



Regional Focus

Your Monthly Newsletter from the Houston-Galveston Area Council
Nov. 2024

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November is filled with exciting events, including Crash Responder Safety Week—a time dedicated to raising awareness about the safety of emergency responders on the road. Watch this video for all the details on our upcoming November happenings and get a special sneak peek at an exciting event we’re hosting in December!

Watch below to learn more and visit: h-gac.com/calendar.





Exploring air quality, its regional impacts, and ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

How Greenhouse Gases Impact Our Health and Air Quality

Welcome to *Climate Corner*, the newest section of our newsletter! Each month, we'll dive into critical topics around air quality, exploring how climate changes affect our region and sharing ways you can help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Greenhouse gases—such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O)—trap heat in the atmosphere, contributing to rising global temperatures. As GHG levels increase, the Earth experiences warming, which disrupts weather patterns and leads to extreme events like heatwaves and floods. These shifts also harm air quality, worsening respiratory conditions such as asthma and extending allergy seasons. Over time, poor air quality can raise the risk of heart and lung diseases.

To monitor your local air quality, [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) provides real-time data and forecasts based on your zip code along with health recommendations based on the current air quality.

Stay tuned for actionable tips, updates on local initiatives, and insights into building a healthier, cleaner atmosphere together.

Learn about our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program and how H-GAC is working to help improve our region's air quality:
h-gac.com/climate-pollution-reduction-grant-program

Learn About Our Broadband Work



How Can We Boost Broadband Access?



NOV 7



NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Registration is requested
to attend in person and
required to attend
online.

HYBRID MEETING
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 7

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

Second-Floor
Conference Room ABC



FREE WORKSHOP: A TARGETED PLAN

Workforce Solutions invites job seekers to join **A Targeted Plan**, a free seminar to help participants build an effective job search strategy.

During this session, attendees will gain practical insights into creating a focused plan by:

- Reviewing current labor market information to understand in-demand jobs
- Assessing personal skills and employment needs
- Practicing communication skills for applications, resumes, and interviews
- Preparing responses to common interview questions
- Discussing networking strategies, including the use of social media
- Learning effective follow-up techniques with employers

This event is offered across multiple Workforce Solutions Career Offices to ensure accessibility for all job seekers.

REGISTRATION

Contact your nearest participating career office to register.

Find a participating office near you:
wrksolutions.com/find-a-location

November 7, 2024

9:30 - 11 AM

At Participating
Workforce Solutions
Career Offices:


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- Columbus
- Conroe
- Cypress Station
- Humble
- Huntsville
- Katy
- Liberty
- Missouri City
- Sealy
- Waller
- Wharton
- Willowbrook



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NOV 13



Parks & Natural Areas Roundtable Park Tour

**Wednesday, Nov. 13
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Exploration Green
16205 Diana Lane
Houston, TX 77062**



Join us to learn more about the award-winning projects in this multi-phase green space and flood detention effort.

Meet at the park at 10 a.m. for a walking tour and then drive to the volunteer wetlands planting nursery. Learn more about the projects during the gentle 1-mile (approx.) stroll along paved paths. The event will conclude at noon.

Transportation will NOT be provided to Exploration Green or the nursery. Carpooling is encouraged.

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

For more information, visit the [Parks and Natural Areas website](#) or contact [Andrea Tantillo](#).

NOV 15

A banner for the Transportation Policy Council Meeting. It features four images: a red shipping container, two people riding bicycles on a path, a modern transit train, and a complex highway interchange. The text on the banner includes the event title, date and time, attendance information, and a live stream link.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

9:30 A.M. | FRIDAY, NOV 15

H-GAC
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Attend In Person:
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C

Watch Online:
H-GAC.COM/LIVE

NOV 18, 19 & 20

Elder Justice Program Prosecutor & Law Enforcement Officer Training

The H-GAC Elder Justice Program offers specialized training for prosecutors and law enforcement officers on how to identify, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse. Two nationally recognized former prosecutors, Candace Heisler (San Francisco, California) and Kathy Van Olst (King County, Washington), will conduct three full-day trainings in November. *Note: TCOLE and CLE credits are pending.*

The training will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Attendance is free but is limited to TCOLE-licensed investigators as well as prosecutors at county, district, and state levels. [Advance registration](#) is required. Lunch is provided. Seats are limited. Please let us know if you register and can no longer attend.

Felony Elder Abuse: Joint Prosecutor/Investigator Training

(Note: SBOT or TCOLE license number and a criminal-justice agency email are required to register for these sessions.)

- **Monday, November 18:** Harris County Sheriff's Office Academy, Humble
- **Wednesday, November 20:** Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond

Domestic Violence in Later Life Investigations: What Works in Domestic Violence & Elder Abuse Cases

(Note: TCOLE license number and a criminal-justice agency email are required to register for this training.)

- **Tuesday, November 19:** Sam Houston State University, The Woodlands

For more information, contact [Jackie Pontello](#).

NOV 19



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TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT RESPONDER TRAINING



Tuesday, November 19, 2024
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
bit.ly/TIMResponderTraining

Houston TranStar
6922 Katy Fwy
Houston, TX 77024

TUESDAY,
NOV

19

AT 10 A.M.

H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Attend In Person:



Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms ABC

Watch Online:



[H-GAC.COM/LIVE](https://www.h-gac.com/live)



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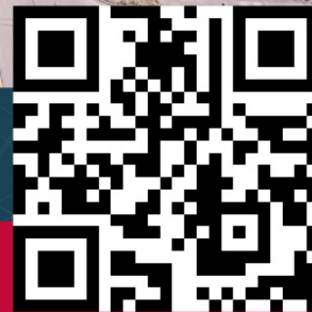
NOV 20



Old Townsite Resident Meeting

Wednesday,
November 20
6:00 - 7:00 PM

The Pearland Memorial
VFW Post 7109
4202 West Walnut St.
Pearland, TX 77581



Scan the QR code or visit
[https://engage.h-gac.com/
fm-518-corridor-study](https://engage.h-gac.com/fm-518-corridor-study) for
more information.

Clean Waters Initiative Workshop (Hybrid)

Join H-GAC for a [Clean Waters Initiative workshop](#) from 9 a.m. to noon on **Wednesday, November 20**, at H-GAC, second-floor conference rooms A, B, and C, and on Zoom. Expert speakers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Texas A&M University, University of Texas Public Health, University of Houston Clear Lake, and H-GAC will discuss pathogen indicators.

Registration is requested to [attend in person](#) and 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](#).

NOV 21-22

Houston Area GIS Day

Nov 21-22

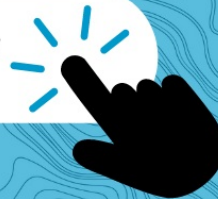
University of Houston Clear Lake

Bayou Building 2700 Bay Area Blvd Houston, TX 77058

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity
to explore the world of GIS.

houstonareagisday.org/



DEC 5



Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Workshop

In-Person Workshop: December 5

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H-GAC, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms A, B, C
3555 Timmons Ln., Houston, TX 77027

Virtual Workshop: December 10

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM



Register Now!

[https://www.h-gac.com/
events/its-architecture-workshop](https://www.h-gac.com/events/its-architecture-workshop)

MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

**If attending virtually, you will
receive a confirmation email along
with a link to the workshop.*

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture combines information and communications technologies with transportation infrastructure and vehicle systems in an attempt to maximize mobility, safety, and efficiency, while minimizing cost and environmental impacts. ITS Architecture enables agencies to use technology to optimally operate and manage their facilities in the most efficient and safe manner possible.

For more information, contact: Francis Rodriguez | Francis.Rodriguez@h-gac.com | 713-993-2437

DEC 6



BETWEEN HOME & WORK

How Third Places Help Build Inclusive Communities

2024 FALL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Join us for a thought-provoking Fall Planning Workshop that delves into the crucial role of **third places—those vibrant social spaces that exist beyond our homes and workplaces**. These gathering spots, such as cafes, parks, libraries, campuses, community centers, and other unique gathering spaces, are essential for fostering inclusivity and strengthening community ties.

Workshop Highlights:

- **Hear from experts** in urban planning, community development, and social innovation on how third places transform neighborhoods and foster inclusivity.
- **Explore successful examples** of third places enhancing social cohesion and community engagement.
- **Connect** with professionals, leaders, and advocates to exchange ideas and best practices for inclusive gathering spaces.

DATE

Friday,
December 6, 2024

TIME

8:30 - 11:00 AM

LOCATION

Virtual Event



To register, scan or visit:

bit.ly/FallPlanningWorkshop



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