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"Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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President's Message

In the coming months, you will see more changes coming to the Hiram Clarke area. If you do not already know, the Five Corners Improvement District in the last year has spearheaded some important initiatives like a porter service that de-litters and mows the rights of way and the esplanades. There is also a graffiti abatement team that removes graffiti from fences, buildings, signs, etc. In addition, the District has contracted with a security company to provide security officers for the area.

However, we need citizens to do their part in keeping the area clean. One of my initiatives for 2014 is the removal of illegal signs

known as "bandit" signs from our neighborhoods and street corners. I am asking each civic club and homeowners association to remove these signs when you see them in your neighborhood and along the streets in the Hiram Clarke area.

In addition to the Five Corners Improvement District, we also have a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) 25. Therefore, we will be looking to bring more economic development to the area. In order for developers and businesses to come to our area, the area must be clean, safe, and inviting. That's where you the residents can do your part by ridding the area of things that will depreciate it. I am counting on you to have a new attitude. *Linda*

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14-Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Pinnacle Senior Center of Fort Bend County 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. at 5525-C Hobby Road, Houston, Texas 77053

February 18-Community Meeting on the Rezoning of Billy Reagan K-8, 6:30 P.M., at 4842 Anderson Road

February 20-South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition meeting 7:00 P.M., at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center in Room 132.

February 22-"National Dental Month" Health Fair at ABC Dental, 5505 W. Orem Drive, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

February 27-District K Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Meeting, 6:30 P.M., at Fountain Life Center, 14065 South Main at Hillcroft

February 15-Latino Enrollment Summit and Health Fair 12:00 noon-4:00 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua. For more information, call 281-489-1111.



Mrs. Edna Deauvearo presents District K Council Member Larry Green with a gift as Linda Scurluck looks on. Mr. Green was the keynote speaker at SHCCC's First Annual Awards Banquet January 25, 2014.



Some of the 150 attendees at the South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition's First Annual Awards Banquet at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center Saturday, January 25, 2014



*"When it's obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."
—Confucius*

For Your Information

Free Tax Preparation

Where: West Orem YMCA, 5801 W. Orem

Who: Families earning up to \$50,000 and single individuals earning up to \$30,000

When: Jan., Feb. & Apr. Monday –Thursday 1:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M., Saturday 10:00 A.M.– 3:00 P.M. March: Monday-Thursday 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., Saturday 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Walk-ins only, no appointments

More Free Tax Preparation

Where: Vinson Neighborhood Library, 3810 W. Fuqua

When: February 1– April 10, 2014, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00 Noon– 3:30 P.M. For more information, visit houstonlibrary.org/tax-resources or call the Vinson Library at 832-393-2120

The Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")

If you are uninsured, please visit the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center Tuesday-Friday to see if you qualify for the Affordable Care Act. The deadline to enroll is March 31.

Early Voting

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Primaries begins Tuesday, February 18 and ends Friday, February 28. You can vote at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center 3810, W. Fuqua. Remember, you must have identification to vote.

For more information on voting and to find your voting site, for the March 4 Primary, please visit HarrisVotes.com or call 713-755-6965.

School Round-Up

Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center: Feb. 18-19-African-American Heritage Program 8:30 A.M. (Teams 1-2, Teams 3-4); Feb. 19-Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M., Parent Conferences; Feb. 20– African-American Heritage Program 8:30 A.M. (Teams 5-6); Feb. 20– Go Texan Day!, Report Cards; March 7-Parent Meeting: Parent & Student Math Activity Day; March 10-Trike-A-

Thon Fundraiser begins; March 14-Field Day: Parent Involvement (MLK students only) **Fondren Elementary:** Feb. 19– Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M.; Feb. 20-Black History Program 6:00 P.M.; Feb. 21-Pre-K; March 12-Career Day **Hobby Elementary:** Feb. 14 Fundraiser & Valentine's Day Dance; Feb. 24-26-Fifth

Grade Camping; Feb. 27-Black History Program **Madison High School:** Feb. 19 –Early Dismissal; Feb. 20-SDMC; Feb. 21-Report Cards; Feb. 26– Faculty Meeting; March 3-TAKS-ELA, PTSA Meeting 6:00 P.M.; March 4-TAKS-Math; March 5-TAKS-Science, Faculty Meeting; March 6-TAKS-Social Studies; March 12-Faculty Meeting

School Round-Up Continued

Windsor Village Elementary: Feb. 14– Valentine's Day Dance; Feb. 19-Early Dismissal 1:00 P.M. (No 21st Century or Band); Feb. 20-Literacy Night; Feb. 22-STAAR Saturday Tutorials (Grades 3-5) 8:00 A.M.-12:00 noon; Feb. 24-25-Reading and Math Tutorials 3:20-4:20 P.M. Feb. 25-Puppet Pizzazz Show (Grades Pre-K-2); Feb. 28-Go Texan Day (Students may wear cowboy attire.), Sam

Dinkins Jazz Performance (Grades 3-5) **Billy Reagan K-8-Feb. 14-** Valentine Day Dance (K-2 &3-5); Feb. 18– Billy Reagan Rezoning Community Meeting 6:30-7:30 P.M., Literacy Night; Feb. 19-Field Trip to ExxonMobil, Early Dismissal 12:30; Feb. 24-State of the School Luncheon, Plastivan/ExxonMobil visits; Feb. 27-Engaging Hispanic Parents Conference

Grissom Elementary: Feb. 14-Parent Meeting 8:45 A.M. Valentine's Day Dance 3:00 P.M.; Feb. 15-Saturday Tutorials 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (Grades 3-5); Feb. 19-Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M.; Feb. 28-Go Texan Day **Dowling Middle School:** Feb 19-Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M.; Feb. 20-Black History Program 6:00 P.M.; Feb. 21–Report Cards, Honor Roll Celebration for students