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Twice in one month, the Greenspoint District has received accolades for its innovative approach to public safety. Police Chief Harold Hurtt is among those recognizing the area for being a model in uniting citizens, businesses and law enforcement officers in the fight against crime.

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Think traveling to the airport from downtown is a hassle? Do you dread trying to find the right place to park or a shuttle service that runs when you need it? The new METRO Airport Direct is a service designed to take the stress out of getting from downtown to the airport, allowing you to focus on the business at hand.

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Greenspoint Chamber Hopes to Transform Patronage into Scholarships for Area Students

Chambers of Commerce have always been acknowledged in the business world as an excellent way to network and grow business. The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce (NHGCC) wants to broaden that perception with its new Scholars Program. With high-school and college students being actively involved in today's economy as consumers, the NHGCC is encouraging them to approach businesses they frequent about this new opportunity to support tomorrow's workforce. Any parents or students seeking funds for college will want to take note.

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He's your baby. His big brown eyes make your heart melt and when he jumps in your arms all is right with the world. His cabinet is well-stocked with his favorite treats and toys and his wardrobe is better than your husband's. If this scenario sounds familiar, then the Houston SPCA Mutt Strut and Runway Race may be the event for you.

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Typically a swarm of officers flocking to one location is a sign that something is wrong. But on September 20, it will signal the welcomed return of an annual event to Greenspoint Mall that gives businesses, residents and law enforcement a chance to interact in a fun and informative way.

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Last month, the Texas Crime Prevention Association (TCPA), a non-profit dedicated to promoting best practices in crime prevention, recognized the Greenspoint District at its annual conference for its impact on crime. The TCPA's "Outstanding Crime Prevention Organization" award is presented to organizations that provide the greatest support to crime prevention programs. The results are getting noticed. Earlier in July, the Greenspoint District was recognized with the HPD Crime Reduction Award for its "*Operation Greensweep*" program.



"This community has struggled with harmful misperceptions about safety, despite doing very well statistically," said Al Aranda, the district's public safety manager. "Every community will have some crime. But, when citizens work with law enforcement and are armed with accurate information and proven crime prevention techniques, the community's feeling of safety soars, adding to the quality of life. Our programs are comprehensive, addressing both actual and perceived crime," Aranda added.

The TCPA award highlights six successful district-initiated programs that seek to reduce crime and involve the community in crime prevention.

District programs have yielded measurable reductions in crime. According to statistics from HPD and Harris County, since the district was created in 1991, Greenspoint has experienced a 42 percent reduction in Part I crimes (major crimes) per 1,000 people. Furthermore, these reductions were realized even though the area's population has increased by 48 percent and employment has increased by 106 percent. To learn more about Greenspoint's programs and partners, call 281-874-2131 or log on to www.greenspoint.org.

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Also known as the 30/30/30 service, the METRO Airport Direct is a 30-minute, non-stop trip that runs every 30 minutes. The cost? Thirty dollars, of course, for a round trip and \$15 one way. The daily service will run from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. northbound from 815 Pierce (Airport Direct Passenger Plaza, across from the Downtown Transit Center) to IAH Terminal C. It will run southbound from IAH Terminal C to downtown from 6:10 a.m. to 8:40 p.m.



For a schedule and ticket information, visit www.ridemetro.org or call 713-635-4000.

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The concept of the NHGCC Scholars Program is simple. Students approach places they shop, such as retail stores, restaurants, and movie theaters, about becoming chamber members. If the business joins, 25 percent of the membership dues will be used as a scholarship for that student. The more memberships secured, the more money the student raises for college.

Scholarship funds received through the Scholars Program can be used at any accredited college for books, tuition and lab fees. Any students, parents or businesses interested in supporting the Scholars Program should call the NHGCC at 281-260-3163.



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On October 11, Bush IAH will be transformed into a pet-lovers paradise for the Houston SPCA Mutt Strut and Runway Race. Proceeds from the event will be used to continue the SPCA's tradition of providing humane education and animal rescue programs. All programs support the SPCA's mission of improving the quality of life for animals and those who care for them.



Many sponsorship and vendor booth opportunities are available. With print deadlines approaching in September, corporations are encouraged to sign up now for maximum publicity. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kyra Randall at 713-869-7722 or develop@spca.org.

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More than 30 law enforcement agencies and fire departments will be represented at the 23rd Annual Law Expo at Greenspoint Mall. The free event begins at 10 a.m. and features local entertainment, demonstrations, fingerprinting, child safety seat inspections and tons of giveaways throughout the day. A welcome ceremony begins at noon and the event ends at 3 p.m.

"Events like this go a long way toward educating and involving the community in crime prevention," said Al Aranda, public safety manager for the Greenspoint District. "The police alone cannot make an area safe. It takes all of us to be the eyes and ears in our communities. This event allows law enforcement to share information in a fun, family-friendly and relaxed environment. It strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the community, and that is key for long-term results in building and maintaining a safer community," he added.

For more details or information on corporate and individual volunteer opportunities, please call the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce at 281-260-3163.



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