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A Word From The President



Dear Chamber and Community Friends, As we are writing this, the rains continue to come down and threaten our community. Here are some tips and resources that will hopefully help. Please forward this newsletter to others in your distribution list that may need or want this information.

[Pct 4 Newsletter/Flood Info](#)

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www.ReadyHarris.org for disaster/hurricane season preparation information

www.SBA.gov/disaster to determine if you are eligible for disaster assistance

Please note in the Pct 4 Newsletter that while Pct 4 staff will do curb pick-up of flood debris, they will not pick up bagged

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items nor paint cans. Items must be within 15 feet of the curb.

Rep. Riddle advises us that the last disaster declaration has expired, but the governor's office has issued a new declaration to cover this round of flooding and is waiting on word from the President.

As we have posted on our homepage these days, access the [National Disaster Help Desk for Business](#) at 1-888-MY BIZ-HELP

Be Safe,

Barbara Thomason

June Monthly Luncheon

Don't Miss This One!
Thursday, June 9th at Fallbrook Church
Luncheon and Table Sponsors Needed
Reservations are \$30 until June 7th and \$35 thereafter.
No charge for Fallbrook Members.

Register TODAY!

Thursday, June 9, 2016

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fallbrook Church

**12512 Walters Rd.
Houston, TX 77014**

Guest Speaker



Amos McDonald,
Lone Star College, Vice
Chancellor Government
and Public Relations

*"A Vision for Public Policy and
Economic Development in
Northwest Harris County"*

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Sponsor the Luncheon

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Table and Luncheon Sponsorships Available
Contact The Chamber at 281-440-4160 or
SandyB@HoustonNWChamber.org for information.

Many Thanks To...

Village on the Park Steeplechase for hosting a fun in the sun **Meet & Greet in May**

All who joined us for the **May "Bandit Signs, Billboard and Benches" Luncheon**

Bayou Land Conservancy Needs Your Help with Summer Trails Cleanup

Government

Precinct 4 Commissioner's E-Corner

Harris County Ranked #2 Top Places to Invest in Texas

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Reach Unlimited for hosting a wonderful **Networking Breakfast** in May

Springhill Suites Houston Northwest for a great **Meet & Greet** on June 1st!

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Dr. Bret Champion Welcomed at Klein ISD Reception



Dr. Bret Champion, KISD Superintendent and Larry Balthazar, Klein Forest Community Liaison and co-chair of the Chamber's Education/Workforce Development Committee



Barbara Thomason and Marcee Champion



Utility Districts and Water Bill Customers Wanted!

With the passage of HB 2528, water districts are now able to participate in community and economic improvements in our community. The Chamber urges districts to consider how they can help improve their area's property values.

www.GrowHoustonNW.com

[Download Sample Bill Stuffer](#)

Government Affairs and Transportation

Join us on Wednesday, June 15th at 8:30am at the Chamber when Andrea French, executive director of TAG, the Transportation Advisory Group - Houston will discuss key transportation initiatives for our region.



Directories Are Here!

Welcome to the Champion family! Dr. Bret Champion comes to Klein from Leander, TX where he served as superintendent and Marcee taught adjunct government for Austin Community College.

Ray Laughter Honored

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, Ray Laughter was presented with a Congressional Commendation from Congressman Michael McCaul in honor of his retirement.

We echo the Congressman's words, and are honored that in his retirement Ray continues to play a significant role in leading our Chamber!



Please join us in thanking Ray for his many years of service to our community!

Join us! Texas Central Railroad Update

Find out the facts beyond the rumors on this exciting and controversial private partnership project.



When: Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 9:30am-10:30am

Where: The Houston Northwest Chamber office, 3920 Cypress Creek Parkway, Suite 120, Houston TX 77068

Who: Anyone; one does not need to be a Chamber member to attend.



The 2016 Lifestyle Guide and Membership Directories are here and being mailed to all members. They should hit mail boxes beginning this week -- so be on the lookout!

If you are interested in additional copies for your place of business, please stop by the Chamber offices to pick some up, or call 281-440-4160 or email Sandy Barton at SandyB@HoustonNWChamber.org to arrange for delivery.

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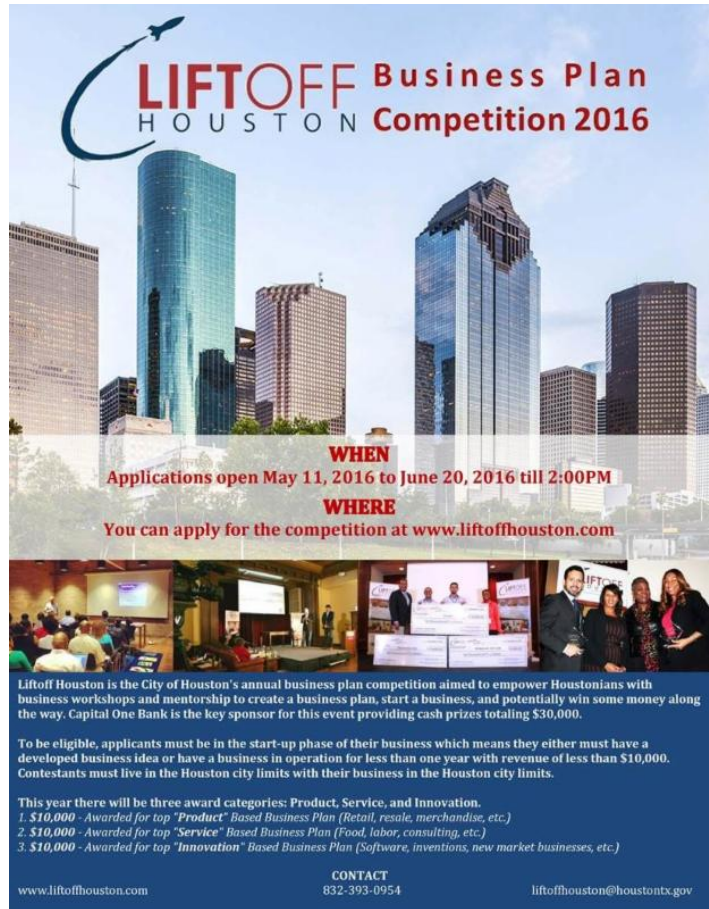
The "Ike Dike"

It is not a matter of IF, but WHEN a hurricane hits the upper Texas coast and brings a deadly storm surge. The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has passed a resolution in support of the development of the Coastal Spine. View the VIDEO:



The Coastal Spine

LiftOff Houston! Business Plan Competition 2016



**LIFTOFF Business Plan
HOUSTON Competition 2016**

WHEN
Applications open May 11, 2016 to June 20, 2016 till 2:00PM

WHERE
You can apply for the competition at www.liftoffhouston.com

Liftoff Houston is the City of Houston's annual business plan competition aimed to empower Houstonians with business workshops and mentorship to create a business plan, start a business, and potentially win some money along the way. Capital One Bank is the key sponsor for this event providing cash prizes totaling \$30,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be in the start-up phase of their business which means they either must have a developed business idea or have a business in operation for less than one year with revenue of less than \$10,000. Contestants must live in the Houston city limits with their business in the Houston city limits.

This year there will be three award categories: Product, Service, and Innovation.

1. \$10,000 - Awarded for top "Product" Based Business Plan (Retail, resale, merchandise, etc.)
2. \$10,000 - Awarded for top "Service" Based Business Plan (Food, labor, consulting, etc.)
3. \$10,000 - Awarded for top "Innovation" Based Business Plan (Software, inventions, new market businesses, etc.)

CONTACT
www.liftoffhouston.com 832-393-0954 liftoffhouston@houstontx.gov



Save the Date! Saturday, October 1, 2016

This free family-friendly festival is a celebration of the arts and out-of-doors in the Cypress Creek Cultural District. The day begins with the "Color the Creek 5K and 1K Family Fun Run"! There are opportunities to sponsor, sell art and craft items, exhibit and volunteer!

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2016 Strategic Goals



Cypress Creek Community Center Hosts Mark Burns



Houston Photographer Mark Burns Presents "America's National Parks at the Centennial"

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of America's greatest treasure - its National Parks! The Cypress Creek Community Center presents a panel discussion at the Centrum (6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring TX 77379) on Thursday, June 23, at 6:30pm with Houston photographer Mark Burns. Burns' iconic black-and-white photos of America's National Parks are featured in exhibit at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts (6815 Cypresswood) from June 4 to September 4. Shara Fryer, KTRH news personality, will moderate the discussion, and Kyle Britt, an outdoor enthusiast who has visited all 59 parks, will also participate. The Pearl will be open late after the program for viewing of the exhibit and serving of light refreshments. The event is free and does not require a ticket.

Also, stop by the Barbara Bush Library during the month of June, to see a special exhibit of some of the antique camera equipment used to take early photos in the National Parks.

"The Heritage of North Harris County" A DVD Available for Check Out

Thanks to the North Harris County Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women), a wonderful video presentation has been developed and is available for loan to community groups through the Chamber. The video traces the origins of our community starting with the Indian inhabitants, the early settlers up to the present. Contact ChamberInfo@HoustonNWChamber.org to check it out.

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