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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

As we try to revitalize, the Hiram Clarke area, there are forces out there that will try to impede our progress. We must be very vigilant of negative influences. As a community, we must stick together. Remember the old adage: "Together we stand, divided we fall."

I am asking all civic club and homeowners associations to find common ground. We are all in this together. Each subdivision is a part of the Hiram Clarke area. Each subdivision cannot be an island unto itself. Like an island in the ocean, it can be flooded by the ocean. The perception of the Hiram Clarke area reflects on your subdivision.

I would like to thank the individuals who went to the City Council meeting last month to advocate for the extension of Buffalo Speedway. We made a difference because we stood together as one. There is power in numbers and unity.

The South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition, Super Neighborhoods 39 & 40, the Five Corners Improvement District, and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 25 are working together to bring more economic development, more amenities, better infrastructure, quality single-family homes, etc. to the area. In essence, the goal is to transform Hiram Clarke. Be sure your subdivision is a part of this movement.

Linda

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20—South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition Meeting 7:00 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua

March 18— Waterline Replacement Informational Meeting, Platou community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock Road, 6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. City of Houston Public Works and

Engineering Department will be replacing the waterlines for Ramblewood Park, Chadwick Manor, Westbury Section 5, Craighead Drive, and Settemont Road.

March 22—Neighborhood 101 Workshop: BARC 9:00 A.M.-11:30 P.M., at The Pinnacle Senior Center, 5525-C Hobby Road (directly behind the Fort

Bend Boys and Girls Club). Please RSVP to Donald Perkins at 832-393-3016 or donald.perkins@houston.tx.gov.

March 22—Property Tax Information Session, 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., at the Power Center, 12401 South Post Oak Road.



Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, speaks about the Affordable Care Act at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center Friday, February 14.



Dowling Middle School Principal Josefa Olivares and PTO President Mya Carroll with artist Ange Hillz who created the painting at the luncheon for H.I.S.D. School Trustee Wanda Adams



“ With four people you can create one very strong kind of energy, but if you can get 65 people working together and swinging together, that’s a whole other kind of energy.”

—Chuck Mangione

For Your Information

Free Tax Preparation

Where: West Orem YMCA, 5801 W. Orem

Where: Vinson Library, 3810 W. Fuqua Call the library at 832-393-2120 for more information.

Affordable Care Act Deadline

The deadline for signing up for health insurance is March 31. If you know someone who is uninsured, please have him or her go to the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua, to see a navigator who will help the person with the health care marketplace.

Those individuals who are not insured by March 31 will incur a penalty on their income tax for the 2014 year. The initial penalty will be \$95.00 per adult (\$47.50 per child) or 1% of your income, whichever is greater. You will pay this fee on your 2015 income taxes.

Benefits Fair

A benefits fair will be held at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center Saturday, March 29, 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Participants include the Houston Food Bank, City of Houston Health Department, and other entities that offer benefits.

School Round-Up

Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center: Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 27-Spring pictures, individual pictures; Mar. 28-Early Dismissal at 12:30 P.M., Professional Development; Apr. 1 Celebrating a College-Bound Culture: Wear favorite college T-shirt all month; Apr. 4-Parent Meeting 8:30 A.M. (TBA); Apr. 6-12- Week of the Young Child-Parent Involvement Week; Apr. 10-

Week of the Young Child-Family Science Day: Explore the Scientific Process 8:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.-Parent involvement; Apr. 11-Week of the Young Child Trike-A-Thon-Bicycle Safety, Parent Involvement
Fondren Elementary: Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 28-Spring Individual Pictures, Report Cards (Gr. K-5)

Apr. 1-2-STAAR Writing Exam (Grade 4), STAAR Math Exam (Grade 5); Apr. 1-19-Pre-K/K Early Registration 8:00.-10:00 A.M.; Apr. 8-Honors Walk and Awards Ceremony 8:15 A.M.
Hobby Elementary: Mar. 17-19-Spring Break; Mar. 26-Family Reading Curriculum Night, Mad Science-Grade 5, Filed Lesson-7 Acre Wood – Grade 1; Mar. 28-Science Lock-in at 1:30 P.M.– Grade 1

School Round-Up Continued

Mar. 29-Science Camp-Gr. 5 Windsor Village Elementary: Mar. 17-21-Spring Break ; Mar. 24-Individual Pictures; Mar. 24 & 26-Adult ESL Classes 8:30-10:30 A.M.; Mar. 24-Grade 2 Field Trip to Main Street Theater; Mar. 25-Dads and Donuts; Mar. 26-Name that Book Competition (Grades 3-5); Mar. 27-21st Century Showcase/Fine Arts Concert-6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.; Mar. 28- Report Cards,

Kindergarten Field Trip to Museum of Natural Science; **Apr. 1-2-STAAR Writing-Grade 4 and STAAR Math-Grade 5**
Billy Reagan K-8-Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 25-28-TELPAS Reading Assessment (Grades 2-8), Dental Visit (Grade 6); Mar. 26-Dental Day Kindergarten (*:30 A.M.); Mar. 27- March Madness : Math and Science; Mar. 28-Report Cards; Mar.

29- STAAR Rally (Gr.3-8) 8:30 A.M-12:15 P.M.
Grissom Elementary: Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 20 Saturday Tutorials –8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (Gr. 3-5)
Dowling Middle-Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 24-27-Reading/Math Tutorials 4:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M.
Madison High School: Mar. 17-21-Spring Break; Mar. 31 STAAR-Eng. I; Apr. 1-STAAR- Eng. II