



Regional Focus

Your Houston-Galveston Area Council Monthly Newsletter

November 2023 Edition

"What's Happening at H-GAC"

H-GAC is conducting surveys at two major airports this month! Learn about our initiatives and events across the region by watching November's "What's Happening at H-GAC!"

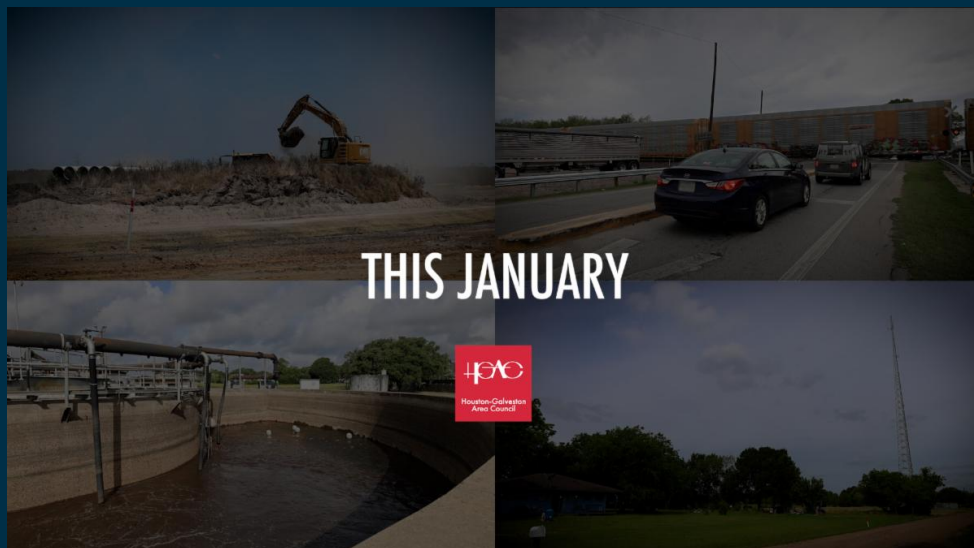


Airport Survey Partnership with H-GAC, TxDot & HAS

Houston-Galveston Area Council partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Houston Airport System to survey airport travelers and employees this November. Surveyors will collect responses from **November 13 - 19** at **William P. Hobby Airport** to help plan and prioritize future transportation projects to improve travel to and within Houston's largest airports.

[Click here](#) to watch a video explaining the survey in more detail.

2024 State of the Region: Growing Stronger Together



H-GAC's annual meeting is at **9 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024**. Save the date and plan to join us at The Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.

[Click here](#) to watch a video trailer featuring a quick look into the impactful work H-GAC has accomplished across the region.

Houston Food Bank Volunteer Event & Thanksgiving Feast



H-GAC staff sorted, sanitized and packed **six pallets** of food for the Houston Food Bank, providing around **3,000 meals** for families in the Houston-Galveston region on November 6, 2023, as part of our Thanksgiving feast and volunteer initiative.

Navigating Medicare Open Enrollment Get Support Now Through December 7



Many people feel overwhelmed with Medicare's rules and coverage options. However, making an informed decision on a Medicare plan can help improve beneficiaries' access to care and lower their healthcare costs.

Medicare's open enrollment runs from October 15 to **December 7**, during which beneficiaries must select their health or drug coverage for 2024.

The Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging serves as the local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for the 12 counties surrounding Harris County. SHIP helps Medicare beneficiaries and their families navigate Medicare with free and unbiased information.

Benefits Counselors with the Area Agency on Aging can help Medicare beneficiaries review their plan options. Contact the Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging for assistance or community presentations at **1-800-437-7396**.

Residents of Harris County can contact the Harris County Area Agency on Aging at 832-393-4301.

H-GAC Welcomes Christina Ordonez-Campos, Chief Financial Officer



Christina is responsible for H-GAC's finances and financial reporting as chief financial officer. She and her team assess risks and opportunities and help set and track financial goals, objectives, and budgets. Christina's career provided financial oversight and support to public sector organizations, primarily in higher education, such as Texas Southern University, the University of Houston, Lone Star College, Stafford Municipal School District, and more.

She received her Bachelor of Accounting and Master of Accounting degrees from Florida International University and is a certified public accountant (CPA) in the state of Texas. Christina is also a veteran of the United States Air Force. In her free time, Christina enjoys spending time with her two teenage children, William and Araceli. Both play in their high school marching band, which keeps her busy this time of year!

H-GAC Welcomes Teri Ramsey, Human Resources Director

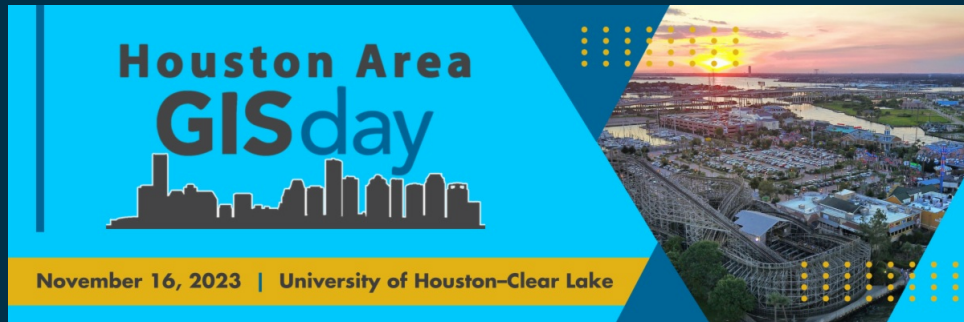


As director of human resources, Teri is responsible for developing recruitment and retention strategies, overseeing major employee operations, and ensuring compliance. Before joining H-GAC, Teri served as the vice president of human resources for Goodwill Industries of Houston. As an executive leadership team member, she managed 15 professionals and launched the organization's first human resources business partner program. She has provided her expertise in employee and organizational development in the oil and gas, real estate, technology, and consulting industries.

Teri received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from Western Illinois University. In her free time, Teri enjoys volunteering with various nonprofits, including serving as a board member. She also spends time reading, hiking, and traveling.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NOV 16



Houston Area GIS Day is slated for from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. GIS Day is the largest showcase of its kind showcasing the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) throughout the city of Houston and surrounding areas. Learn more at: bit.ly/gis-day-registration.

NOV 17

Parks & Natural Areas Roundtable Field Trip



Friday, Nov. 17
10 a.m. - noon

Galveston Island Parks



Join us for the Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable field trip for a tour of Galveston parks from 10 a.m. to noon on **Friday, November 17** at East Beach (R.A. Apffel Park), 1923 Boddeker Road, Galveston, TX.

We will learn more about the award-winning Women in Coastal Science program, tour parks around the city, and hear about using parks and parks programing as a revenue-generating, program-supporting opportunity. Transportation to Galveston is not provided. Carpooling is encouraged.

Register at: www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/meeting-materials.

For more information, contact Andrea Tantillo at andrea.tantillo@h-gac.com.

NOV 21

H-GAC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 21
10 a.m. - noon

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln., Houston 77027
2nd Floor Conference Rooms ABC

For more information, visit: h-gac.com/board-of-directors



DEC 5



FALL MEETING

Topics will include the 2023 annual report, BIG Implementation Plan revisions, Targeted Bacteria Monitoring and Total Maximum Daily Load updates.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
1 - 3 p.m.

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln., Houston 77027
2nd Floor Conference Rooms

HYBRID

Registration is required to attend online (Zoom):
bit.ly/big-fall-zoom-registration

Registration requested to attend in person:
<https://bit.ly/big-fall-in-person-registration>

For more information, contact Steven Johnston at steven.johnston@h-gac.com.

DEC 5

Community & Environmental Fall Planning Workshop

**Paving the Path to
an Equitable Future:
Strategies for Addressing Displacement**



The topic will focus on how development can happen without displacement. Expert speakers will discuss strategies for more equitable development, reframing the conversation around revitalization.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5.
1:30 - 4 p.m.**

Online Meeting

Registration is required to attend online (Zoom):
bit.ly/hgac-fall-planning-workshop-registration

For more information, contact Sarai Osorio at sarai.osorio@h-gac.com.

DEC 6

H-GAC County Pop-Up: Harris County, Precinct 2



Connecting Our Region



**Wednesday, Dec. 6
9 - 11 a.m.**


**Leonel Castillo Community Center
2101 South St. Houston, TX**

To register, visit: h-gac.com/calendar



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