



# Regional Focus

Your Houston-Galveston Area Council Monthly Newsletter  
August 2023 Edition

## "What's Happening at H-GAC"

A quick snapshot of what to do and how to get involved in your community!

This month we're coming to you from the Children's Museum Houston.  
Click below to watch and find out why!



### Grant Funding Opportunity!

### H-GAC'S SOLID WASTE GRANT APPLICATION

Open Tuesday, Sept. 5 - Tuesday, Oct. 17

This fall, H-GAC will award \$1 million in [solid waste program grant funds](#) to eligible projects through a competitive process. The funding for this grant is made available to H-GAC from a portion of the money collected as tipping fees at landfills across the state. Provided through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, these state dollars are intended to fund solid waste grant projects throughout H-GAC's 13-county region.

The grant application period will open on **Tuesday, September 5**, and will close at noon on **Tuesday, October 17**.

H-GAC will host a webinar from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 19**. The webinar will provide guidance on how to complete the grant application form.

[Registration](#) is required.

**Solid Waste Grant Application WEBINAR** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19

**REGISTER NOW!**

Grants will begin in either March or September 2024, and all work must be completed by June 2025. This is the only call for projects planned for this biennium.

For more information about the grant program or to be added to an email list to receive future solid waste grant notifications, contact [Erin Livingston](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### AUG 15

### H-GAC Board Meeting

August 15, 2023  
10 - 11:30 A. M.  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
2nd Floor  
3555 Timmons Ln.  
Houston, TX 77027

### AUG 16

### Clean Waters Initiative Workshop

HYBRID

August 16, 2023  
1- 4:00 P. M.  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
2nd Floor  
3555 Timmons Ln.  
Houston, TX 77027

[Zoom registration](#) required  
[In-person registration](#) requested

H-GAC is hosting a [Clean Waters Initiative MS4](#) (municipal separate storm sewer systems) workshop to educate and provide strategies for reducing pollution in local waterways.

For more information, email: [steven.johnston@h-gac.com](mailto:steven.johnston@h-gac.com)

### AUG 24

# CAREER EXPLORATION

FREE

## FAMILY NIGHT

5-8 P.M. | THURSDAY, AUG 24  
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HOUSTON  
1500 BINZ ST., HOUSTON 77004

- Discover New Career Paths
  - Free Back-2-School Vaccinations
  - Free Backpack Giveaway\*
- \*Limited availability. While supplies last.

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## AUG 29

### Upper Oyster Creek Annual Meeting

1 to 3 p.m. | Tuesday, August 29  
The Cane Room | 2700 Town Center Blvd North, Sugar Land

All residents, local governments, businesses, and non-profits within the Upper Oyster Creek Watershed are invited to attend this annual meeting.

Stakeholders will discuss their efforts to improve water quality within the Upper Oyster Creek Watershed. H-GAC and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will provide project updates, and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research will present their recent analysis of dissolved oxygen within the creek.

For more information, contact [Steven Johnston](#)

## SEPT 1



### Parks and Natural Areas 2023 Awards

# APPLY SEPT 1-28

The Parks and Natural Areas Awards honor projects in the following four categories:

- Projects More than \$500,000
- Projects Less than \$500,000
- Planning Process and Policy Tools
- Programming

Winning projects serve as models for the H-GAC region on how parks can improve water quality, habitat, and quality of life.

[CLICK HERE](#)

[VIEW](#)  
2023  
Application  
Guide

[APPLY](#)  
Sept 1-28

## SEPT 14



H-GAC'S ANNUAL  
LIVABLE CENTERS/LAND USE  
TRANSPORTATION  
WORKSHOP

In-person  
WORKSHOP

9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept 14  
H-GAC 2nd Floor

### AT THE 2023 WORKSHOP ATTENDEES WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Livable Centers projects that have been implemented around the region
- Elements of placemaking beyond aesthetics, such as safety, economic development, and environmental impact

### PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- Eileen Egan  
Near Northwest Management District
- Veronica Gorczynski  
East End Management District
- Amna Ansari and Marcus Martinez  
Ultra Barrio

[REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)



## SEPT 11

## Parks and Natural Areas ROUNDTABLE

2-4 p.m.  
MONDAY, SEPT 11

H-GAC 2nd Floor



The roundtable meets the second Monday of July and September with field trips typically scheduled in the spring and fall. The group is open to anyone who is interested in participating.



**Galveston Island Parks** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**FIELD TRIP: FRIDAY, NOV 17**

More details about the roundtable, including the topic, and the field trip to come.

 [Click to visit our webpage](#)

 [Bookmark the site](#)

 [Check often for updates](#)

For more information, email [andrea.tantillo@h-gac.com](mailto:andrea.tantillo@h-gac.com)

## OCT 12



## LUNCH & LEARN\*

## RECORDS MANAGEMENT INTEREST GROUP

Featured Speaker:

**CRAIG KELSO**

Director, State and Local Records Management Division/State of Texas Records Manager

**THURSDAY**  
OCTOBER 12, 2023

**FROM**  
11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

**ATTEND IN PERSON AT**  
H-GAC OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR  
3555 TIMMONS LN., HOUSTON

**OR ATTEND ONLINE**  
VIA ZOOM

**REGISTRATION**  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

**FOR QUESTIONS**  
[BARRY.BARANCIK@H-GAC.COM](mailto:BARRY.BARANCIK@H-GAC.COM)


### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- City Secretaries
- Records Managers
- Anyone who manages police, municipal, or court records


\*Lunch provided for on-site attendees.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council's Records Management Interest Group has been created as a means for H-GAC to support municipal records managers throughout the 13-county Gulf Coast Texas region.

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