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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



Issue 57

NEWSLETTER

August 2021

Friends,

Summer weather is in full swing, but the first day of school is just around the corner!

Find out about school registrations, supplies, and the Texas Sales Tax Holiday Weekend.

The Harris County Clerk is hosting two events to help parents secure their children's birth certificates for school registration.

There are several back to school donation events this month in House District 137.

ALL Texans (12 years old and up) are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are provided through the city, county, and many other providers.

Houston METRO has a new route, the 309 Gulfton Connector!

Houston City Council, District J is hosting a job fair this month.

It is an honor to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,



Representative Wu and family celebrating the 4th of July at the Liberty Festival held at PlazAmericas in Sharpstown

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Important School Information

August is back to school time in House District 137! Please see the important updates below about registering for school, details on in-person instruction, school supplies, and back to school donation events going on in the district.

Alief Independent School District



- First Day of School: **Tuesday, August 10**
- New Student 2021-2022 Application
 - [English](#)
 - [Español](#)
 - [Tiếng Việt](#)
- Space is limited for Alief ISD's [Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs](#).
- [Apply Online for Free/Reduced Meals](#)
- Suggested School Supply Lists
 - [English](#)
 - [Español](#)
- [LEA plan for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services](#)

Houston Independent School District



- First Day of School: **Monday, August 23rd**
- Enroll for the 2021-2022 Academic Year
 - [English](#)
 - [Español](#)
 - [Tiếng Việt](#)
- Prekindergarten families must first [apply for a seat](#) through the School Choice office at www.ChooseHISD.org.
- Breakfast and lunch are free at HISD for students. Some schools also offer free after school snacks and dinner for students.
- Schools and classroom teachers will distribute school supply lists
- [Ready, Set, Go! 2021-2022 Back to School Plan](#)

Just in time for back to school, the Texas Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend, August 6-8. Click the picture below to learn which items qualify!



Birth Certificates for Back to School Registration

The Harris County Clerk's office provides a short-form birth certificate that is acceptable for school enrollment. Their office will open on two consecutive Saturdays to provide birth certificates for families who need their child's records for back to school registration.

- Saturday, August 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at 201 Caroline St. (Downtown Office)
- Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at 6000 Chimney Rock Rd. (Chimney Rock Annex)

The following are required to apply for a birth certificate:



 *Saturday*
BACK TO SCHOOL
Birth Certificates!

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cclerk.hctx.net

- Must have been born in the State of Texas
- You must be the person named on the certificate, the legal representative or immediate family member with appropriate identification (ID).
- Have acceptable ID:
 - Valid photo ID, such as U.S. Driver's License, Federal or State ID card, Military ID, or U.S. Passport
 - For other acceptable ID options, visit: [Obtaining a Birth Certificate in Texas \(state.tx.us\)](http://state.tx.us).
- A completed birth certificate application
- Payment of \$23.00 (cash or credit card)

For information on Harris County Clerk services and updates go to www.cclerk.hctx.net, or follow them on social media @HarrisCoTXClerk.



Back to School Events

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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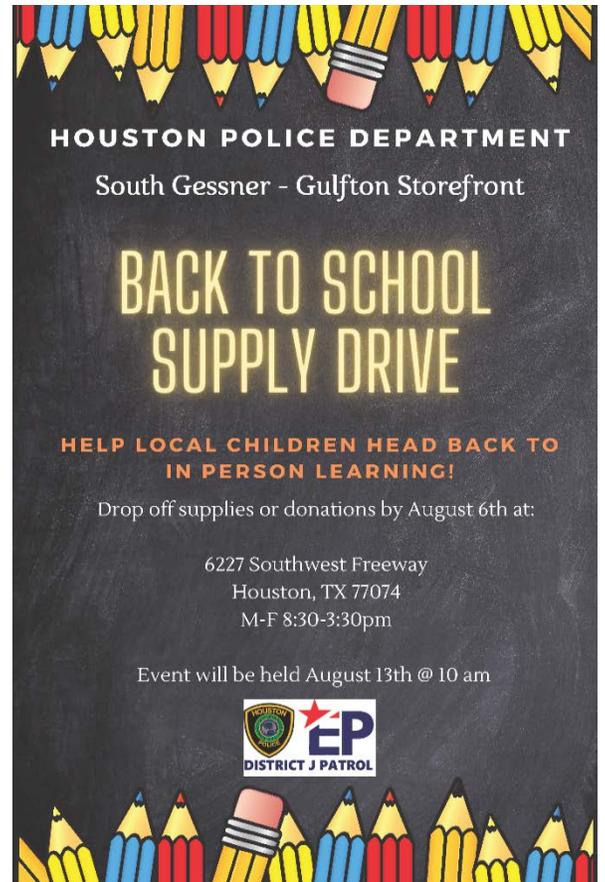
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

HELP LOCAL CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO
IN PERSON LEARNING!

Drop off supplies or donations by August 6th at:

6227 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074
M-F 8:30 - 3:30pm

Event will be held August 13th at 10:00 a.m.

A poster for a 'Back to School Supply Drive' by the Houston Police Department. The top and bottom edges feature a row of colorful pencils. The background is dark grey with yellow and white text. The title 'BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'HELP LOCAL CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO IN PERSON LEARNING!'. Further down, it says 'Drop off supplies or donations by August 6th at:' followed by the address '6227 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77074' and hours 'M-F 8:30-3:30pm'. At the bottom, it states 'Event will be held August 13th @ 10 am' and includes the Houston Police Department logo and 'DISTRICT J PATROL' with a star.

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3rd Annual Back 2 School Bash

Saturday, August 14th
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Live Music • Food • Photo Opportunities
Free Backpacks • Free School Supplies

Special appearance from K-9 unit, HPD Helicopter
Traffic Enforcement Camara and many more

7277 Regency Square Blvd, Houston, TX 77036

A colorful poster for the '3rd Annual Back 2 School Bash'. The top text reads 'Houston Police Department Midwest Division presents'. The main title '3rd Annual Back 2 School Bash' is in large, bold, black letters with a red ribbon effect. Below the title, it says 'Saturday, August 14th 10a.m-1p.m.' in white text on a blue banner. There are several callouts in speech bubbles: 'LIVE MUSIC' in a red bubble, 'FOOD' in a green bubble, and 'Photo Opportunities' in a blue bubble. At the bottom, there are four backpacks in blue, yellow, green, and pink. The blue one says 'Free Backpacks' and the pink one says 'Free School Supplies'. The bottom of the poster has a yellow banner with the text: '* Special appearance from K-9 unit, HPD Helicopter, * Traffic Enforcement Camaro and many more 7277 Regency Square Blvd. Houston, TX 77036'.

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2021 ANNUAL
BACK to SCHOOL DRIVE

**When: Saturday, August 7th, 2021
9:30am until supplies last**
**Where: 7500 Bellaire Blvd
Houston, TX 77036**

PLAZAMERICAS

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Visit
TheAllianceTX.org/back-to-school or email
backtoschool@thealliancetxt.org

The Alliance PlazAmericas 14th Annual Back to School Drive

School supplies • Community Resources • Giveaways
& Raffles • Children's Immunizations and COVID-19
Vaccines

When: Saturday August 7th, 2021 starting at 9:30 a.m.
until supplies last

Where: 7500 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77036

Partners

Trio Educational Opportunities Centers • Etoile
Academy Charter School • Houston Health
Department • Bo's Place • Hope Clinic & Community
Health Center • Nurse Health Line • Greater Houston
Dental Society • Texas Children's Hospital

**Children's immunizations by appointment only:
832-824-6355**

To volunteer or make a donation, visit:
TheAllianceTX.org/back-to-school or email
backtoschool@thealliancetxt.org

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Houston, TX 77036

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7 de agosto, 2021
empieza a las 9:30am
DÖNDE: PlazAmericas
7500 Bellaire Blvd
Houston, TX 77036

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Para más información: TheAllianceTX.org/back-to-school

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

With the Delta variant, vaccination is more urgent than ever. Data shows that the Delta variant is different than past versions of the virus: it is much more contagious and people with breakthrough infections may spread it - even those who have been vaccinated.

- Since COVID-19 vaccination began, nearly all Texas COVID-19 deaths are among people who are not fully vaccinated.
- Like any vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines cannot stop 100% of infections, but they do protect most people.
- While rare, breakthrough cases where fully vaccinated people get COVID-19 are expected, but fully vaccinated people are much less likely to get seriously sick.
- Full vaccination is the best defense against COVID-19 and its variants.
- Wearing a mask in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status, helps protect you and everyone close to you.
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Learn more on the [CDC website](#). Click the image below to view a [map](#) of Houston Health Departments offering the vaccine.

Getting vaccinated is FREE and does not require ID, proof of residency, citizenship, or insurance.

People age 12 and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Houston Health Department-affiliated vaccination sites are located across the city for walk-ins or appointments. Find nearby sites below or call 832-393-4220 for assistance.

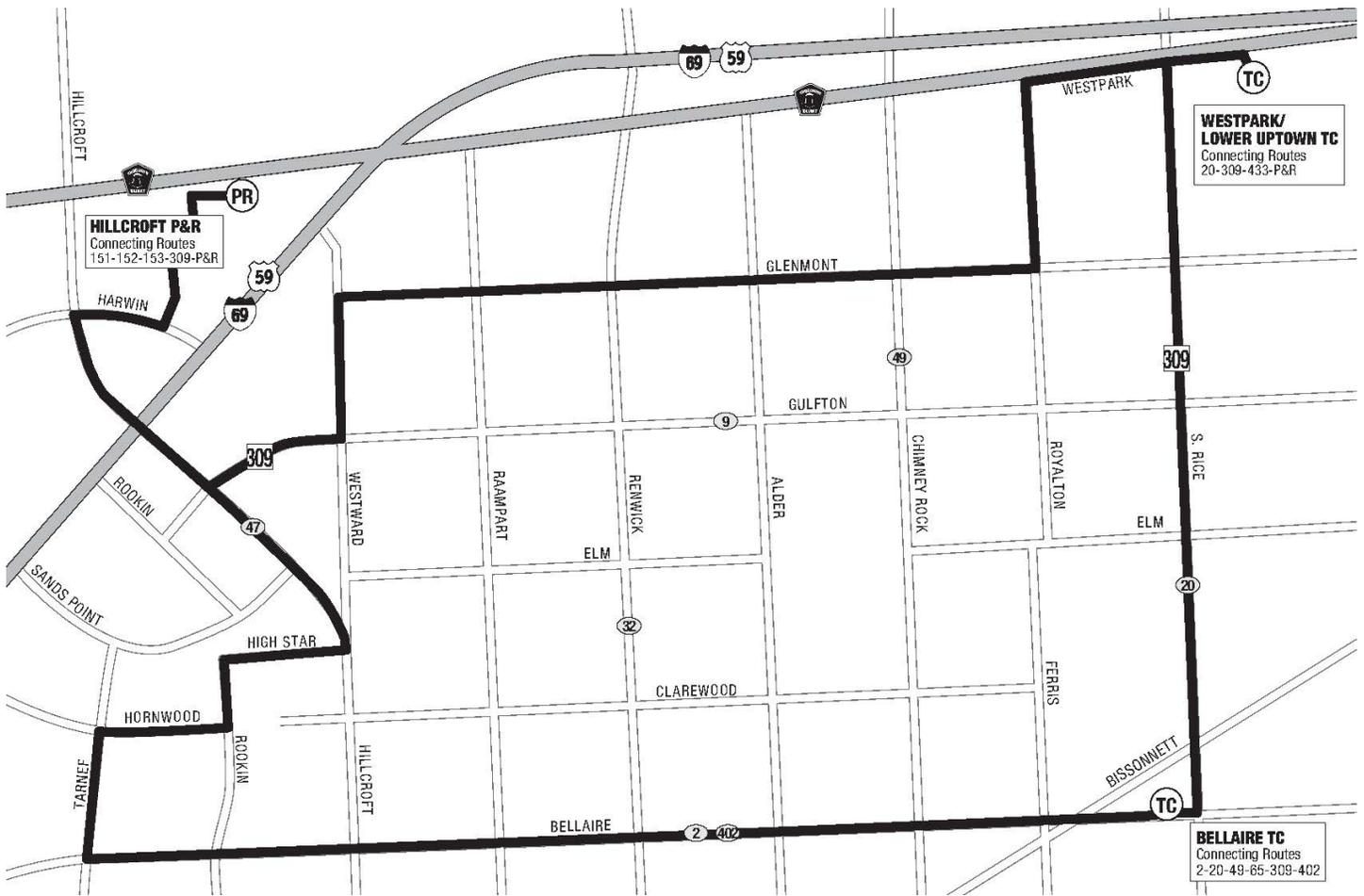


METRO Gulfton Circulator

We are proud to announce that Houston METRO will be implementing a new route this month in the Gulfton area linking multiple destinations with the Bellaire Transit Center, Hillcroft Park & Ride, and the Westpark/Lower Uptown Transit Center.

Starting Sunday, August 22, the **309 Gulfton Circulator** will operate 7 days a week to better serve Houston's most densely populated neighborhood. Please see the map below for more details on the route and stops. Buses will operate in both directions of the circulation route simultaneously.

My office is so thankful to Houston METRO for bringing this much needed service to Gulfton!



The 309 Gulfton Circulator will expand connectivity to existing METRO routes serving the area and offer greater connections to transit centers, as well as important neighborhood stops such as schools, groceries, laundry, and shopping.

Job Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE

Council Member Edward Pollard's office will host District J Jobs, an in-person job fair, where participants will be able to interview on the spot for job opportunities.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2001
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