



District K Highlights



District K Residents and Friends,

I hope you are all healthy and safe. So much is happening in our city and country and quite frankly it has been an emotional week for many of us. As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, prepare for what is being called an active hurricane season as well as deal with the pain of racism in our country, we have so much work to do.

To date, Houston is reporting 8,341 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 138 deaths. Houston Health Department testing sites are now closed on Sundays. Sites operate Monday thru Saturday 8:00am to 3:00pm or until the 500 tests capacity is reached. Please contact the call center if you need to access testing information at 832-393-4220. As we begin to return to our places of employment and to frequent our favorite restaurants, remember to follow the CDC guidelines, wash your hands thoroughly and wear your face

coverings.

It's hurricane season and it is important to familiarize the entire family with a hurricane plan. In the last century, we have not experienced a hurricane season and a pandemic at the same time. Are your emergency kit and hurricane season plan ready yet? To sign up to receive alerts [click here](#). Also visit [ReadyHarris website](#) for disaster checklists.

Last week, I attended 2 of the planned marches for justice and a prayer vigil at Westbury United Methodist church, after the unimaginable death of George Floyd. I am proud of Houstonians and people across the world, of all races, ages and faiths who are rallying together and united by humanity. On today and tomorrow, the visitation and funeral for George Floyd will take place in District K, at The Fountain of Praise Church located at 13950 Hillcroft Avenue. The traffic in the area may be unusually heavy as many people are expected to attend the visitation from 12 noon to 6:00pm. The funeral on Tuesday is a private event.

We can't stop working towards meaningful, actionable change. It will not only take the city council but active engagement from our communities and law enforcement to make sure policies we enact are effective. On Thursday, June 25th at 10:00am the Public Safety Committee will provide an overview of internal and external investigative and oversight processes related to HPD officer involved shootings. I am committed to action and ensuring we are not ignoring systemic ills and being accountable to the residents I vowed to serve. I look forward to more conversations, engagement and opportunities to make the lives of all Houstonians better.

If you have any suggestions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Take care of yourself and each other.

-Martha

The graphic features a central silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, there are gears and a brain-like pattern. To the left of the head is a network of interconnected nodes and lines. To the right is a glowing lightbulb with a small plant growing from its base. Below the head is a speech bubble containing a heart. The text 'Mental Health RESOURCES' is at the top, with 'RESOURCES' in green. Below it is 'in the Greater Houston Area'. At the bottom, it says 'You Matter!' in green. There are also small icons of a gear, a plus sign, and a lightbulb. In the bottom left corner is the official seal of the City of Houston. In the bottom right corner is a small portrait of Martha Castex-Tatum with her name and title: 'Martha Castex-Tatum Vice Mayor Pro Tem District K'.

Mental Health Resources Guide

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. It was a time for us to raise awareness, fight stigma, provide support, educate and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. Now more than ever, we need to find ways to stay connected with our family, friends, neighbors and community.

We all need help at some point in minimizing any feeling of overwhelm and lack of control. Caring for our mental health will look different for each person. Mental wellness should be a concern all year long, just as we continually care for our physical health.

I have compiled a list of resources to address the spectrum of concerns during and post disaster as we tend to our physical, mental, emotional, financial and organizational health. Let's all make our mental wellness and self care a priority for ourselves and our community. You are not alone!

To access the Mental Health Resources Guide [click here](#).

Brays Oaks & Five Corners Management Districts Establish “Safe Zone” locations for e-commerce

The Brays Oaks District (BOMD) in partnership with the Five Corners Management District have established "Safe Zone" locations at the HPD S. Gessner Sub-Station and at the Southwest HPD Sub-Station where people can securely complete purchases of items they ordered on Craig's List and similar websites.

Using a Safe Zone to complete a purchase in a police facility helps buyers avoid falling victim to the kind of scams and robberies that have occasionally taken place around the country where buyers expected to complete a private transaction with an online seller.

The HPD Safe Zone is marked by signage near the entrance to the sub-station and provides a location where individuals can conduct e-commerce transactions using cash, checks, and money orders of similar means. “The location is in the view of the station’s video surveillance cameras. The BOMD, FCD and HPD are pleased to provide these locations as an option for the use of residents and businesses in the District” says Executive Director, Ben Brewer.

Keeping District K residents safe is our highest priority and we are pleased to have these 2 safe zones in our community. The S. Gessner Sub-station is located at 8605 Westplace Drive 77096 and the Southwest HPD Station is located at 13097 Nitida St., 77045.



FY 2021 City of Houston Budget

Our city budget is one of the most important policy instruments of our local government. On Wednesday, June 10th, the city council will discuss and vote on the FY21 operating budget. You can watch the meeting live on HTV starting at 9:00am. We will be in the City Hall Chambers physically for this meeting.

To help with the work of our management districts and our District K HOT Team, I submitted a budget amendment to deter the numerous amount of bandit signs being placed in our communities. We are spending thousands of dollars each month to remove these signs each day. The culprits who continue to put these signs out, are not deterred by the current \$300-\$500 fine

associated with the Class C misdemeanor. My amendment seeks a civil penalty for repeat offenders up to \$1000 per sign. These signs continue to trash up our neighborhoods, block our drains and just make our residents susceptible to predatory business practices.

We need to be able to assess a higher fine to these repeat offenders, who totally disregard our city ordinance and continue placing these signs in the city right of ways, on telephone poles and in the esplanades.



Houston Intelligent Transportation Systems

Have you seen the Dynamic Message Signs in District K? There are 92 DMS planned to be installed throughout Houston to provide real time roadside traveler information. These signs can be used through interagency to provide vital information such as Amber Alerts, flooding and storm warning messages.

The entire project will provide incident management and improve congestion along 150 regionally significant arterial roadway corridors within the City of Houston. The project will include the following:

- Enhanced Detection - Approximately 400 intersections will be upgraded to provide advanced vehicular detection as well as traffic counts for signal timing purposes.
- Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) - 114 cameras with Pan-Tilt-Zoom capabilities are installed at strategic selected intersections to visually confirm incidents detected in real time.
- Midblock Traffic Volume Counters (MBC) - 145 MBC are installed to monitor overall and/or atypical traffic flows in real-time and for planning purposes.
- Central Software System - the entire project will be integrated into centralized facility to manage data inflow and provide optimal response.

To read the fact sheet provided by public works [click here](#). To see a device location map, [click here](#).

HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



2020 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department 2020 Summer Enrichment Program will operate at nineteen of our larger Community Centers from June 1 - August 7, 2020. The program will operate with one staff member for every eight children, from June 1 - August 7, 2020, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for ages 6-13. The cost for the program is \$30 per week per child with fee exemptions available for qualified persons.

These measures are based on guidance from Center for Disease Control, National Recreation and Parks Association; Open Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Day Youth Camp Operators and Staff, and the City of Houston AP 3-39, Access to City Buildings or Facilities During a Medical Epidemic or Pandemic.



1. Candlelight, 1520 Candlelight, 77018
2. Denver Harbor, 6402 Market, 77020
3. Emancipation, 3018 Emancipation, 77004
4. Freed, 6818 Shady Villa, 77055
5. Hartman, 9311 E. Ave.P, 77012
6. Love, 1000 West 12th, 77008
7. Marian, 1101 South Gessner, 77071
8. Mason, 541 South 75th, 77023
9. Melrose, 1001 Canino, 77076
10. Moody, 3725 Fulton, 77009
11. Judson Robinson, Jr., 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004
12. Judson Robinson, Sr., 1422 Ledwicke, 77029
13. Sagemont, 11507 Hughes, 77089
14. Sharpstown, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036
15. Stude, 1031 Stude, 77007
16. Sunnyside, 3502 Bellfort, 77051
17. Tidwell, 9720 Spaulding, 77016
18. Townwood, 3403 Simsbrook, 77045
19. Woodland, 212 Parkview, 77009

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program will be available for all youth at the nineteen (19) Community Centers operating the 2020 Summer Enrichment Program. Additionally, the thirty-two Community Centers that will not host the 2020 Summer Enrichment Program will provide Curbside Meals from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, beginning June 1 and ending August 7, 2020, Monday through Friday, ages 0-18.



Mayor Sylvester Turner



HPARD Summer Programs in District K

Marian Park located at 11101 South Gessner, 77071

Townwood Park located at 3403 Simsbrook, 77045

Visit www.HoustonParks.org for more information.



FORT BEND YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Calling on all young residents of Fort Bend County to help plot, plan, strategize, organize, and mobilize for true policy change and reform. As the future leaders of our County, State, and Country, we need your help to work collectively to identify major issues, develop plans, and work with stakeholders to achieve progress.

The Fort Bend Youth Leadership Council will be run by the young people. We will support you. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2U5uH9K>

Fort Bend Youth Leadership Council

If you know any students who would like to participate in the Fort Bend Youth Leadership Council, please encourage them to sign up. For more information [click here](#).

Brays Oaks Management District ID Markers

Have you seen the new signs in the Brays Oaks Management District?

Thank you Brays Oaks Management District for all of your dedication and hard work as we continue working to brand and beautify our community. We see the difference and appreciate all of your efforts



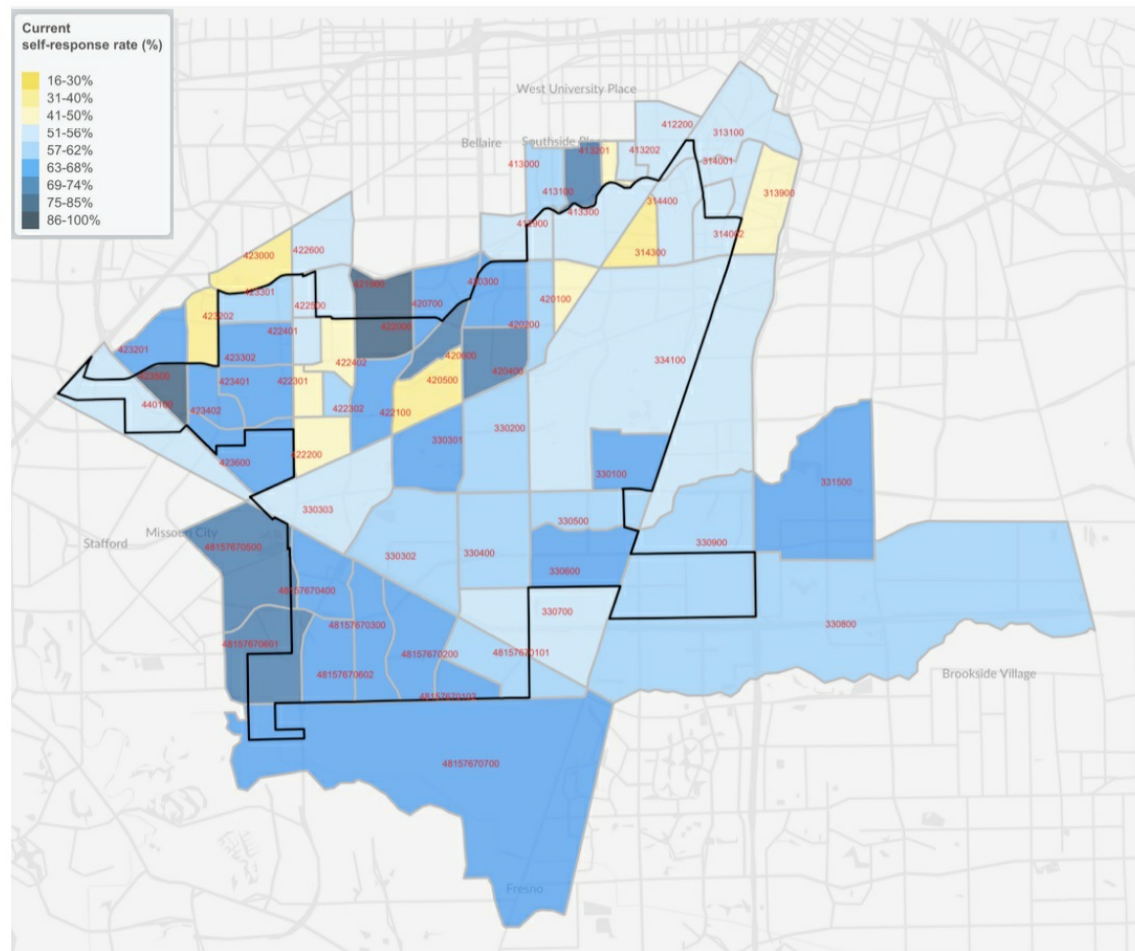
Census 2020 Response Rates

Weekly District K progress report, June 4, 2020



This report highlights Census 2020 response rates by census tract fully and partially within the boundaries of District K. An interactive version of this map can be found at:

<https://www.januaryadvisors.com/census-2020-houston-response-rates/>



Source: Analysis of Census Bureau daily response rate data. View data at <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

District K Census 2020 Update

The City of Houston's response rate is 51.4%. The latest Census report shows 7 Houston districts (E, K, C, G, D, A) have response rates higher than 50%. The City of Houston still lags behind Harris County, TX and the national average, but districts K, E, D, C and G are still outperforming the rest of the state. District K improved from 56%% to 56.5%. Find your census track and see how your neighborhood is performing. To view an interactive version of this map visit: [januaryadvisors.com/census-2020-houston-response-rates/](https://www.januaryadvisors.com/census-2020-houston-response-rates/)

Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood is still leading the way with 62.8% response rate. It's not too late, you can still complete the census today. It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail- all without having to meet a census taker. Today you can respond online, by phone or by mail. Hundreds of thousands of temporary census takers will use smartphones to follow up with



HCFCD Virtual Community Engagement Meeting

Harris County Flood Control District is hosting a Virtual Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday, **June 10 at 6:30 p.m.** For more details, visit www.projectbrays.org/all-segments/segment-4/about-hillcroft-ave-bridge/.

The Hillcroft Bridge over Brays Bayou will be closed starting on June 15 for approximately 90 days for work on Project Brays. Detour and construction signs should be posted on the main and side streets of Hillcroft and Braeswood. Please plan ahead for detours and lane closures as the bridge work commences. While this construction takes place, the Brays Bayou Greenway trail between Glenfield Court and Queensloch Drive will be detoured to the sidewalk along the south side of South Braeswood Blvd.

HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COVID-19

CALL CENTER

832-393-4220

M-F: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with a white border. In the top left corner is the Houston Health Department logo, which consists of an orange circle with three white vertical bars of varying heights. To the right of the logo is the text "HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT" in white. In the center, there is a white icon of a telephone handset. To the right of the handset, the words "COVID-19" and "CALL CENTER" are written in large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the phone number "832-393-4220" is written in the same font. In the bottom left corner, the operating hours "M-F: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m." and "Sat: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m." are listed in white. The background of the graphic features a pattern of white and orange geometric shapes, including triangles and circles.

Keeping District K Moving...