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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



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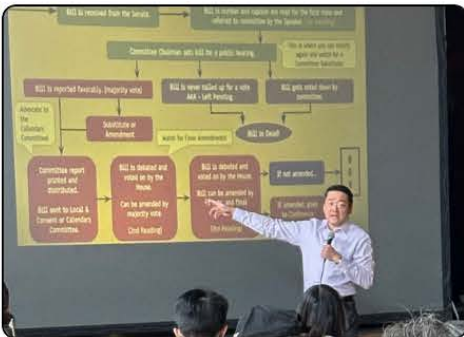
In this issue, we spotlight three pivotal events that contributed to educating and empowering our community. Let's take a look at what we've achieved together.

**TX Lege 101 Workshop:** We kicked off April with the TX Lege 101 Workshop, a joint effort with OCA-Greater Houston. The workshop aimed to demystify the workings of the state legislature, providing valuable insights for our constituents. As we gear up for the next legislative session, this event has armed attendees with vital knowledge and advocacy skills, amplifying our community's voice in the legislative process.

**The Race Epidemic Documentary Screening:** This month also featured the Houston screening of "The Race Epidemic", in collaboration with the Asian Pacific American Leadership Foundation. The film delves into enduring issues of racism and xenophobia in America, highlighting how it impacts the AAPI community. A panel discussion featuring Judge Manpreet Monica Singh, OCA-Greater Houston, and myself followed the screening.

**SB 4- Know Your Rights Townhall:** Rounding out our list is the SB 4- Know Your Rights Townhall, organized by La Unidad 11, ACLU of Texas, Gulfton Superneighborhood Council, and our office. This event served to inform those possibly affected by the controversial SB 4 bill. As the representative of HD 137, a district celebrated for its diversity, it is critical to address this issue head-on, offering guidance and resources to our immigrant community in the face of discriminatory legislation.

Keep an eye out for more exciting community events as we approach the upcoming legislative session in 2025!



**TX LEGE 101 WORKSHOP: REP. WU EXPLAINING HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN TEXAS**



**THE RACE EPIDEMIC SCREENING: REP. WU ALONG WITH JUDGE MONICA SINGH AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFTER THE SCREENING**



**INTERFAITH MINISTRIES RECOGNIZING REP. WU AS THE 'MEALS ON WHEELS LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION' FOR THE 88TH SESSION**

## TRENDING IN HD 137: SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR MORE INFO!

- Operation Warm's Winter Coat Initiative
- Harris County Pct 4's Flood Mitigation Survey
- Harris County Pct 4's Burnett Bayland Community Center April Programing
- Gulfton Community Health Fair
- City of Houston's New Water Bill Improvement Plan
- Mi Familia Vota's Citizenship Program

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
DISTRICT137.WU@HOUSE.TEXAS.GOV

TO UNSUBSCRIBE FROM UPDATES,  
PLEASE REPLY "UNSUBSCRIBE"



WINTER COATS FOR CUNNINGHAM  
AND BENAVIDEZ ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS

*Donate today!*

*Join Operation Warm in making Winter 2025  
warmer for Benavides and Cunningham  
Elementary students by contributing to their  
winter coat fund!*

# Chimney Rock

*a flood mitigation project is  
planned in your area.*

**THIS DEPENDS ON YOU!**

- ✓ Answer your door for Harris County representatives
- ✓ Complete a confidential household survey
- ✓ Reduce your flood risk!

For any questions or concerns, please call 832-641-8325 for more information.



**We're knocking  
on your door  
before the next  
storm does!**

600 of your neighbors have completed the survey. We need 300 more and you can get us there!



HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4  
**COMMISSIONER  
LESLEY BRIONES**



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# Futsal Clinic for Kids



**Fridays,  
7 - 8 p.m.**

Calling all kids 12 and under!

Join us for futsal indoor soccer at Burnett Bayland, led by Futbol del Barrio. Futsal is a type of soccer that is played indoors on a much smaller court. The smaller field size ensures a game of futsal is fast-paced and more intense. Join us for a great workout!

6026 Chimney Rock Road, Houston 77081 • 713-274-4774



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HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4  
**COMMISSIONER  
LESLEY BRIONES**

# Watercolor Workshop

**Saturdays,  
2 - 3 p.m.**

An art time dedicated to learning the basics of watercolor. Learn new designs each week with a Burnett Bayland staff member. All materials will be provided.

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INVITE TO

# HEALTH FAIR 2024

At San Mateo Episcopal Church  
(6635 Alder Drive)

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

9AM-12PM

AT NO COST



VACCINES: (0-18 YEARS-OLD), RESPIRATORY, TETANUS, ETC.

APPLICATION TO GOLD CARD (BRING ID AND PROOF ADDRESS)

TEST GLUCOSE, LEAD, ARTERIAL BLOOD PRESSURE, ETC.

ENHANCED ID WITH PHOTO (BRING ID AND ADDRESS)

FACE PAINTING, ZUMBA & FAMILY DANCE

MORE THAN \$10,000 IN GIFT-CARDS, PASSES, TICKETS, ETC.)



Information tables from more than 40 organizations: 7-10 years-old soccer, help in immigration, voting machines, dental and health services, social security, autism, Parkinson, Alzheimer, tests glucose, lead, etc., seniors, mammograms, mental health, community college, food insecurity, suicide, domestic violence, METRO, Birds, environmental justice, elected officials, consulate of México, and more.



# HOUSTON WATER BILL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City of Houston is laying out its comprehensive plan to prevent the community from receiving inaccurate water bills.

Houston Public Works will tackle robust changes to address structural issues.

## THE GOAL: RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST THROUGH TRANSPARENCY



Provide accuracy in water bills and ensure water customers have functioning remote reading devices.



Create clearer and more transparent customer service.



Repealed Ordinance 47-72 to make it easier to provide accurate adjustments and increase customer satisfaction.

## THE PLAN



**April 2024:** Single-family residential customers will have set usage calculated, which will be reflected in their May bill. This *set usage* will provide customers with consistent water bills while Houston Public Works makes necessary improvements to ensure the accuracy of each customer's monthly water usage readings.



**Set usage calculation:** City will use an account holder's average water usage over the past 36 months. If that data is not available, the customer will be assigned a set usage of 3,000 gallons. The calculation will NOT include drought, freeze or water leak usage. The City will always apply what is most beneficial for customers if they use less or more than their set usage.



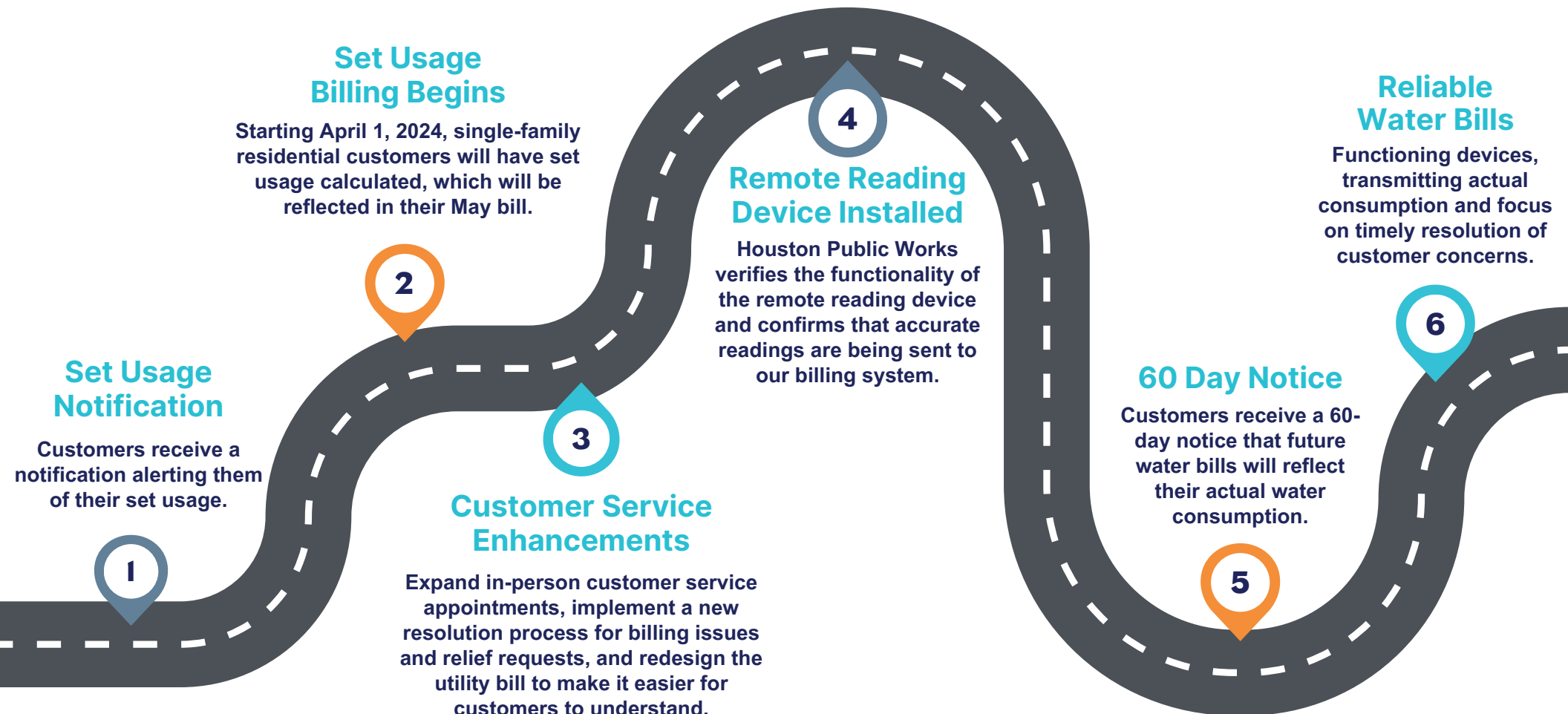
**Transition to actual usage bills:** Will happen once a customer's remote reading device is functional and activated. Customer will receive a 60-day notice before this takes place.



Houston Public Works will replace non-functioning remote reading devices.

# WATER BILL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## Customer Experience Roadmap



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [ImproveWaterBills.org](https://www.houstonpublicworks.org/improve-water-bills)  
or scan QR code





MI FAMILIA VOTA

# CIUDADANÍA EN TEXAS

¿CUMPLE CON LOS REQUISITOS PARA  
HACERSE CIUDADANO ESTADOUNIDENSE?

- ✓ Tener por lo menos 18 años de edad.
- ✓ Ser residente permanente durante al menos:  
*5 años, o  
3 años si está casado/a con un ciudadano/a  
estadounidense*
- ✓ Ser una persona de buen carácter moral.
- ✓ Leer, escribir y hablar inglés básico.
- ✓ Tener educación básica de cívica de los EE.UU.

¡INSCRIBETE PARA RECIBIR INFORMACION  
SOBRE NUESTROS PROXIMOS  
EVENTOS DE CIUDADANIA!



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# 2024 CITIZENSHIP FORUMS

**First 75 participants will receive free one-on-one citizenship application assistance.**

**Must be a lawful permanent resident and bring permanent resident card, ID, and social security card.**

**Registration 8:00AM-9:00AM**

**Saturday, January 20**

BakerRipley Pasadena Campus  
720 Fairmont Parkway  
Pasadena, TX 77504

**Saturday, August 17**

Magnolia Multi-Service Center  
7037 Capitol St.  
Houston, TX 77011

**Saturday, February 17**

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus  
3000 Aldine Mail Route Road  
Houston, TX 77039

**Saturday, October 19**

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus  
3000 Aldine Mail Route Road  
Houston, TX 77039

**Saturday, March 23**

Milby High School  
1601 Broadway Street  
Houston, TX 77012

**Saturday, November 23**

BakerRipley Ripley House Campus  
4410 Navigation Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77011

**Saturday, May 18**

BakerRipley Ripley House  
Campus  
4410 Navigation Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77011

**For More Information:**

BakerRipley: 346.867.3871  
6535 Rookin Street, Houston, TX 77074

**Saturday, June 15**

BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown  
Campus  
6500 Rookin Street  
Houston, TX 77074

NALEO Educational Fund: 1.888.839.8682  
1415 North Loop W., Suite #1020,  
Houston, TX 77008

Office of New Americans and Immigrant  
Communities: 832.395.9913  
6400 High Star Drive Houston, TX 77074



**IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION PLEASE COME PREPARED.**  
**Bring the following information**  
**(If there is not enough space, please write additional info on a separate sheet)**

**LIST OF HOME ADDRESSES.** Where have you lived in the last five years? Begin with where you live now.

Street Number and Name, Apartment, City, State, Zip Code and Country	Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)	
	From	To
		<b>PRESENT</b>

**LIST OF EMPLOYMENT & SCHOOL.** Where have you worked or studied in the last 5 years?

Employer or School Name	Employer or School Address (Street, City and State)	Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)		Your Occupation
		From	To	
			<b>PRESENT</b>	

**LIST OF TRIPS OUTSIDE OF USA.** List all trips of 24 hours or more that you have taken outside of the U.S. since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. (Begin with the most recent trip).

Date Left USA	Date Returned to USA	Did the Trip Last 6 Months or More?		Countries to Which You Traveled	Total Days Out of USA
		Yes	No		

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN.**

Full Name of Son or Daughter	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Green Card Number	Country of birth	Current Address
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		A		
		A		
		A		

Please also bring: your permanent resident card, your ID, and your social security card.  
 If you have ever been arrested, bring court disposition and arrest records.

# 2024 FOROS DE CIUDADANÍA

Los primeros 75 participantes recibirán asistencia gratuita con la solicitud de ciudadanía.

Debe ser residente permanente legal y traer su tarjeta de residente permanente, identificación y tarjeta de seguro social.

El registro es de 8:00AM-9:00AM

**sábado, 20 de enero**

BakerRipley Pasadena Campus  
720 Fairmont Parkway  
Pasadena, TX 77504

**sábado, 17 de agosto**

Magnolia Multi-Service Center  
7037 Capitol St.  
Houston, TX 77011

**sábado, 17 de febrero**

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus  
3000 Aldine Mail Route Road  
Houston, TX 77039

**sábado, 19 de octubre**

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus  
3000 Aldine Mail Route Road  
Houston, TX 77039

**sábado, 23 de marzo**

Milby High School  
1601 Broadway Street  
Houston, TX 77012

**sábado, 23 de noviembre**

BakerRipley Ripley House Campus  
4410 Navigation Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77011

**sábado, 18 de mayo**

BakerRipley Ripley House  
Campus  
4410 Navigation Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77011

**Para más información:**

BakerRipley: 346.867.3871  
6535 Rookin Street, Houston, TX 77074

**sábado, 15 de junio**

BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown  
Campus  
6500 Rookin Street  
Houston, TX 77074

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1415 North Loop W., Suite #1020,  
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PARA COMPLETAR SU APLICACIÓN, POR FAVOR VEN PREPARADO.

Traiga la siguiente información

(si no hay suficiente espacio, escriba información adicional en una hoja separada)

LISTA DE DIRECCIONES DE HOGAR. ¿Dónde has vivido en los últimos cinco años? Comience con el lugar donde vive ahora.						
Número de calle y nombre, apartamento, ciudad, estado, código postal y país				fechas (MM/DD/YYYY)		
				DESDE	A	
					PRESENTE	
LISTA DE EMPLEO Y ESCUELA. ¿Dónde has trabajado o estudiado en los últimos 5 años?						
Empleador o nombre de la escuela	Dirección del empleador o de la escuela (Calle, ciudad y estado)	fechas (MM/DD/YYYY)		Tu ocupación		
		DESDE	A			
			PRESENTE			
LISTA DE VIAJES FUERA DE EE.UU. Enumere todos los viajes de 24 horas o más que haya realizado fuera de los EE. UU. Desde que se convirtió en residente legal permanente. (Comience con el viaje más reciente).						
fecha que te fuistes de los EE.UU.	Fecha de regreso a EE. UU.	¿El viaje duró 6 meses o más?			Países a los que viajó	Días totales fuera de EE. UU.
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INFORMACIÓN SOBRE SUS HIJOS O HIJAS.						
Nombre completo del hijo o hija	Fecha de nacimiento (mm/dd/yyyy)	Número de tarjeta de residente permanente	País de nacimiento	Dirección actual		
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También traiga su: tarjeta de residente permanente, identificación y tarjeta de seguro social.

Si usted ha sido arrestado, traiga sus registros de la corte y de la policía.