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“Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## President's Message

It is election season. Listed below are some important dates:

- **August 24**– the last day for candidates to file for placement on the General Election Ballot
- **September 4**- the first day to apply for ballot by mail
- **October 5**– the last day to register to vote
- **October 19**– the first day of early voting
- **October 23**– the last day to apply for ballot by mail (received, not post-marked)
- **October 30**- last

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 20**-South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition meeting 7:00 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. The speaker will be a representative from County Attorney Vince Ryan's Office.

**August 21**-Bethel's Family Back to School Event 12:00 Noon at Bethel's Family Empowerment Center, 12660 Sandpiper

day of early voting

There will be many forums for candidates for mayor, city council, school board trustees, and other political offices. (Please see a list of mayoral forums in this newsletter.) As voters, we must ask the hard questions, the questions that make candidates uncomfortable. We must also ask that they make a commitment to their constituents and not large donors. They will be elected to represent us, not big business. Demand that they support our interests.

Until next month, Linda



Attendees at the Hiram Clarke Area Community Health Fair July 18 visit vendors



Silvestre Ocampo of ABC Dental discusses and distributes dental information at the health fair.

**GED Classes:** M-T-W 9:30 A.M.-12:30P.M. September 7-November 14, 2015

**ESL Classes:**  
**Beginning ESL**-M-T -9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. September 7-November 14, 2015

**Intermediate ESL**- W-T 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. September 9- November 14, 2015

For more information, call 713-718-6310.



**“No change can come if those who are impacted the most by discrimination are not willing to stand up for themselves.”  
—Zain ab Salbi**

**Mayoral Forums**

**Keys to the City Forum-  
August 19, 2015, 6:00  
P.M., at the University of  
Houston Student Center  
Theatre (Room S103), 4800  
Calhoun**

**The Texas Voters Alliance  
September 4, 2015, 6:30  
P.M., at the Fountain of  
Praise, 13950 Hillcroft**

**News You Can Use**

**The Houston Building  
Owners & Managers Asso-  
ciation –September 10,  
2015, 11:30 A.M., at J.W.  
Marriott, 806 Main**

**Schools**

**Schools in the Houston In-  
dependent School District  
begin August 24, 2015.**

**Do You Need Medical  
Coverage?**

**Call 832-393-5423 to sched-  
ule an appointment for the  
following eligibility ser-**

vices:

- Harris Health Eligibility Program (Gold Card)
- Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
- Medicaid
- CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program)
- CHIP Perinatal
- Title V (Children & Prenatal/Post-Partum Dental Coverage)

**Things to bring:**

- \* Proof of identification
- \* Proof of residency
- \* Proof of income of household
- \* Health Insurance
- \* Immigration status/legal residency

**Vinson Library Activities for August**

**August 19-Wii Wednes-  
day, 3:30 P.M.**

**August 20-E-mail Ba-  
sics 2:00 P.M.**

**August 25-Classic Mov-  
ie 12:15 P.M.**

**August 26-Family Mov-  
ie 3:30 P.M.**

**August 27-Basic Word  
2:00 P.M.**

**Library Hours  
Closed on Mondays**

**Tuesdays and Wednes-  
days 10:00 A.M.—6:00  
P.M.**

**Thursdays-12:00 Noon-**

**8:00 P.M.**

**Fridays-1:00 P.M.-5:00  
P.M.**

**Saturdays– 10:00 A.M.-  
5:00 P.M.**

**Closed Sundays**

**Do You Know Your Rights?**

**Flood Damaged Cars\***

**Flooding has occurred in  
certain parts of the Unit-  
ed States, including Hou-  
ston. Vehicles damaged  
by flood waters can be  
cleaned up and sent to  
other states for sale, so  
buyers of used vehicles  
should be aware. Look  
for the following:**

- Look for water stains,

mildew, sand or silt under the carpet, floor mats and dashboard, and in the wheel well where the spare is located, and for fogging inside the headlights and taillights.

- Do a smell test. Odors of cleaners and disinfectants that mask mold.
- Understand the difference between a “salvage

*\* Information from ftc.gov*

title” and a “flood title.”

- Have your mechanic inspect the car for mechanical and electrical problems and systems that contain fluids for water contamination.
- Report fraud. Contact the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) at 1-800-835-6422 or local law enforcement.