

# SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD 22

## WASHINGTON AVENUE COALITION - MEMORIAL PARK

### REPORT TO CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

September 2009

**DISTRICT H CM ED GONZALEZ' TOWN HALL MEETING:** On Monday, September 14, 2009, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (in place of the regularly scheduled SN 22 meeting), District H Councilmember Ed Gonzalez will host a Town Hall Meeting at the West End Multi-Service Center, 170 Heights Blvd. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss various issues that are directly affecting residents of District H and to have an open and frank discussion. Representatives from many city departments including the police department are expected to attend. Participation is critical to work toward improving the quality of life for all of SN 22's constituent communities.

**ELECTION EVENTS:** The bi-annual general election for city office will held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Please mark your calendars and plan now to participate in the following election events:

**Sunday, October 4th: Rally on the Green-Discovering Houston's Leadership** presented by the Houston Area League of Women Voters together with community organizations including Super Neighborhood 22, Discovery Green Anheuser Busch Stage, 1500 McKinny Street:

2:00-3:00 Controller Candidates Forum

3:00-4:00 City Council, HCC and HISD Candidates Reception

4:00-5:00 Mayoral Candidates Forum

**Thursday, October 7th: Houston City Council District G Candidates Forum** presented by Super Neighborhood 22 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 6622 Haskell Street, 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 12th: Houston City Council At-Large Candidates Forum** presented by Super Neighborhood 22 at the West End Multi-Service Center, 170 Heights Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

**QUIET ZONE (QZ):** At a recently held public meeting, engineers from the City of Houston's Public Works and Engineering Department announced that in response to public comments received at a previous public meeting, the crossings at Parker and Roy Streets will remain OPEN, while those at Thompson and Bonner Streets will be closed, and Allen Street will remain two-way. Implementation of the W/Ave QZ and the First Ward Safety Zone are on schedule to be completed early next year. Additional information is available on the web at [www.washingtonquietzone.com](http://www.washingtonquietzone.com).

**RECYCLING DROP OFF FACILITY:** At the request of District H CM Ed Gonzalez, the city's plan to sell the land at Center and Harvard Streets now being used as a recycling drop off facility has been referred back to the administration. SN 22 has urged the city NOT sell the property but, instead, to agree to lease space to an adjacent business and use the proceeds from the lease to build a structured parking garage that would continue to house a recycling drop off facility on the first floor, parking for an adjacent business on the second floor, and parking for W/Ave destinations on upper floors.

**RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING (RPP):** City Council has approved Old Sixth Ward's application for RPP on the three blocks south of W/Ave and other neighborhoods are preparing to submit their own applications for the RPP.

**SPEC'S CONTROVERSY:** Efforts to persuade Spec's to adjust the merchandise offered at its W/Ave location to bring its sales into compliance with the city's alcohol-free school zone ordinance have failed, and the lawsuits are proceeding.

**OLIVEWOOD CEMETERY:** City surveyors are conducting a court-ordered boundary survey that they expect to complete in October, and the Descendants of Olivewood are planning a fundraiser for late Octobers. Please watch for details and plan to participate in that fundraiser!