

# FORT BEND HOUSTON SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 41 NEWS



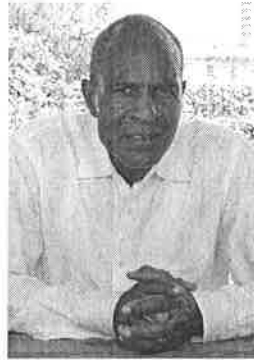
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Carl David Evans, Chasewood

Greetings,

Many of our residents have lived in the City of Houston for many years and did not realize they live in a super neighborhood that is recognized by the City of Houston's governing body, which includes the mayor's office and city council. Are you one of those people? Well, you are not alone! In the first edition of our newsletter we will identify what a super neighborhood is and list the communities associated with the Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council 41.



According to the City of Houston Government Center "A super neighborhood is a geographically designated area where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. The boundaries of each super neighborhood rely on major physical features (bayous, freeways, etc.) to group together contiguous communities that share common physical characteristics, identity or infrastructure.

The super neighborhood elects a council comprised of area residents and stakeholders that serves as a forum to discuss issues and identify and implement priority projects for the area."

I like defining a super neighborhood council like this, it is a group of community organizations that consists of HOA's, civic clubs, religious and business organizations that works together and serve as a liaison between city government mayors office, city council and the communities of Houston.

If you want major improvement in your communities, work with your super neighborhood councils. Houston has approximately 88 super neighborhood councils. The residents of Fort Bend Houston is a part of the Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council 41.

The communities currently a part of our council are:

Benchmark/Quail Bridge HOA  
Clark Springs  
Briar Villa HOA  
Green Valley Estates CIA  
Briar Willow CIA  
Green Valley Civic Club  
Briargate CIA  
Mayfair Park Civic Club  
Briargate Townhouse HOA Inc.  
Meadow Crest HOA  
Chasewood Civic Club  
Quail Glenn HOA  
Chasewood CIA  
Quail Village HOA  
Ridgegate CIA  
Southwest Crossing HOA  
Westbury Village  
Ridgemont CIA  
Willow Park II HOA  
Religious Institutions

*Carl David Evans*, President (FBHSN)  
Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council 41,  
(MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
LOCATIONS TBA EACH MONTH)

## Moving Forward Together

*Next meeting April 13*

### PINNACLE Senior Center

**Invites you to our  
Annual St. Patrick's Day Health Fair  
March 17, 2017 10am – 1pm**

**Address:** 5525#C Hobby Road, Houston, Texas 77053  
**Telephone:** 832-471-2760 or 832-471-2765

**Hours of operation:** Monday – Friday 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM;  
Saturday 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (2 Blocks north of FM 2234  
next to Christa McAuliffe Middle School),  
<http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>, see March calendar under  
programs and activities.

### OUR CITY, STATE, AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

**Ron Reynolds, State Representative, District 27**  
2440 Texas Parkway, Suite 102, Missouri City, TX 77489  
P 281.208.3574      F 281.208.3696

[RON.REYNOLDS@HOUSE.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:RON.REYNOLDS@HOUSE.TEXAS.GOV)

**Larry V. Green, Councilman, Houston City Council Member, District K; Chief of Staff, Donald Perkins**  
[donald.perkins@houstontx.gov](mailto:donald.perkins@houstontx.gov)

**Dwight A. Boykins, Houston City Council Member, District D**

**Art Acevedo, Houston Chief of Police**

**Sam Pena, Houston Fire Chief**

**Ed Gonzalez, Harris County Sheriff**

**Kim Ogg, Harris County District Attorney**

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR CITY OF HOUSTON SUMMER JOBS

The City of Houston has just announced that it has more than 450 summer jobs available for students between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age. It's a great opportunity to "learn and earn" while making \$8 or more an hour. Students can start applying today, and the final deadline is March 20. The positions offer at least 32 hours a week from June 12 to Aug. 3.

City departments now hiring include:

- Library Operations
- Houston Police Department
- Park Maintenance
- Parks Community Centers
- Houston Fire Department
- Information Technology
- Houston Health Department

For a complete list of departments and to apply, visit [www.houstontx.gov/summerjobs](http://www.houstontx.gov/summerjobs).

Questions? Email [SummerJobs@serhouston.org](mailto:SummerJobs@serhouston.org) or call 713-773-6004 or 832-393-6148.

### JOB WEB SITES:

Indeed.com  
Jobungo.com  
JobInsider.com  
CommunityServiceJobInsider.com  
AdministrativeJobInsider.com  
FindYourCareer.com  
MyJobHelper.com  
Jobs2Careers.com  
Wullo.com  
Glassdoor.com  
TexasJobDepartment.com  
JobCommittee.com

## RIDGEGATE

by Annie Smith, Ridgeway

President Annie Smith would like to form a superneighborhood clean up committee. Anyone interested please contact Annie at 281.728.4536 or [anniesmith6281@sbcglogal.net](mailto:anniesmith6281@sbcglogal.net). Rental information for the Ridgeway clubhouse can be obtained by calling Austin Properties at 713.776.1771.

Our Webpage: [MASCAustinproperties.com](http://MASCAustinproperties.com) and click on the Ridgeway tab.



## TEJANO VETERANS ASSOCIATION All Veterans Welcomed!

Meetings: 7pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
HCC Southeast Workforce Building, Room 208  
6815 Rustic Lane, Houston, TX 77087  
Commander Jerry Acevedo, retired HFD  
[832.859.6199/aj6fireemu@yahoo.com](mailto:832.859.6199/aj6fireemu@yahoo.com)

*Veterans Helping Veterans*

## Houston Police Department Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings



District K has three (3) active PIP meetings administered by the Houston Police Department. All PIP meetings are open to the public; regardless of where you live. Following is the one closest to our area.

**Hiram Clarke HPD Storefront**  
**4363 West Fuqua St.**  
**Houston, TX 77053**

For more information, please contact the HPD Hiram Clarke Storefront at 713-433-2720. The Hiram Clarke HPD Storefront hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

NEXT PIP MEETING, MONDAY MARCH 13 @ 7:00 PM

### DISTRICT K UPDATES

## SAVE THE DATE! - District K Announces the 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Meeting

by Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff

Council Member Green is scheduled to host the annual District K CIP meeting on **Thursday, March 9, 2017**. This year's CIP meeting will occur at Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 West Fuqua St., 77045 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### District K CIP meeting

Hiram Clarke MSC – 3810 West Fuqua St., 77045

### District K Pet & Wellness Event

Saturday, March 11 @ 6:30 a.m.

Hiram Clarke MSC

Tuesday, March 14 @ 6:30 a.m.

Fiesta Shopping Center (Fondren @ West Bellfort)

### District K Neighborhood 101 workshop – Estate Planning & Law – (targeting District K seniors)

Saturday, March 18 @ 9:30 a.m.

Westbury High School (Lecture Hall)

RSVP is required. Contact Donald Perkins via e-mail or contact the District K office – 832-393-3016

### Keep District K Beautiful Day

Saturday, April 8

### United Way Community Building Grant Program

Awards \$1000 to \$10000 in grants to 501c3 and 501c4 organizations

Mandatory workshop date is April 3

Application deadline date is April 11

The CIP meetings are held every year to inform citizens of upcoming projects scheduled in their respective communities. The meetings afford citizens an opportunity to learn, voice their concerns and address City of Houston officials regarding project planning & delivery. An update on the city's implementation of Rebuild Houston will be provided as well.

An Interactive Map and documents for ReBuild Houston's Draft "5+5" ten-year plan (FY 2018 - 2022) can be viewed at [www.rebuildhouston.org](http://www.rebuildhouston.org). To view the current FY 2017-2021 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan (or any of the CIPs from the last 5 years), visit [www.houstontx.gov/cip](http://www.houstontx.gov/cip)

## Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels serves senior citizens age 60 and over living in Fort Bend and Waller Counties. We provide services at the following locations, which are open Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Some locations are listed below.

1. HomeTowne on Bellfort  
10888 Huntington Estates Dr. • Houston 77099  
281.633.7049  
Congregate Center
2. Fifth Street Community Center  
3110 5th Street • Stafford 77477  
281.499.2616  
Congregate Center
3. Fort Bend YMCA  
4433 Cartwright Road • Missouri City 77459  
281.633.7049  
Congregate Center
4. Christ United Methodist Church  
3300 Austin Parkway • Sugar Land 77479  
281.633.7049  
Distribution Center
5. The Huntington at Sienna  
4522 Trammel Fresno Road • Missouri City 77459  
281.633.7049  
Congregate Center
6. Mustang Community Center  
4521 FM 521 N. • Fresno 77545  
281.431.0776  
Congregate Center

## WWW.SOUTHTEXASDENTAL.COM

We can help you apply/renew:  
SNAP (Food Stamps)  
TANF (Temporary Assistancess)  
Children's Medicaid/CHIP  
Other services/resources  
Food distribution open to the community!  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS

*Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood 41 now has a Facebook page. When you go on Facebook look us up and don't forget to like us!*

**Health Fair - Everyone is Invited!**  
**Ridgemont Club House**  
**5107 Ridgecreek Circle**  
**Saturday, April 29**  
**10am - 1pm**  
**Speaker: Ray Harris, Herbalist**

## Environmental Task Force

*We Identify Issues in our communities*  
by Donna Thomas, President, Green Valley Estates Civic Club

Air Quality - Petroleum, natural and landfill waste release toxic odors and gases that we breath. This can affect our overall health with cancer, asthma, lung disease, skin disorders, allergies and eye irritation to name a few.

Water - We've had communities with contaminated water, in which our neighbors were affected with cancer. Contaminated water enters into our homes through pipe lines and we bath, wash clothes, and cooked with this water. Not to mention some of us even drink it.

Land - Our communities are surrounded with underground wells; Oil wells and chemical wells. How do they affect our water wells?

We are working on a cleaner safer environment for our communities. **You can help by reporting air, water and land odors to TCEQ, Houston Air Quality**  
**1.800.687.4040**      **complaint@tceq.texas.gov**

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

[www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)

What If Your Complaint Is About an Odor? - TCEQ:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/complaints/odor\\_complaint.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/complaints/odor_complaint.html)  
Make an Environmental Complaint - TCEQ:  
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/complaints>  
Resources for the Public - TCEQ:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/public\\_main.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/public_main.html)  
Directory: Office of the Commissioners - TCEQ:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/directory/comm\\_directory.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/directory/comm_directory.html)  
Today's Texas Air Quality Forecast - TCEQ -:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/monops/forecast\\_today.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/monops/forecast_today.html)  
Pollution Prevention Programs - TCEQ -:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/pollution\\_prevention.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/pollution_prevention.html)



Kids Live Safe is an innovative organization focused on protecting your children from sex offenders.  
[www.kidslivesafe.com](http://www.kidslivesafe.com)

You may also want to look up:  
[www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov); [www.sexoffendermap.org](http://www.sexoffendermap.org);  
[www.dps.texas.gov](http://www.dps.texas.gov)

## Environmental Action Team (EAT)

*Just a note*

EAT will be meeting with the Environmental Attorney on Thursday, March 16 at the district office of State Representative Ron Reynolds, 2440 Texas Parkway, Suite 102 Missouri City, Texas 77489  
281.208.3574  
[ron.reynolds@house.texas.gov](mailto:ron.reynolds@house.texas.gov)

## HISD Hosts Madison High School Community Meeting

Last month, HISD hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Madison High School Community Bond meeting to review designs and reveal an overview of construction plans for the school's new \$82.7 million building. HISD anticipates the construction to start this calendar year with a target completion date of late 2018.

Community stakeholders throughout the Hiram Clarke area turned out to hear about the project being built facing West Orem Dr. on the school's existing athletic fields. Once the building is complete, the current school will be demolished and new athletic fields will be developed. A two-story foyer will double as a dining commons and large gathering space.

"Since voters approved this 2012 bond for a new Madison High School, the Hiram Clarke community is happy to see HISD move forward on this construction project," states Council Member Green.

The new facility's academic wing will showcase the school's career & technical education programs, including metal working, automotive and agriculture. Academic neighborhoods will be connected by learning commons, giving students a place to study and collaborate. Other features of the new school include main and auxiliary gymnasiums and a 25 meter lap pool.

"We are trying to make sure the students understand that this is for them," Reyna said, noting that community centers were part of the plans for the new campus. "This is going to be a place where they can come and learn, and where they can spend their time when they're not in school.

For more information on HISD building programs, visit [www.BuildHISD.org](http://www.BuildHISD.org).

## CIP PLANNING, RECOMMENDATIONS & ASSIGNMENTS IDENTIFIED

by Barbara Blue, Briargate

It's important that we recognize the following individuals for being part of the solution. An endeavor to ensure that our communities are getting the results we are entitled to, deserve and are long overdue to receive. Following are the names of our neighbors and community leaders whom have agreed to address specific issues at the CIP meeting this Thursday, March 9. Please try and attend to support their efforts and to hear the responses from City of Houston officials regarding project planning and delivery. It is our understanding that Mayor Sylvester Turner will attend.

1. Evelyn Barnett - repair of W. Fuqua
2. Robert Elijah - New Police Community Station
3. Carl Evans - Community Park with Swimming Pool
4. Donna Thomas - Face lift of Parks
5. Veronica Pena - Drainage
6. Michael Ballare - Jogging Trail
7. Raphael Braeda - Repair of Ridgemont street

Don't forget to wear your FBHSN t-shirt to the meeting.

**"We Love Fort Bend Houston"**



## Houston Community College's new state of the art Workforce Center

George Davis, Program Manager-Business/Community School of Continuing Education, Houston Community College

Just wanted to update you on our newest course offerings at Houston Community College's new state of the art Workforce Center located at Brays Oaks, 8855 West Bellfort, Houston Texas, 77081.

- Property Management and Apartment Leasing
- Paralegal
- Child Development Associate
- Phlebotomy
- EKG
- A+ Certification
- Network Plus
- SAP
- Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)

13803 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77083

[george.davis@hccs.edu](mailto:george.davis@hccs.edu)

713.718.6772 office

713.718.5600 fax

Ask about our Project Management, Child Development and HR Certificates, [www.hccs.edu/ce](http://www.hccs.edu/ce)

<http://www.hccs.edu/continuing-education/departments/business/>

## FROM THE OFFICE OF

Larry V. Green, Councilman, Houston City Council Member, District K

## District K Hosted Neighborhood 101 Symposium - Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance Program

Last month, the District K office facilitated a Neighborhood 101 symposium on February 11 at the South Gessner HPD Substation that addressed the *Prohibited Yard Parking (PYP) Ordinance Program*. This informative workshop provided attendees with the information about a protected ordinance to discourage parking on front yards. In addition, Park Houston (formerly Parking Management) highlighted their role with parking enforcement as well as the Houston Police Dept. DRT officers.

Currently, there are 25 District K neighborhoods participating in the PYP program. "I strongly encourage these PYP participants to continue to monitor their respective community and report violations to 311 and their respective HPD storefront," states Council Member Green.

For those District K communities not participating in the PYP program, contact the Abraham Zorrilla with the Planning Dept. at **832-393-6634** to schedule an appointment. If your neighborhood is interested in applying for the PYP program, you can download the application from the Houston Planning Dept. website: [www.houstonplanning.com](http://www.houstonplanning.com)



Frankie Carson age 104

## FBHSN Welcome & Prayer Requests

by Carl David Evans,  
Chasewood

We welcome to FBHSNC, Dorothy, Eddie, Robert Earl Carson. Dorothy of Briar Villa HOA. Robert Earl Carson of Briargate HOA.



Georgia Lee Evans age 94 with son Carl David Evans

We celebrate their mothers Frankie Carson age 104, and Carl David Evans' mother Georgia Lee Evans age 94. These mothers are both hospitalized in Sugarland, TX.

Pray for them, all sick and shut in, and our elected officials.

## Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council-41 Sends a Letter to the Mayor

2440 Oakdale Street, Houston, TX 77004  
Phone 713-787-9950

Exceptrs from Carl David Evans, President – FBHSN 41

Dear Mayor Sylvester Turner:

We are sharing the concerns of the Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council 41 (FBHSN 41). Many of the residents are feeling neglected and forgotten by previous administrations. They are expecting your administration to be an advocate for significant change in our communities. We are submitting to you a list of CIP Request and other general request for FBHSN 41. The one major request that would change the negative mind set of many residents would be your direct involvement of getting the West Fuqua Paving and Drainage Construction Project moved up by starting road construction earlier, then currently projected. The consistant delays of this project have resulted in negative feelings throughout our council concerning past mayoral administrations. We have many requests but this one request would silent many of the critics.

Earlier this month, I met with Mayor Sylvester Turner and spoke about the following:

- Moving up road reconstruction of W. Fuqua to 12/31/2018
- New Police Community Substation with a community meeting room, computer room/s, and adequate parking
- City of Houston Fort Bend Houston Community Park & Community Center, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Covered Basketball Courts, Playgrounds & Sports Field, etc.
- Drainage/flood control throughout Fort Bend Houston, bayous and creeks flooding on Fondren Road between South of Beltway 8 and Buffalo Run is critical and Samoa Way at Irish Hill Drive (Ridgegate community)
- Jogging Trails throughout Fort Bend Houston, connecting to existing city trails
- Street reconstruction to all streets leading to FM 2234, i.e. Blue Ridge Road, Hillcroft, Chimney Rock, and Park Manor.
- Reconstruction of West Ridgecreek in the Ridgegate subdivision. (Metro had promised the Ridgegate subdivision to reroute buses to Court Road once it opened up, a promise not kept.) Buses constantly damage this road. The Ridgegate elementary school children are in a dangerous traffic zone on such a narrow main thoroughfare.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women Veterans Empowerment Expo

Earlier this month the Expo focused on the needs of Women Veterans beyond the uniform. Subject matter experts spoke on various matters; VA Benefits, Healing from Trauma, Self Care, Personal Branding, Education, Employment and more! Visit them at [www.wvee.org](http://www.wvee.org).

### VA NUMBERS:

Benefits	1.800.827.1000
Hospital	713.791.1414
Cemetery	281.447.8686
Education	1.888.442.4551

*Every 1st Wednesday of the Month The Houston foodbank can help!  
Call 832-369-9390  
Stretch your grocery budget*

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR YOUR FBHSN 41 T-SHIRT TO SPECIAL MEETINGS, AND EVENTS, LIKE ONE ON MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

**1 FOR \$13.00, 2 FOR \$25.**

**T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT MOST MEETINGS**



## BRIARGATE'S UPDATES

By Patricia Jones, Briargate

### To all Briargate Residents

Here is the latest news and updates concerning our community. We continue to stress deed restrictions and violations that are a constant concern to the HOA.

### TRASH CANS IN VIEW

Trash cans should be kept out-of-view (not on side of house or in front of garage). It is a violation that is very common within the community, and could have financial bearing ultimately.

### HEAVY TRASH COLLECTION

We urge all residents to follow Junk and Heavy Trash Waste Schedules.

Collection will occur for **TREE WASTE ONLY** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday on **ODD** months, i.e., January, March, May, July, September and November.

Collection will occur for **JUNK WASTE INCLUDING TREE WASTE** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday on **EVEN** Month(s) i.e., February, April, June, August, October and December.

### INOPERABLE VEHICLES

#### Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles

Briargate Community harbors and excess of inoperable/abandoned vehicles. (Whether it be expired tags or registration, or mainly non-working and resides on streets or in driveways.) This only detracts from property values as well as aesthetics.

You can donate your vehicles(s) to help other with greater needs by contacting either of these centers for more information.

**Salvation Army 713-869-3551 prompt 1**  
**Houston Can Academy 832-379-4226**

Any vehicle located on the street with expired tags or registration will be tagged and towed at owner's expense without delay.

### HOUSE NUMBERING

All homes within the community must exhibit a legible house number on their house (especially for emergency response vehicles).

## General Requests of Fort Bend Houston

### Super Neighborhood Council-41:

By Carl David Evans, FBHSN, President

- Traffic Mirror on the Wall of FM2234 & Quail Glen Street
- Vacant Lots (Lots need Cutting) Lot management
- Assist in controlling Illegal dumping by posting warning signs and surveillance cameras
- Traffic Light at West Ridgecreek and West Fuqua, Court Road at Chimney Rock
- More Police Presence in our Neighborhoods, Real Community Policing
- Chasewood, jogging trail
- Correcting traffic signal light at South Post Oak Road & W. Ridgecreek, (Blinking light is confusing)
- Reroute Metro off West Ridgecreek, bus destroying street.
- Speed Bumps – Chasewood, Riding Wood, Chasewood Street, and Meadow Crest Subdivision
- Support Development of the Edison Performing Art Center, West Fuqua, Near Blueridge
- Limit Affordable Housing in FBHSN
- Move police station to library,
- Relocate WIC.

JOIN US FOR  
**KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL DAY**  
30TH ANNIVERSARY  
Kicks-off on Saturday, April 8, 2017

**CALLING ALL HOUSTONIANS!**

Every Houstonian can help clean our city. Our vision includes:

- 30 clean-up sites
- 3,000 volunteers and
- 30,000 pounds of trash removed from Houston neighborhoods and communities.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP. IT'S EASY! GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS CAN DONATE OR REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER AT: [HTTP://WWW.HOUSTONBEAUTIFUL.ORG/KHB-DAY-2017.HTML](http://www.houstonbeautiful.org/khb-day-2017.html) OR BY CALLING 713-839-8855.

KHB Day coincides with the "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS" STATE HIGHWAY CAMPAIGN

The city-wide cleanup is part of the national Great American Cleanup facilitated by Keep America Beautiful and will continue until Saturday, May 27, 2017.

**Keep Houston Beautiful**  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

ADVOCATE SPILL CHANGES, SUCH AS PICKING UP ONE PIECE OF LITTER A DAY

Keep Houston Beautiful Day is a city-wide service day spanning various locations throughout the community. The event kicks off the national Great American Cleanup and celebrates the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off in Houston.