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Monthly Digital Newsletter



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Demanding accountability

Watch Commissioner Adrian Garcia urge the Harris County Bail Bond Board to enforce a minimum percentage down payment by people accused of violent crimes to get bailed out of jail. Standard practice typically has been for defendants to put at least 10% of their assigned bond to secure release from jail while they await trial. However, an **investigation by the Houston Chronicle** revealed many bond companies are accepting as little as 1%.



Precinct 2 honors Black History Month

Precinct 2 staff reflect on how Black history and leaders shaped their lives and work.

To watch more, [click here.](#)



Striving for health equity

For Chara Bowie, Precinct 2's Health Services Director, her family's history inspires her to work for the health and wellbeing of all families in Precinct 2.



Remembering Dr. Thaddeus Lott

For Sydney Pennie, Precinct 2's Assistant Director of Community Centers, a local pioneer in education inspires him to follow a legacy of public service.

Black History Month exhibit in Baytown

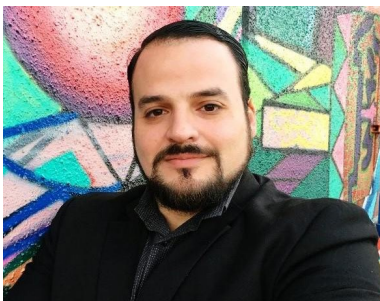


Did you know? The first all black high school in Baytown was George Washington Carver High School. We are grateful to Mr. J. Warren Singleton, a local historian and founder of The Baytown Carver High School Recognition & Preservation Society for his dedication in making sure history is not lost.

In honor of Black History Month, Mr. Singleton has an exhibit on display until February 28th at Precinct 2's J.D. Walker Community Center, located at: 7613 Wade Rd, Baytown, TX 77521.

Come see it for yourself and don't forget to sign the guest book for Mr. Singleton!

Here2Serve: Precinct 2 team spotlight



Q&A with Daniel Uribe Precinct 2 Workforce Development Division

Daniel has called Precinct 2 home for 30 years. Prior to joining Precinct 2, he worked in the non-profit sector helping veterans, opportunity and at-risk youth, and underemployed adults with job skills and searches. [READ MORE](#)

Q: What programs are launching or expanding in 2022?

A: This year, we're launching a workforce development computer lab! The computers and tools in the lab will be available for career research, completing applications, setting-up an email account, checking and replying to employment-related emails, and creating resumes. [READ MORE](#)

Q: What inspires you most about your job?

A: Changing lives. Specifically, helping people gain employment by using the uplifting and empowering aspects of workforce development. It makes me happy and proud to hear that a person we have worked with has found employment and can provide for themselves. [READ MORE](#)

Project update: 2 for '22!

Runners, cyclists, hikers, walkers, skaters, and anyone else who likes to move outdoors have 2 more reasons to celebrate -- the Bay Area Park multi-use path AND segment 3 of the Bay Area Hike & Bike trail are now complete!



Segment 3 of the Bay Area Hike & Bike Trail is a 7,000 foot-long, 8-foot wide varying sidewalk that runs along Bay Area Blvd. It's perfect for running, walking, or rolling while enjoying Bay Area Park and Armand Bayou Nature Center.



Neighbors can also get their hearts pumping while enjoying the scenery with the new shared-use concrete path inside Bay Area Park.

[Check out our Project Dashboard for a full list of our current projects](#)

In the news: Prioritizing public safety



[ABC 13: Harris County Commissioner unveils new online bail dashboard for public view](#)

[Community Impact: Harris County approves budget emphasizing public safety investments](#)

[Houston Chronicle: In wake of Astroworld tragedy, Houston, Harris County officials launch joint special events task force](#)

Budget Hearings

This month, Commissioners Court approved a new 7-month budget.

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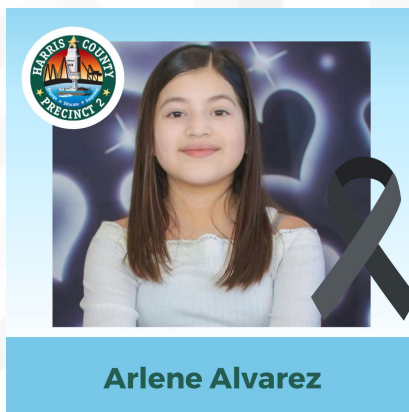


COMMISSIONERS COURT

HIGHLIGHTS

This month, Commissioner Garcia led or voted in favor of the following items:

- **Enforcing 10% bail bond minimum:** Commissioner Garcia presented a resolution urging the Harris County Bail Bond Board to enact a local rule to enforce a minimum percentage down payment by people accused of violent crimes to get bailed out of jail.
- **Raises for law enforcement:** Commissioners Court approved the FY2022 budget and FY2023 planning budget which includes 5% salary increases for law enforcement boots on the ground officers and a starting salary of \$87,000 for prosecutors at the District Attorney's Office.
- **Tackling public nuisance:** An investment \$3 million approved for nuisance abatement projects in Harris County.
- **Early Childhood Impact Fund:** Harris County will invest nearly \$8 million in three early childhood education programs:
 - \$4.6 million to the Texas Children's Hospital for language and brain development in infants
 - \$2.4 million to the non-profit First3Years for secure attachment and family reunification
 - \$906,173 to non-profit The Alliance to expand home-based childcare programs
- **Employ2Empower going countywide:** Started by Commissioner Garcia last year, this program has helped dozens of people impacted by homelessness earn a living and start a new chapter in their lives. To learn more about the program, [click here](#).



Arlene Alvarez

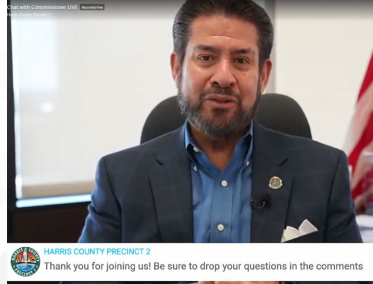
Resolutions

- **Feb 8:** Honoring the life of [Elta Ceole Speight](#); [Recognizing Texas Children's Hospital](#); Urging the [bail bond board](#) to take action
- **Feb 22:** Honoring the life of [Arlene Alvarez](#); Commending the [Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council](#)

More February highlights



[Jose M. Campos Torres Remembrance Mural](#)



[Chat with Commissioner on Facebook Live](#)



[Love is in the air across Precinct 2](#)

How to report a pothole

You can report a pothole by contacting our call center at 713-274-2222 or [clicking here](#) to complete a service request online.

Once reported, our goal is to get a pothole within our jurisdiction repaired in 2 business days. Last year, our public works team repaired more than 4,000!

[Click here to watch](#) Precinct 2 get the job done!



ADRIAN GARCIA
COMMISSIONER

