

NOVEMBER 2024



HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE, POSITION 3

# THE CARTER CHRONICLES



Friends,

As **Veterans Day** approaches, let us reflect on the importance of honoring the service and sacrifices of our veterans and to emphasize one of the key freedoms they have fought to protect: our right to **vote**.

**Veterans Day** is a powerful reminder of the men and women who have dedicated themselves to defending the freedoms we hold dear. Veterans have put their lives on the line so that we can continue to live in a nation governed by the will of the people. As we honor their courage and service, let us also remember that the rights they have protected come with responsibilities—and one of the most crucial responsibilities we each hold is to exercise our right to **vote**.

Voting is more than just a civic duty; it is a way to have a voice in the direction of our country, our state, and our communities. By voting, we honor the legacy of those who fought for our freedoms and ensure that our government truly reflects the values and needs of its citizens. When you cast your ballot, you contribute to shaping a future that reflects our shared principles and vision for tomorrow. **Your vote** is a tribute to the sacrifices made by countless men and women who have served to protect this right.

Thank you for your commitment to our community and our country. Let us come together this **Veterans Day** to honor those who have served and to fulfill the duty we all share in preserving democracy.

Thank you for the honor of serving our Houston. "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain...for purple mountain majesties...above the fruited plain" ~ Ray Charles...and me!

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Twila Carter".

Council Member Twila Carter  
At-Large Position 3



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**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

The City is proud to pay tribute to our men and women in the military by providing an annual "Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day Celebration". This civic celebration honors and celebrates the brave men, women, and families who have fought and sacrificed for our liberty and freedom. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 10 a.m. with acknowledgements and a distinguished keynote speaker recognizing our local heroes

Join us at City Hall – we're here to assist you!



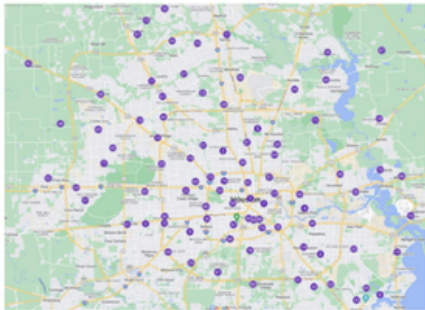
# November Here We Come: Voting Made Easy

## November 5, 2024, General and Special Elections

### Week of October 28, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

**EARLY VOTING ENDS  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**



**MORE THAN  
80 EARLY  
VOTING  
LOCATIONS  
OPEN  
ACROSS  
HARRIS  
COUNTY!**

### HOURS OF OPERATION

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Mon., Oct. 28 - Wed., Oct. 30 | 7 AM - 8 PM |
| Thurs., Oct. 31               | 7 AM - 9 PM |
| Fri., Nov. 1                  | 7 AM - 7 PM |

### ELECTION DAY

**700 ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS WILL OPEN FROM 7 AM - 7 PM**

Tues., Nov. 5 7 AM - 7 PM

### BALLOT BY MAIL (BBM)



### RETURN BBM BY MAIL

Ballots mailed within the U.S. must be:

- **Postmarked** by 7 PM on November 5 (Election Day) AND
- **Received** by the Elections Department by 5 PM on November 6

### RETURN BBM IN PERSON

On Election Day ONLY, voters can deliver their mail ballot in person.

- Location: 1001 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002
- Elections Department staff will set up a tent for drop-off
- Time: 7 AM - 7 PM

**Requirements to Return Mail Ballot In Person:**

- Voters may only drop off their own mail ballot
- Voters must present one of the 7 acceptable photo IDs upon drop-off

### MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE



View and print your sample ballot to take to the polls on HarrisVotes.com.

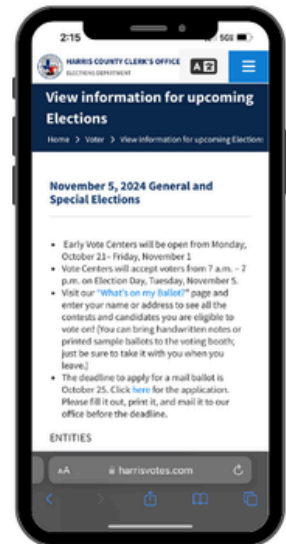


Find your nearest voting location on HarrisVotes.com.



Bring one of the 7 acceptable forms of photo ID to the polls.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS,  
VOTING LOCATIONS  
MAP, AND MORE  
ELECTION  
INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE ON  
HARRISVOTES.COM**



### ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID



TEXAS DRIVER LICENSE



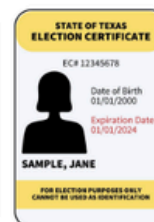
TEXAS PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD



TEXAS HANDGUN LICENSE



U.S. MILITARY ID WITH PHOTO



TEXAS ELECTION ID CERTIFICATE



U.S. PASSPORT (BOOK OR CARD)



U.S. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE WITH PHOTO



The U.S. Army Parachute Team, known as the Golden Knights, is a combination of expert teams and soldiers brought together by their love of skydiving. This includes parachute teams, aircraft pilots, and those who handle jump logistics behind the scenes.



There's a lot to consider when thinking about joining the Army. The army offers a unique opportunity to serve your country while gaining invaluable skills and experiences. If you're looking for a path that challenges you while providing purpose and growth, scan the QR code for more information on your Golden Knights' opportunities.

**GOLDEN KNIGHTS ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION GRADUATION**

📅 1 November 2024  
 🕒 1200  
 📍 NCO Academy Parade Field, Fort Liberty



# VETERANS DAY



## CAMP HOPE

**PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**  
 PROVIDING HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE UNSEEN WOUNDS OF WAR

SAVING ONE  
**LE**  
 AT A TIME  
 LOVE. INTEGRITY. FAITH. EMPOWERMENT.

### VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SHOW YOUR MILITARY ID FOR A COMPLIMENTARY ENTRÉE

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#### Complimentary Entrées for Veterans

**THE UNION KITCHEN**

- The Union Burger**  
Chester, Swiss, applewood bacon, A-1 sauce, onion strings, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, fresh baked Artisanal bun.
- Crispy Chicken Club**  
Crispy chicken breast, applewood bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, chipotle aioli, fresh toasted bun.
- Texas Cobb Salad**  
Mixed greens, chicken, culpa, chopped bacon, black beans, Roma tomatoes, roasted corn, hard baked eggs, HAAS avocado, cilantro ranch.

Valid only on 11/11/24. Complimentary select entrees when you show your military ID at The Union Kitchen. Not valid for tax or gratuity. One coupon per ticket. No cash value. Cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions.

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#### Complimentary Entrées for Veterans

**PASSERELLA RESTORANTE & WINE BAR**

- Passerella Smash Burger**  
Ground beef, Swiss sausage, basil leaf, buffalo mozzarella, tomato, Canadian aioli, fresh baked focaccia roll.
- Lemon Caper Piccata**  
Pan-seared chicken, Parmesan flour, white wine, lemon juice, roasted garlic, fresh herbs, crispy capers, artichokes, Italian style green beans.
- Passerella Salad**  
Roasted hearts, mushrooms, prosciutto, asparagus, artichokes, roasted red peppers, olives, basil, extra virgin olive oil.

Valid only on 11/11/24. Complimentary select entrees when you show your military ID at Passerella. Not valid for tax or gratuity. One coupon per ticket. No cash value. Cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions.

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#### Complimentary Entrées for Veterans

**Jax GRILL**

- The "Original" JAX Burger**  
Fresh beef patty, toasted brioche bun, Jax sauce, Jax sauce, lettuce, tomato, pickles, red onions.
- Santa Fe Chicken**  
Marinated 7 spice chicken, Monterey jack cheese, pico de gallo, rice pilaf, sautéed mixed veggies.
- Southwest Fajita Salad**  
Steak or Chicken, mixed greens, red onions, cheddar cheese, pico de gallo, pickled jalapeños, sour cream, roasted corn, black beans, crispy tortilla strips, HAAS avocado, chipotle ranch.

Valid only on 11/11/24. Complimentary select entrees when you show your military ID at Jax Grill. Not valid for tax or gratuity. One coupon per ticket. No cash value. Cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions.

Texas has the largest veteran population in the nation with over 250,000 veterans in residence. Camp Hope's mission is to engage in the relentless pursuit of empowering those veterans by creating a transformative impact that changes the trajectory of their lives. Find an event near you or volunteer this month in honor and support of those who served our country.



1ST ANNUAL  
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**VETERANS HELPING VETERANS**  
*Fall Vet-Fest*  
 November 16th, 2024  
 12pm-7pm  
 UNITY PARK MAGNOLIA, TX  
 ENTRANCE: NICHOLAS SAWMILL RD.  
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**Featuring:**  
**LIVE MUSIC** Presley Phillip  
 Mark Drew  
 Scotti Fraser Band  
 MC: Chris Fahey, Lou Rosado Jr  
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**FREE ADMISSION**  
 ALL PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED

**GRATEFUL AMERICANS CHARITY**  
 13th Annual  
**PTSD BBQ COOK-OFF**

Benefiting:  
**PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**  
**CAMP HOPE** PROVIDING HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE UNSEEN WOUNDS OF WAR  
 Providing interim housing & hope for our veterans

**BBQ COOK TEAMS NEEDED!**

Friday, November 8, 2024 | Saturday, November 9, 2024  
 5:00PM to 10:00PM | 8:00AM to 4:00PM

- ★ BBQ Cook-Off
- ★ Contest & Awards
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Live Music: Stoney LaRue

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Join the 2024

# VETERAN CAREER ACCELERATOR



Wednesday, November 6  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

## Access Nationwide Career Opportunities

Celebrate Veterans Day early by attending the [2024 Veteran Career Accelerator](#) – a virtual event hosted by MilitaryHire and VA Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E).

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 6
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

This free virtual event is open to all Veterans, Service members, and military spouses. Attendees can find Nationwide career opportunities and connect directly with recruiters from some of America's leading employers, brands, and Government agencies including *Bayer, Walmart, Molina Healthcare, Aflac, Wayne Sanderson Farms, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and the Internal Revenue Service* just to name a few!

If you're considering a VA career, the [Veteran and Military Spouse Talent Engagement Program \(VMSTEP\)](#) can help. VMSTEP provides Veterans, transitioning Service members, and military spouses with assistance to develop competitive applications and secure employment with VA. These services include:

- Federal resume support and revisions.
- Interview preparation and advice.
- Guidance on dressing for success.
- Assistance navigating the Federal Government's official employment website [USAJobs](#).





**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**VOLUNTEER  
HERE**

- [Kids Meals](#)
- [Sunshine Kids](#)
- [Candlelighters](#)
- [Houston Food Bank](#)
- [Star of Hope](#)
- [Medical Bridges](#)

**Carter's  
Priorities**

**Poverty**

**Safe  
Neighborhoods**

**Economy**

**Infrastructure**

[Click2Connect](#)

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

**“Houston, Get Ready to Vote. Elections Matter.”**



— Mayor John Whitmire



SCAN FOR  
VOTING INFO



### KEY DATES

**ELECTION DAY:**

**Nov. 5th**

**EARLY VOTING:**

**Oct. 21st - Nov. 1st**

**\$10,000 CADET SALARY INCREASE**

**NOW HIRING  
APPLY NOW**

**+ \$5000 ONE-TIME INCENTIVE UPON  
GRADUATION FROM THE HPD ACADEMY**



City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby 1st Floor, Houston, Texas 77002-1562

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1562 Houston, TX 77251

# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS



Explore the Houston Asiatown Dumpling Trail through the Southwest & International Management Districts from November 1-30. Visit any restaurant along the *Dumpling Trail* and post a selfie using the hashtag #houstondumplingtrail and tag @asiatowntourhtx for a chance to win prizes



Southwest District hosted its first-ever student tour, aimed at fostering cultural appreciation and community connections among local youth. The event brought together over 50 students to explore the vibrant Chinatown, immerse themselves in diverse cultures, and savor authentic Asian cuisines.

The first-ever student tour was organized by Houston Asiatown Tours. Students embarked on a meticulously planned journey through Chinatown, experiencing the rich tapestry of Houston's Asian heritage.



# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

## HOUSTON ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER



**Attend an inclusive bird outing, check out community resources, go on an accessible hike, and participate in activities for guests of all ages and abilities.**

**On going community connection.**



**For children 0-24 months  
Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Kiddos will engage in outdoor nature  
play, interact, explore, and bond with  
their caregivers in the natural world.**

**Grounding yoga practice surrounded by the beautiful sounds and sights of nature! Taught by Carolina Vennie of Yogaleena, this class will be a Vinyasa Flow that is accessible to all levels.**

**November 17**



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# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS




## BARC



**BARC receives more than 15,000 animals each year. Learn how you can help and contribute to BARC's mission.**


### FOSTER

Sign up to become a BARC Foster and save a life! 


### URGENT PETS

Help pets in immediate need and at risk for euthanasia 

### VOLUNTEER

Make a difference in the lives of shelter pets by volunteering! 

### RESCUE & TRANSPORT

Become an approved BARC rescue partner 

### DONATE

Donate to help us achieve our life saving mission 

### TNR

TRAP. NEUTER. RETURN.

Help manage the stray cat and kitten population in your community 

**Join your Council Members for a new initiative with BARC! Tune into their social media pages on Fridays for a fun segment featuring adoptable pets from BARC.**

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Public Session Sign-up



Tuesdays at 1:30 PM Houston City Hall - 901 Bagby Street, 2nd Floor

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| HPD (Non-Emergency).....                  | 713.884.3131 |
| Airport System.....                       | 281.233.3000 |
| Animal Control (BARC).....                | 713.229.7300 |
| Anti-Gang Office.....                     | 832.393.0931 |
| Area Agency on Aging.....                 | 832.393.4401 |
| Citizens' Assistance.....                 | 832.393.0955 |
| City Secretary.....                       | 832.393.1100 |
| Dept. of Neighborhoods.....               | 832.393.1038 |
| Health & Human Services.....              | 832.393.5169 |
| Mayor's Office .....                      | 832.393.1000 |
| Municipal Courts .....                    | 713.837.0311 |
| Parks Department .....                    | 832.395.7000 |
| Permitting Center .....                   | 832.394.9000 |
| Public Works & Engineering .....          | 832.395.2511 |
| Solid Waste Management .....              | 713.956.6589 |
| HCDAO Victims Services.....               | 713.274.0250 |
| LGBT Switchboard 24-hour Helpline.....    | 713.529.3211 |
| Anti-Defamation League.....               | 713.627.3490 |
| The Montrose Center.....                  | 713.529.0037 |
| Texas Family and Protective Services..... | 800.252.5400 |
| Power Outages.....                        | 713.207.2222 |



### DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

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- District C** - Abbie Kamin 832.393.3004
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- District E** - Fred Flickinger 832.393.3008
- District F** - Tiffany Thomas 832.393.3002
- District G** - Mary Nan Huffman 832.393.3007
- District H** - Mario Castillo 832.393.3003
- District I** - Joaquin Martinez 832.393.3011
- District J** - Edward Pollard 832.393.3015
- District K** - Martha Castex-Tatum 832.393.3016

### For Senior Citizens

**Housing Resources for Seniors**

[www.hud.gov/states/texas/homeownership/seniors](http://www.hud.gov/states/texas/homeownership/seniors)

**Texas Veterans Legal Assistance Project**

[www.tlsc.org/veterans](http://www.tlsc.org/veterans)

**Social Security**

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**Service for Caregivers**

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/support-caregivers>

**Texas Driver License Information for Seniors**

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/drivers-age-79-or-older>

**AARP**

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

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