Bridge over Bens Branch. Work underneath these bridges should commence within the next month or two.

All of these bridges are being addressed in conjunction with Harris County Flood Control District to complement their recent desilting efforts on [Bens Branch](#) and [Kingwood Diversion Ditch](#). Other bridges in addition to the ones mentioned are being investigated for desilting as well and our office will provide updates as information becomes available.

Lakeshore Elementary SPARK Park Dedication



Mayor Pro Tem Martin had the privilege of attending the dedication of the Lakeshore Elementary SPARK Park. The [SPARK School Park Program](#) works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on public school grounds. The school staff and students put together an excellent program celebrating the SPARK Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin provided \$10,000 out of Council District Service Funds to help fund the park. This SPARK Park was possible thanks to the help of [Humble Independent School District](#), Lakeshore Elementary PTO, Lakeshore Elementary staff, and many others!



Proclamations Presented at HCA Healthcare-Kingwood



Mayor Pro Tem Martin, visited HCA Healthcare-Kingwood to proclaim November 17, 2021, as HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood Security Department Day in District E. This day was to honor the security staff who protect the personnel and property rights of HCA Healthcare's patients, visitors, and employees. I am grateful to have such an excellent healthcare facility in our wonderful community.



City of Houston Street Rehab Initiative Underway in Kingwood



Houston Public Works began a street rehabilitation project on Tuesday, September 7, starting on Forest Way.

The scope of work includes rehabbing the concrete streets of Forest Way, Royal Forest Drive, Rockmead Drive, Stonehollow Drive, Green Oak Drive, and Chestnut Ridge Road north of Kingwood Drive.

The cost of the project is \$920,000 and is funded through the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund. The project is a product of Mayor Turner's Street Rehab Initiative that was launched in [September 2020](#). The initiative will focus on extending the life of existing

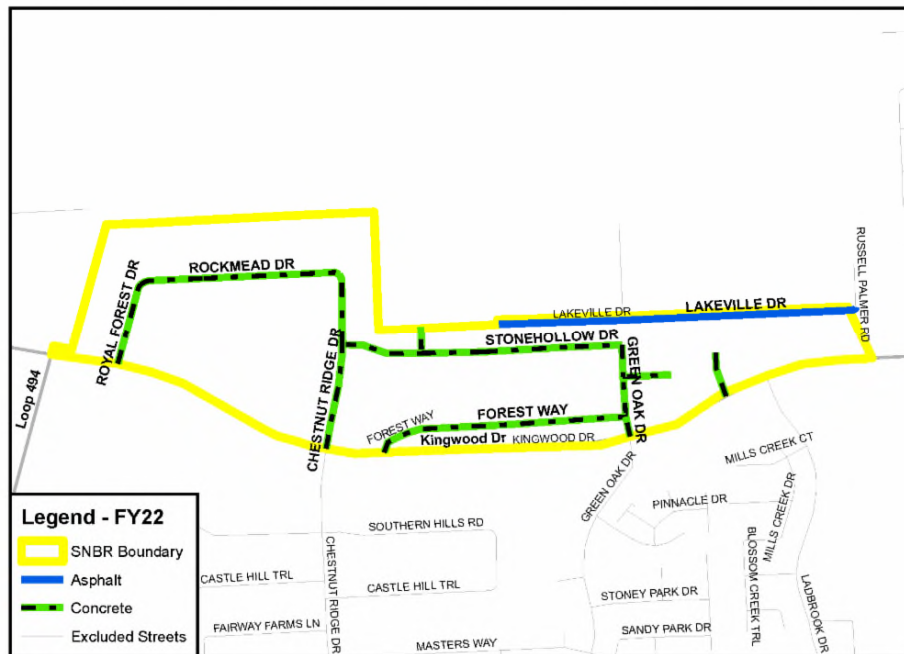
infrastructure by rehabilitating street surfaces, fixing curbs, storm drains and bringing ramps up to accessibility standards.

Crews were mobilized on-site beginning Tuesday, September 7 and the project is anticipated to be completed by Wednesday, December 29, weather permitting. Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

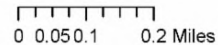
As a result of the construction activities, please be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on-site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as the project may require a one-lane closure. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times and may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area.

SNBR 43-1483 Neighborhood: KINGWOOD AREA

Council District E: Concrete = 4.181 Lane-Miles Asphalt = 1.348 Lane-Miles



CITY OF HOUSTON
Houston Public Works
Transportation and Drainage Operations
DISCLAIMER: THIS MAP REPRESENTS THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE CITY.
THE CITY DOES NOT WARRANT ITS ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS.
FIELD VERIFICATIONS SHOULD BE DONE AS NECESSARY.



West Lake Houston Parkway Panel Replacement Scheduled



Houston Public Works will start panel replacements on W Lake Houston Pkwy on Monday, December 6. The scope of work includes replacing damaged concrete panels along the north and southbound lanes of W Lake Houston Parkway from Kingwood Drive to Magnolia Cove Drive. The cost of the project is \$38,200 and is funded through District E Council District Service Funds.

The project is anticipated to be completed by Monday, December 27, weather permitting. Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Solid Waste Management Department

Launches HTX Collects Mobile App



The Houston Solid Waste Management Department has launched [HTX Collects](#), a mobile app that will allow residents to stay better connected with the City's waste and recycling collection programs.

The Solid Waste Management Department collects curbside service for over 395,000 residential homes within the city limits. With both garbage (black can) and recycling (green can) as the core operations for curbside collections, the mobile app will help residents keep track of weekly services, updates, and collection delays.

[HTX Collects](#), will include collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste and tree/junk waste specific to their service address. The mobile app will also send a reminder to residents of their collection days.

Residents can find and download the mobile app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching for the keywords Houston Trash and Recycling. We encourage residents to use the following features of the new app:

Collection Calendar: Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, Junk/Tree Waste services. Set reminders and receive alerts via email, push notifications, and phone call.

Waste Wizard: Searchable solid waste directory, curbside services, and drop-off location information.

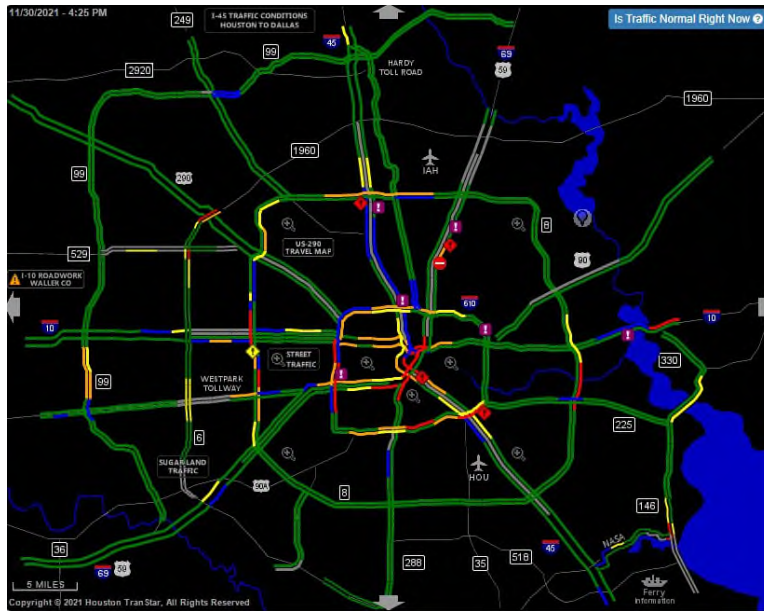
Waste Sorting Game: Fun, interactive educational tool to engage, challenge and change recycling behavior.

Those who do not have an Apple or Android device can visit our website HoustonRecycles.org and search their home address in the My Schedule tool. They can also:

- Sign up to receive waste collection reminders by email or phone call.
- Download their collection schedule into their iCal, Google calendar, or Microsoft Outlook calendar.
- Print their personalized collection schedule.
- Residents can also search the Waste Wizard on HoustonRecycles.org to learn how to recycle or dispose of materials properly.

Houston TranStar Roadway Flood Warning System





Even though Hurricane Season is over, Houston TranStar Roadway Flood Warning System is always available at traffic.houstontranstar.org or through the Houston TranStar App for any heavy rains that might pop-up in our area. Don't forget to follow Houston TranStar on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Remember to always be weather ready.





PROTECT OUR PIPES

Help keep fats, oils, grease, and other items from going down the drain.

GREASE CLOGS PIPES

Put Grease in its Place



POUR
in a safe container



COOL
in the fridge



TOSS
in the trash

WIPES CLOG PIPES

Only Flush the 3 P's



PEE
is easily processed



POO
breaks down



TOILET PAPER
dissolves in water



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The John Garrison Scholarship



iLife Shell Federal

The John Garrison Scholarship

\$50,000 in scholarship awards will be provided to **20 deserving students** from the High School Class of 2022

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

- Must own or establish a Shell FCU savings account in applicant's name
- Account must be in good standing with a minimum \$5.00 balance
- Must be a graduating high school senior in the 2021-2022 school year
- Must plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States

For complete details, see the official application

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online or download the application at SFCUilife.org

Scholarship is open October 1st, 2021 - January 15th, 2022

QUESTIONS? If you have questions or concerns, contact Ashley Gebhardt at (713) 844-1126 or email Ashley.Gebhardt@shellfcu.org

Shell FCU will be awarding scholarships to 20 lucky 2022 graduating seniors. The scholarship is easy to fill out and a simple way to earn some cash to pay for college. You are eligible to apply if you meet the following criteria:

- Must own or establish a Shell FCU savings account in applicant's name.
- Account must be in good standing with a minimum \$5.00 balance.
- Planning to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States.
- Must be a graduating high school senior in the 2021-2022 school year.

If you meet these requirements, then you can apply! The John Garrison Scholarship awards were established in 2000 in memory of John Garrison, a dedicated member of the Shell Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. Mr. Garrison served on the Board for over 50 years as a volunteer; his vision and volunteer spirit is still an inspiration for us all. Our hope is that applicants will embrace that same spirit and carry it forward into their own careers and beyond. Submit completed application online or return completed application and required documentation to any Shell FCU location or mail to P.O Box 578 Deer Park TX, 77536, ATTN:

Marketing and must be postmarked by Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply online. www.sfcuilife.org

HFD Safety Tips for Heating Devices



With the temperature forecasted to drop into the 40s and 50s for the next several days, the Houston Fire Department urges citizens to be careful and follow some simple safety tips when using space heaters, fireplaces and other supplemental heating sources.

Citizens should always keep in mind that: Space Heaters Need Space. The Houston Fire Department recommends the following safety tips when using supplemental heating sources:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and a working carbon monoxide alarm if you use gas or a fireplace (including a wood-burning fireplace) for your heating.
- Never leave children unattended in a room with a space heater.
- Children may also stick paper or toys in the grates of the space heaters especially gas space heaters.
- Keep all combustible materials, including yourself at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Open face heaters should have a screen.
- Provide ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning*

Vented Gas / Fired Heating Appliances Tips - Central heating units, floor furnaces, recessed wall heaters, and vented space heaters.

- Inspect annually by a qualified service technician.

- Do not use these type units without a proper vent pipe. Vent pipes must exhaust to the outside!
- If your flame is not blue, it is not burning properly. It is producing Carbon Monoxide, which can't be seen, smelled or tasted. Turn it off.
- Use flexible metal tubing with threaded ends to connect the heater to the gas valve. There should be a cutoff valve for the heater at the wall. Never use a rubber hose to connect a space heater to the gas valve!
- Use soapy water to check all connections and valves for leaks. NEVER use a match to test for a gas leak!
- Look for the American Gas Association label and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper usage.

Electric Heaters Tips

- Never overload outlets or breakers
- Don't use extension cords for the heater. If the cord is hot to the touch, turn off the heater and unplug it!
- Electric heaters permanently installed in the wall or ceiling should have lint and dust removed regularly.

Just like a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from a fireplace, and create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room
- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended, particularly when children are present.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container, and kept at a safe distance from your home.
- Make sure you open your fireplace flue, if applicable.

*Carbon Monoxide

- Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that can kill you before you are even aware of it.
- Carbon Monoxide can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness, disorientation and fatigue, often mistaken for the flu.
- Have a working carbon monoxide alarm if you use gas appliances and/or a fire place (gas and wood-burning).
- When your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, ventilate the house with fresh air by opening windows and doors.

Houston Public Works Engage Houston Website



ENGAGEHOUSTON CHALLENGE
FROM NOVEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 9, 2021

ENGAGEHOUSTON.ORG
CONTEST 2021

Competing to be the Council District with the greatest number of registered users on EngageHouston.org

www.engagehouston.org



Howdy, Neighbor!

Houston Public Works knows the best decisions are made together.

Engage Houston makes it easy to share ideas on improvement projects, ask questions & be heard!

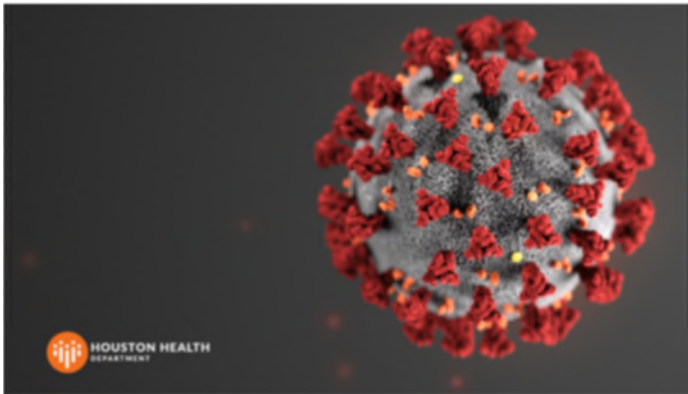
EngageHouston.org

SCAN ME!

HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS

Houston Public Works has launched a new website [ENGAGEHOUSTON.ORG](https://www.engagehouston.org) which allows residents to find and follow upcoming and ongoing Houston Public Works projects in their area. Residents can sign up to receive updates on specific projects, and leave questions and comments about a project, for City Engineers to answer.

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Information



Residents should continue frequent hand washing, social distancing, and wearing masks. Find free, fast, and safe COVID-19 testing sites [here](#).


As of Monday, May 10, 2021, everyone age 12 and older is now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas. The state's Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel

recommended opening vaccination to everyone who falls under the current Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorizations. All vaccines are authorized for people age 18 and older. The Pfizer vaccine is authorized for people 12 and older.

The City's vaccination sites are accepting appointments and walk-ins. For availability please go to [HoustonEmergency.org/covid19](https://www.houstonemergency.org/covid19).

Booster doses are now available for people in certain groups who received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine **at least six months ago**. All COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection for most people, but a **booster shot** can help strengthen protection against severe disease in populations whose immunity may have started to wane and who are at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 or complications from severe disease. While **boosters** will help protect people in these groups, the key to ending the pandemic and preventing future surges remains more people getting their first and second doses.

More information about boosters and additional doses can be found at houstonemergency.org/covid19.



Additional Dose vs. Booster Shot

An additional dose is intended to improve immunocompromised people's response to their initial vaccine series. A booster dose is given to people when the immune response to a primary vaccine series is likely to have waned over time.


Additional Dose:
People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised need an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after the initial two doses.


Booster Shot:
Certain populations need a booster shot of Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months after completion of their two-dose Pfizer vaccine series.

[Visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19.](https://HoustonEmergency.org/covid19)

houstonhealth.org
832-393-4220

take your **BEST SHOT!**





NORTH SECTOR RESIDENTS

FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING

Bring Your Used Electronics to Recycle!



1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM - 3PM

KINGWOOD METRO PARK & RIDE

COVID-19 GUIDELINES
Increased safety protocol due to Covid-19. Residents will be required to wear a mask or face covering when talking to staff on site. Residents are encouraged to place items for drop-off in their trunk for easy contactless unloading.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Computers	Hubs	Mice & Keyboards
Routers	Printers	Switches
Laptops	Cables	Fax Machines
Power Cords	Servers	Cell Phones
UPS	DVD Players	Tablets
VCRs	Cable Boxes	Toner Cartridges
Scrap Wire	Ink Jet Cartridges	Cookers
Monitors	TiVs	

*CRT TV's up to 27" and Flat Screen up to 55"

[WWW.HOUSTONSOLIDWASTE.ORG](https://www.houstonsolidwaste.org)






See a pothole, report it by calling (713) 837-0311 or use a [Smartphone App](#).



Get the latest on COVID-19 including locations of active testing sites can be found [here](#).

<https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>



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