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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 March, you should have received a letter from the Harris County Appraisal District. The letter was a "Notice of Appraised Value for Property Tax Purposes." In that letter were a 2014 market value and a 2014 appraised value for your property. Take a look at those values to determine if they have decreased or increased since 2013.

The letter also contains a "Property Tax Notice of Protest" (green sheet) plus a white sheet entitled "Property Tax Remedies." Please read this information, and if you feel that your property value is too high or too low, you can protest. However, the deadline for filing a protest is

April 30, 2014. You can file a protest three ways: by mail (must be postmarked on or before this date), in person (on or before the date), or online (on or before the date).

Be sure you have taken all the available exemptions. If you own your home, be sure you have a homestead exemption (In the state of Texas, you can have only one homestead).

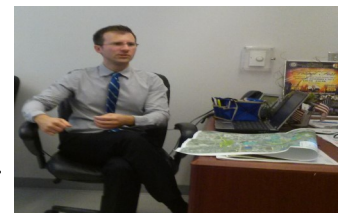
Many of us do not protest our taxes, and therefore, are over-taxed or undertaxed. It is a process that you might want to consider.

Until next month,

Linda



Chris Newport of the City of Houston discusses the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) regulations at the Neighborhood 101 Workshop March 22 at the Pinnacle Senior Center.



Justin Silhavy, a demographer for H.I.S.D., discusses the demographics of the Hiram Clarke area and how they will affect the schools in the area, i.e., the rebuilding of Dowling Middle School and Madison High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14-Hiram Clarke HPD Storefront Community Crime Prevention Meeting, 7:00 P.M. The speaker will be a representative from BARC.

April 17-South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition Meeting 7:00 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua. The speaker will be Sheriff Adrian Garcia.

April 12-H.P.D. Presents "The Bunny Hop" 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Townwood Park, 3403 Simsbrook

April 26-Neighborhood 101 Workshop: Legal Aspects of Running an Effective Civic Board, Westbury High School Lecture Room, 11911 Chimney Rock Road, 9:00 A.M.-11:30 P.M. RSVP to Donald Perkins at

832-393-3016 or donald.perkins@houstontx.gov as soon as possible. Seating is limited.

May 1-Super Neighborhoods 39 & 40 Meeting, 6:45 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center

May 3-Hiram Clarke Area Spring Clean-Up 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon, Townwood Park, 3403 Simsbrook



"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."
—Ella Fitzgerald

Texas Medical Center Third Annual E-Waste Collection

Saturday, April 12, 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., TMC South Extension Lot, 1522 S. Braeswood Blvd. At William C. Harvin Blvd. and **Monday, April 14, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.**, John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science, 1515 Hermann Drive

The following items will be accepted: computer equipment, consumer electronics, and batteries. Visit www.tmc sustainability.org for a complete list.

For Your Information

Free Cancer Screening Exams

M.D. Anderson is offering free cancer screening exams. No appointment is necessary.

- **Oral Cancer Screening Friday, April 25, 10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**
- **Skin Cancer Screening Saturday, May 10, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

Location: Cancer Prevention Center, Duncan Building, Floor 2, 1155 Pressler Street

Historically Underutilized Business Forum

Who: Minority, disabled veteran, and women-owned businesses

When: April 29, 2014, 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Where: University of Houston Hilton Hotel, Conrad Ballroom, 4800 Calhoun Road

Contact: Jackie (Jack) Tenner at 713-743-5671 or jdtenner@central.uh.edu

School Round-Up

Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center:

April 25-Week of the Young Child College Bound Day!, College Cheer/Chant-Pep Rally; Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M. and Professional Development; **May 2**-Parent Meeting: Transition to Kindergarten 8:30 A.M., Lemonade Day (Parent Involvement); **May 5**-Cinco de Mayo Celebrations-KMLK News & Classroom Activities; **May 13-15**-Cap and Gown Promotion Pictures-PAC Fundraiser

Fondren Elementary: April 16-STAAR Pep Rally; **April 22**-STAAR Writing (Grade 3), STAAR Math (Grade 4); **April 23**-STAAR Writing (Grade 3), STAAR Reading (Grade 4), STAAR Science (Grade 5); **May 1**-Progress Reports; **May 5-13**-Stanford 10/Aprenda 3 Test (Grades 1-5); **May 6**-Cinco de Mayo Celebration; **May 5-9**-Teacher Appreciation Week

Hobby Elementary: April 15-Science Lock-in 1:30-2:30 P.M. **April 16**-Mad Science; **April 18**-Science Lock-in, Mad Science; **April 22**-STAAR Math Test; **April 23**-STAAR Reading Test; **April 24**-STAAR Science Test; **May 5-13**-Stanford Test; **May 13**-STAAR Math Retake; **May 14**-STAAR Reading Retake **Petersen Elementary: April 16**-SDMC Meeting; **April 21-25**-STAAR Testing; **May 5-9, 12-13**-Stanford 10 Testing; **May 12-13**

School Round-Up Continued

STAAR Testing **Windsor Village Elementary: April 14 & 16**-Adult ESL Classes 8:30-10:30 A.M.; **April 18**-Easter Egg Hunt (Pre-K & K), Windsor Village Theater Presentations and Progress Reports (K-5); Perfect Attendance Awards Day for Third Nine Weeks; **April 22**-Gr. 2 Field Trip to Health Museum, STAAR Math (Gr. 3 & 4); **April 23**-STAAR Reading (Gr. 3 & 4), STAAR Science (Gr. 5) **April 25**-Field Day

Hines-Caldwell Elementary: April 15-Gr. 5 Mock STAAR Science Test; **April 17**-Pre-K-K Field Trip-Disney on Ice & Easter Egg Hunt; **April 18**-Spring STAAR Festival; **April 22**-STAAR Math (Gr. 3 & 4); **April 23**-STAAR Reading (Gr. 3 & 4), STAAR Science (Gr. 5); **May 1**-Pre-K-K Field Trip: Houston Zoo and Hermann Park; **May 2**-Pre-K, K, & Gr. 1 Wheel-a-Thon 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; **May 5-9**-Stanford 10/Aprenda 3 ((Gr.1-5

Grissom Elementary: April 18-Fun Friday, Free Dress Day, Ice Cream for All; **April 22**-STAAR Math (Gr. 3 & 4); **April 23**-STAAR Reading (Gr. 3 & 4), STAAR Science (Gr. 5), **April 25**-Progress Reports **Madison High School: Apr. 21**-TAKS ELA; **Apr. 22**-TAKS Math; **Apr. 23**-TAKS Science; **Apr. 24**-TAKS Social Studies; **May 5** STAAR Algebra I, **May 6**-STAAR Biology; **May 7**-STAAR U.S. History