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# Regional Focus

Your Monthly Newsletter from the Houston-Galveston Area Council  
July 2024



## Happy Independence Day!

This July, we have many events and learning opportunities. Watch below and read on to learn how you can get involved!



### ANNOUNCING:

**Chuck Wemple as the Chair of the Executive Directors Council for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)**



Chuck Wemple, H-GAC Executive Director



**NARC**  
*Building Regional Communities*

NARC serves as the national voice for regions by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues.



# GIS Day

Secure your spot as a sponsor today!

Nov 21-22 | Houston, TX

## LIMITED SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

- GIS Industry Influence
- Targeted Exposure
- Networking Opportunities

In 2023, GIS Day attracted an impressive crowd of more than 250 professionals, and this year's event will be even better! The Houston-Galveston Area Council is thrilled to collaborate on the launch of GIS Day 2024 – Houston's leading GIS event – and YOU have the opportunity to sponsor this event.

### You Can't Afford to Miss This:

- Targeted Exposure: Connect with other industry professionals attending this year's GIS Day and engage with more than 300 students and educators from Houston and the surrounding region.
- Premium Visibility: Secure a dedicated space for your company in the exhibit hall, participate in the educational awareness program, and associate your brand with a growing and influential event.
- Networking Opportunities: Interact directly with decision-makers, innovators, and stakeholders, creating valuable connections and potential collaborations.

### Act Now to Secure Your Sponsorship:

Join us as a sponsor for GIS Day 2024 and ensure you don't miss out on the benefits that come with it. The exposure, connections, and influence you gain will be invaluable to your business and professional network.



SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP

**Upcoming Events**  
Learn how you can be involved in your community!

**JULY 9**



## **Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable**

**Tuesday, July 9  
2 - 4 p.m.**

**Houston-Galveston Area Council**

3555 Timmons Ln.  
Houston, TX 77027

**Second-Floor Conference Rooms B & C**

**REGISTER NOW**

Ashley R. Morgan-Olivera, Director of Research and Education/Outreach for the Texas Invasive Species Institute at Sam Houston State University, will discuss invasive species in the Houston-Galveston region, their removal, and reporting them at [Texasinvasives.org](https://Texasinvasives.org).

Attendees will also:

- Discuss the upcoming Parks and Natural Areas Awards program
- Learn about a new online, interactive trail mapping tool
- Hear from an award-winning park/natural area project
- Engage in a roundtable discussion of events and activities in the region

[Registration is requested, but not required, to attend.](#)

For more information, contact [Andrea Tantillo](#).

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**JULY 10**





## Free Disaster Debris Training

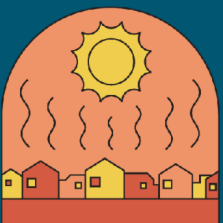
9 - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, July 10

Online/Zoom

Learn about:

- Debris management challenges caused by staff turnover and tips for overcoming them
- Finding qualified contractors and maintaining good contractor relations
- Social vulnerability and social justice considerations in disaster debris management operations
- Public information tools to enhance the message

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



For more information, contact [Erin Livingston](#).

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**JULY 16**

TUESDAY,  
JULY

**16**

AT 10 A.M.

# H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Ln.  
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Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C



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## JULY 17

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, July 17

JOIN IN PERSON OR ONLINE:



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## JULY 23





# BRINGING BACK MAIN STREET

# ROUNDTABLE



9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 23  
West Columbia Civic Center  
512 E. Brazos, West Columbia

[Click to Learn More & Register](#)

Presenters include representatives from the city of West Columbia, Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas Department of Transportation.

The Bringing Back Main Street initiative offers local communities a place to share best practices and engage in a regional dialogue about revitalizing and supporting vibrant downtown spaces. Each quarter, community leaders gather for a roundtable on topics ranging from small business support to sidewalk infrastructure.

[Registration is requested, but not required to attend.](#)

For more information, contact [Andrea Tantillo](#).

## JULY 26



## TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

**9:30 A.M. | FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024**

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C  
3555 Timmons Ln., Houston 77027**



# REGISTER NOW



# SUMMER MEETING

## 7•26/27

Hyatt Regency | Baytown, TX

Learn more about the [Texas Municipal League Summer Meeting & Workshop](#).

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Visit:  
[Texas Municipal League Summer Meeting & Workshop Sponsorship](#).

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**JULY 29**



# 2024 WISE AWARDS CEREMONY

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Monday, July 29

Houston-Galveston Area Council

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The [WISE](#) Awards program, overseen by H-GAC's Natural Resources Advisory Committee, recognizes and celebrates projects, programs, and individuals using innovative strategies to protect and improve water resources in the Houston-Galveston region. Recognize the 2024 WISE Award winners and learn more about their projects and programs by attending the WISE Awards.

[Registration](#) is requested but not required to attend.

## AUG 1

The graphic for the August 1 meeting features a background of nature scenes: hands holding small green seedlings, a sunlit forest, and a stone-lined stream. Overlaid on this is a dark blue diamond-shaped callout box containing text. To the right, the meeting details are listed in white text.

**NATURAL RESOURCES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HYBRID MEETING**  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 1

Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons, Ln.  
Houston, TX 77027

Second-Floor  
Conference Room D

Click for more  
information or visit:  
[h-gac.com/go/natural-resources-advisory-committee](http://h-gac.com/go/natural-resources-advisory-committee)

Registration  
coming  
soon!

## AUG 22



# Clean Waters Initiative Workshop: On-site Sewage Facilities

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Thursday, August 22

HYBRID MEETING

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C  
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 REGISTER NOW



[Registration](#) is requested, but not required to attend in person.  
[Registration](#) is required to attend online.

Clean Waters Initiative workshops offer education and information to local governments, nonprofit organizations, landowners, and residents to develop effective strategies to reduce pollution in local waterways.

For more information, contact [Rachel Windham](#).

## AUG 29



Mark your calendars for an exciting and informative collaboration between the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the [Texas Economic Development & Tourism Department of the Office of Governor Greg Abbott](#).

Sessions will include local and state partners providing resources and funding opportunities to grow economic development and tourism in your communities. This complimentary workshop will include lunch. Registration opening soon!


For more information contact [Cynthia Jones](#) at 713-993-4591.

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