# **South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition Courier**

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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**

I hope that everyone had a joyous Juneteenth and Fourth of July.

Summer is a season for vacations and family get-togethers. However, it is a season known for heatedrelated illnesses and drownings. If you have children or grandchildren, please be sure they learn to swim. Many swim lessons are Linda free at City of Houston parks.

Next, heat-related illnesses and deaths are

prevalent during the summer months. Please do not leave any child or pet in a car for an extended period of time. For those residents who are 60 years old or older or for those who are disabled, please see the "Beat the Heat" program for air conditioners in this newsletter.

Please be safe, not sorry this summer.

Until next month,



The Juneteenth table at the June 19 South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition meeting



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 14-Hiram Clarke H.P.D. Storefront Crime Prevention meeting 7:00 P.M., 4363 W. Fuqua. The speaker will be Officer T. Bratton of the Academy Training Division. Attendees will be able to participate in a "shootdon't shoot" exercise.

July 17-South Houston Con-

cerned Citizens' Coalition Ennis-Free Admissionmeeting. The speaker will Call 832-8804474 for be Officer Fields of the H.P.D. Auto Theft Division.

**July 18-**The stage play "For Better or For Worse" (A Tribute to All Seniors) 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M., Third Ward Multi-Service Center, 3611

more information.



Colorectal Cancer Awareness & Screening (COCAS) Program

This program is offered by the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services. "Its goal is to increase colorectal cancer screening in high risk zip codes. It will provide residents who are 50-75 years of age with a blood stool test. This will help to reduce health outcomes in colorectal cancer."

In order to be eligible for the program, you must

Be 50 years old or older

### **For Your Information**

- Live in one of the following zip codes: 77021, 77033, 77045, 77047, 77048, 77051, 77054, 77061, 77087,77016, 77026, 77028
- Have never been told by a doctor or other health professional that you have colorectal cancer
- Have not used any homebased blood stool test in the last 12 months

The screening test is free to participants.

To participate in the program. Contact Latreka Kingsberry, Community Liaison, at 832-393-4998 or Latreka.Kingsberry@houston

tx.gov or Lakisha Davis, Community Liaison, at 832-393-5030 or Lakisha.Davis@houstontx. gov

Summer Beat the Heat
AC Program
To receive an air conditioner you must be

- 60 years old or have a disability (must present SSI Award Letter)
- Have a valid ID
- Have transportation or someone to pick up the unit for you
- Not have central air conditioning
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"In a composite nation like ours, as before the law, there should be no rich, not poor, no high, no low, no white, no black, but common country, common citizenship, equal rights and a common destiny."

—Frederick
Douglass

### What's New

Effective March 2015, inspection stickers for vehicles will be tied to vehicle registration. In essence, vehicle owners will receive one sticker for their windshields.

Vehicle owners will have to get a vehicle inspection 90 days before renewing their registration. In order to obtain a registration sicker, owners will have to provide proof of a passed inspection. In other words, vehicle owners will have to present a form showing that the vehicle has

passed inspection in order to renew their vehicle's registration.

## **Do You Know Your Rights?**

#### **Co-Signers**

Be care when you co-sign for a loan, etc. If the person for whom you co-sign defaults, you will be responsible for the loan.

**Opting Out** 

To opt-out of preapproved credit card applications for five years, call 1-888-567-8688 or go to optoutprescreen.com.

**Sex Offender Registry** 

Do you want to find the sex offenders in your zip code? You can go to the following website and search by zip code: records.txdps.state.tx.us/ SexOffender/PublicSite

**Buying a Used Car?** 

Before you purchase a used car, check out its history at National Motor Vehicle Title Information at www.vehiclehistory.gov