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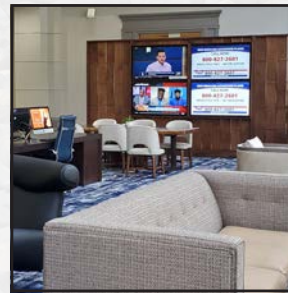
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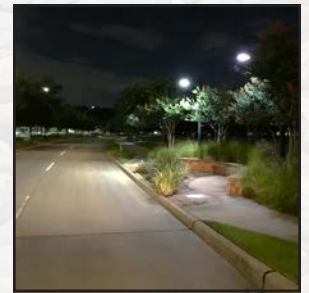
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Houston Food Bank Opens Facility in NHD

This summer, the Houston Food Bank opened its new North Branch location, a 128,000-square-foot warehouse, to meet the increasing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Location: 146 Knobcrest, north of the Beltway near I-45

Visit www.houstonfoodbank.org for volunteer opportunities.

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Courtesy of Aldine ISD

Local Business Helps AISD Students

On Friday, Aug. 21, Halliburton donated 500 laptops and 140 iPhones to Aldine ISD.



Pictured are (left to right): LeAnn Pantalion, Information Technology Analyst, Halliburton; Melissa Sowell, Manager, Halliburton Community Relations; Steve Oakes, Aldine ISD Director of Warehouse Services.

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Building a Destination District

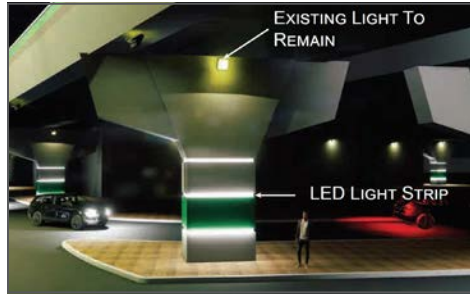
North Houston Development Corporation 2021 Plans

With more world class events happening at North Houston parks, adding that extra “wow factor” has become ingrained in the District’s mission. Visitors can experience North Houston as a beautiful, vibrant, and adventure-filled part of the region, thanks to the help of funding and vision from the North Houston Development Corporation.

Here are some recent victories to celebrate as North Houston continues improvements and upgrades.

Hike and Bike

Taking advantage of all the greenspace the area has to offer has never been more important. A new trail directly west of the Rockstar Energy Bike Park



Proposed lighting and intersection enhancements from the Greens Road Landscape Plan



connecting a bridge and Houston Parks Board-constructed trail was recently completed, with anticipation that it will eventually extend to Rankin Road in the future.

“The trail is extensively used by walkers, skateboarders and bikers and is a great addition to the area,” says Sally Bradford, Executive

Director of the North Houston Development Corporation.

Road Improvements & Public Art Installations

Engineering by PGAL is underway for reconstruction of Greens Road, which will extend from Northchase

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Proposed Improvements Location Plan

- SAWCUT EXISTING PAVERS AND PROVIDE SERPENTINE BANDING
- DEMOLISH CONCRETE PAVING AND INSTALL NEW LANDSCAPING
- REPAINT EXISTING METAL RAILING
- INSTALL NEW METAL FIGURINE GRAPHICS
- INSTALL ‘FAUX’ GREEN SCREEN WITH VINES

Extreme Makeover Complete

Hilton Houston North Hotel Reopens

Despite facing the COVID-related challenges, the Hilton Houston North spent the past six months flipping the hotel into updated modern luxury worth \$35 million. A larger Starbucks than the former storefront will soon open as well.

HAPPY HOUR

3 - 6 PM



Sheriff's Office Task Force Welcomes Fresh Faces

If there's something strange, in your neighborhood...we're gonna call the new Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Task Force officers! This squad is specifically dedicated to protecting and patrolling the North Houston District. The task force works diligently to enhance safety and security in North Houston through a variety of measures, including meeting proactively with apartment managers and residents, business owners, and community leaders to address concerns, and also regularly engaging in community events and volunteer work alongside local residents.

According to North Houston District Public Safety Director, Tracy Harrison, the new task force officers are replacing officers who have been promoted or have moved on to other units. All of the deputies have been selected based on experience, professionalism and willingness to work with different organizations within the community. They undergo an application process and must interview with a panel before being selected as a fit for our community. The new deputies, S. Harris, T. Pickens, M. Barboza, and T. E. Newsome Jr., are ready to work in building relationships and assisting needs in the community.

Sergeant J. Gonzalez was one of the original deputies chosen when the task force first started in 2016. He spent two years on the team before being promoted to sergeant. Gonzalez was selected as sergeant to the task force particularly because of his work ethic, commitment and experience in the Greenspoint area.

You might spot the task force working at community events or just patrolling the area. Get to know them with these fast facts. 🌱



J. Gonzalez, Sergeant

Sgt. Gonzalez has been a certified peace officer for 10 years and has been with HCSO for a total of 10 years (2006-2010 and 2014-2020). Four of the 10 years were as a detention officer assigned to the Harris County Jail. He was born and raised in Houston Texas.

In his own words:

Proudest career moments: One was graduating #1 in my academy class of 64 people. It was my personal goal, so it was special for me when all those nights of studying paid off. The second was getting promoted to the rank of sergeant. I sacrificed and studied hard to become a sergeant for the third largest Sheriff's Office in the nation and I couldn't be more proud.

Challenging moment: After being diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer two months prior, my mother passed away one week before I was promoted. Her funeral was the same date and time as my promotion ceremony. Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Chief Deputy Toquica, and Assistant Chief Navarre, reached out and made arrangements for me to have a private ceremony with friends and family at my mother's services. It meant the world to my family that the Sheriff's Office was able to do that. Then starting my new assignment Downtown at the Harris County Jail the very next day was rough. I had just buried my mother and had to supervise 27 Sheriff's Office personnel almost immediately.

In his downtime: I spend all my off time with my children. I just bought a lot of fishing gear so we're about to start that new hobby together.

Deputy M. Barboza

Barboza has been a deputy for about three years and has been with HCSO for a year and a half. He grew up in Houston, Texas and is dedicated to serving the public and helping keep the community safe, whether it be through crisis counseling, rendering aid, or patrolling to prevent crime.



In his own words:

Proudest career moment:

Graduating from the police academy and joining a brotherhood that my father and brother are a part of.

Most challenging part of the job:

The unpredictability. Every scene we encounter is never the same, which is what keeps us on our toes.

Personal hobbies: Spending time with family and friends. I am family-oriented and enjoy making memories with my loved ones. I am also very athletic, I enjoy playing softball with coworkers and working out.

Deputy S. Harris

Harris has been a deputy for five years, and with HCSO for a total of six and a half years. She is from the southside of Houston (South Park) and enjoys the fact that everyday on the Task Force brings a different challenge.



In her own words:

Proudest career moment: Finding a hit and run suspect who killed a one-year-old child.

Most challenging achievement: Finishing the Houston Community College Police Academy.

Personal hobbies: Riding motorcycles, going to the beach and traveling.

Deputy T. E. Newsome Jr.

Newsome has been employed in law enforcement since 2017 and with HCSO since 2019. He was born and raised in Houston, Texas and enjoys his job, especially being part of a proactive Task Force.



In his own words:

Proudest moment: The day I joined the police force.

Most challenging achievement: Going to school full-time for my bachelor's degree while also working full-time. I have since graduated successfully from University of Houston Downtown with my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Personal hobbies: In my spare time I like to play my XBOX, exercise, and spend time with my family.

Deputy T. Pickens

Pickens has been a police officer since 2016 and has been with HCSO since 2019. She was born and raised on the northside of Houston and grew up in the Greenspoint neighborhood.

In her own words:

Proudest career moments: Seeing the look on my family's face when I graduated from the police academy.

Most challenging moment: In 2017, I responded to a head-on collision accident involving an intoxicated driver. I was one of the first units to arrive on scene and had to assist with removing the drunk driver from his burning vehicle. While additional units responded, I consoled the driver of the other vehicle. EMS arrived and used the jaws of life to remove him from the vehicle. Sadly, the male did not make it out alive. My biggest challenge was to continue my shift instead of going home and crying like I really wanted to. When we witness tragedies, we have a duty to respond properly and hold it together for the sake of the public who we vowed to protect.

Personal hobbies: I enjoy resting in my downtime. Being of sound mind and body plays an important factor in making the big decisions we face while on duty. I look forward to resting and recharging myself to continue giving 110%.



"The HCSO is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and secure community."



Destination District

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Proposed Median Tip Landscape Treatment



to Ella Blvd. New landscaping will be introduced and improvements will be made to drainage, sidewalks, curbs, and crosswalks increasing safety and aesthetics.

Public art will be a component, highlighting images of skateboarders and cyclists on signage and branding to amplify North Houston's dedication to these sports. Construction on the project as a whole is slated to begin in early 2021.

Landscaping

In the works is a major landscaping project along Kuykendahl Road, currently spearheaded by M2L landscape architects.

"We've tapped Kuykendahl at Rankin as a major gateway point into North

Houston Skate Park, Dylan Park, and Rockstar Energy Bike Park," adds Bradford.

Expect new landscaping and trees in addition to improvements for sidewalks, curbs, and crosswalks with construction kicking off in early December or early 2021.

Looking to the Future

Included in the Capital Projects Plan are undercrossing improvements (new lighting and painting) at I-45 and Rankin as well as I-45 at Aldine Bender. Street projects in the Greens Crossing and Ella areas, and reconstruction of Northborough Road between Rankin and Greens Road are also on the docket.



Driftwood Hospitality and Baskerville Redesign Hilton Houston North



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Location:

I-45 North at North Sam
Houston Parkway West
12400 Greenspoint Dr.,
Houston, TX 77060

General Manager:

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That's a wrap!

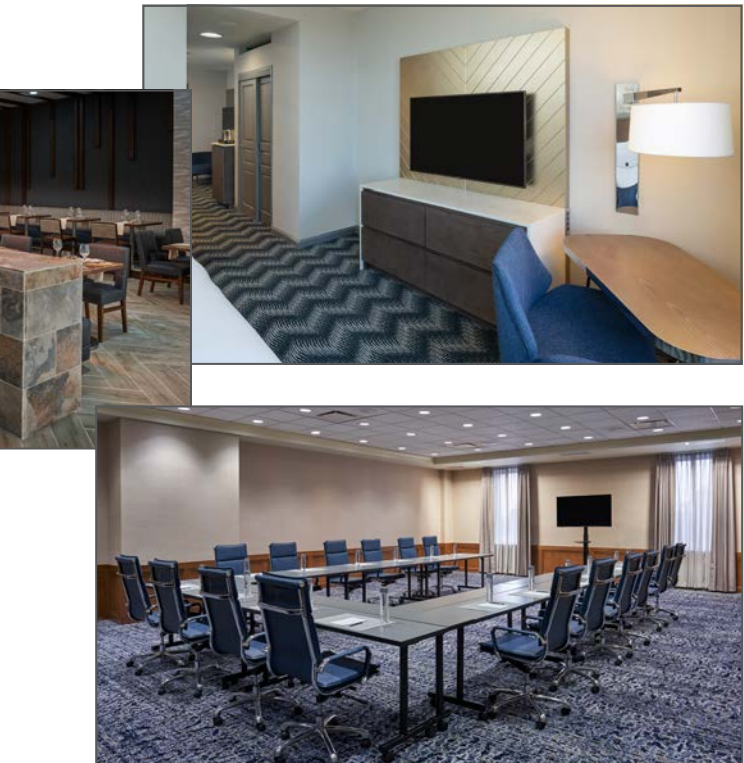
Voila! The first illuminated gateway branded with the North Houston District logo is officially complete after a year of planning and implementation. Thanks to our partners for making it possible!



Rankin Rd., east of I-45 North; featured – Travis Triola, Kudela & Weinheimer Landscape Architects; Bart Baker, NHD Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer; Justin Rayburn, Triple E Landscaping; Asdrubal "Dru" Gutierrez, NHD Field Services Manager; and Ryan Clary, DL Meacham Construction LP

Brightening Our Streets, Going Green

In the North Houston District, we look for sustainable ways to maintain our parks, streets and roadways, which is why we have upgraded some of our lighting to LEDs or light emitting diodes. The new lights installed are more energy efficient and cost effective, and just one of the many improvements completed this summer by our field services team.





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Commissioned by N. Houston Development Corp. and installed in 2011, *Blowing Leaves*, by artist Kevin Box, sits at Greens Pkwy. and Gears Rd. in the Greens Crossing quadrant of the North Houston District.

GREENS CROSSING

GREENSPPOINT

PINTO BUSINESS PARK

AIRLINE CORRIDOR



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The North Houston District is a management district that advocates for projects and services that attract the best in commercial and residential life to the area.

It's a special purpose district created by the Texas Legislature and provides enhanced services in public safety, planning and development, beautification and maintenance of public rights of way, and development of parks and trails.

The District's service area includes four quadrants that span across the intersection of Interstate 45 North and the North Sam Houston Parkway.

