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SPRING BRANCH MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES COMEBACK AS ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL

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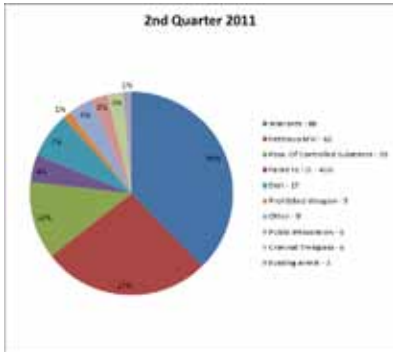
Spring Branch Medical Center hosted a much anticipated reopening celebration at noon Monday, August 1st.



"The reopening of Spring Branch Medical Center is wonderful news, I am grateful that the value and potential of the hospital was recognized. Its reopening illustrates the confidence in the Spring Branch area to investors and creates predictability." – District A Houston City Council Member Brenda Stardig



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A new program with the County Attorney’s Office and in partnership with the Brays Oaks and Greater Sharpstown Districts began in July.

The Districts will now share in the costs for a dedicated County Attorney on staff to help enforce Chapter 125 Nuisance Abatement cases. These include: 8 liners (gambling establishments), massage businesses that are covers for houses of prostitution, and a host of other nuisance issues. The District will also work closely with area law enforcement agencies in identifying cases that have been mired in the municipal court system and get them prosecuted accordingly. **“Reducing these businesses that attract criminal activity and community protection are priorities for my office,”** said County Attorney, Vince Ryan.

“This program is an innovative way for our Office to work with local agencies to fulfill our commitment to help improve neighborhoods.”

In a recent press release, Ryan announced that Laura Fiorentino Cahill will serve as an Assistant County Attorney for Community Protection and will assist the District’s with their nuisance cases. Cahill, a 1992 graduate of South Texas College of Law, has over 14 years of experience as a trial lawyer with the Office of the County Attorney. She previously worked on environmental matters including enforcement actions against automobile salvage yards that were operating in residential neighborhoods.

David Hawes, Spring Branch Executive Director, stated that, **“This will be unique in that we are going to have County Attorneys enforcing City Ordinances and assisting us with getting the mission accomplished, which is to reduce crime and continue to revitalize the area.”** Hawes goes on to say **“...I’d like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage our community to report any activities that they think may be questionable in and around these types of businesses to help us in this very important initiative.”**

For additional information on any of our public safety initiatives contact the Director of Services.

APARTMENT LIFE COMMITTEE – ENCOURAGES MULTI-FAMILY OWNERS TO CONSIDER BLUE STAR CERTIFICATION

The District is working with the Houston Police Department to encourage local multi-family residences and apartments to participate in HPD’s Blue Star Program. Blue Star is designed to bring apartment complexes and multi-family residents of these facilities into compliance with current city codes and to promote safety for the residents of these facilities. The benefit for the property owner is a more valuable and desirable property, which may work to reverse negative trends and increase profitability by encouraging good tenants while weeding out the criminal element. The Apartment Life Committee is comprised of: Multi-family Owners/Managers, District Staff, Residents, Law Enforcement Officers, and Featured Guest Speakers.

This is a holistic approach to improving Multi-family Communities. In these meetings participants can exchange tenant information, learn pro-active crime prevention and receive training on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design techniques. A revolving list of speakers will cover topics from Code Enforcement, Residential Credit Reporting and Community Emergency Readiness Training (CERT) to name a few. Facilitation of these meetings will serve as a hub to implement services from local service providers and non-profits for community cohesion. **“This initiative complements the recently launched Houston Apartment Association (HAA) and RCR Programs and adds yet another dimension to our public safety outreach to multi-family community owners and managers,”** says Rino Cassinelli, Apartment Life Committee Chair.

Public Safety

Houston Police Department – Northwest Division

Citizens On Patrol (COP) and
Positive Interaction Program (PIP)
Upcoming Meetings

August 16 – Officer Charles Garmond with HPD will be out to share information on our airport system and how to deal with the TSA! Officer Garmond has been assigned to the Airport Division for several years and has the “skinny” on how to survive flying in the 21st century with all the rules and regulations. He has a unique view on the Airports and their history as well. Officer Garmond is a wonderful speaker and will present information that will not only educate but entertain.

September 20 - Will be an incredibly amazing meeting! -- Join us for a firsthand account of the real dangers that HPD Officers face in the line of duty - Houston Police Sr. Officer Rick Duharte will recount his story of being critically shot and his partner killed while arresting several dangerous individuals. His sobering story also tells how he managed to survive his wounds and deal with the real issues of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Please forward this to all your neighbors

- this will be a unique topic never heard in a meeting like this before - you don't want to miss!

Questions?
– please contact
Sr. Officer C. Engelhardt,
NW Division
main number
(713) 744-0900.

Keeping the District Clean and Green

As of June 30, a total of 600 occurrences of graffiti were removed from the District. We are grateful to our community partners and residents who actively assist us in reporting incidents. We encourage all residents and businesses to join in the effort to help us eradicate graffiti from the District by reporting to 311 or going on-line to www.sbmd.org and reporting incidences via the “**Report a Problem**” button on the home page. We have removed over 4,000 incidences of graffiti since the program’s inception in 2007. We work closely with our graffiti abatement contractor, our Constable Unit and HPD to identify and prosecute the individuals responsible for graffiti in our District.





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Are you a small business owner who wants to grow your business?

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Led by Houston Community College, the 10,000 Small Businesses program provides local small business owners business education to develop a "Growth Plan," support services and access to capital.

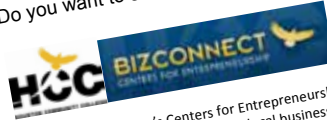
Participants will gain practical business knowledge, skills such as contract negotiation, marketing, accounting and people management that can be put to work immediately.

Growth Plan Training Program starts November 18
APPLY NOW: Deadline is September 26, 2011

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Houston Community College's Centers for Entrepreneurship offer education and training in collaboration with local business mentors and economic entities. We equip startup and existing entrepreneurs with the tools and relationships needed for success in today's challenging economy.

- Getting Started is as easy as 1,2,3:
- 1) Take the Fall Class – Draft your Business Plan
 - 2) Enter the HCC Newspring Business Plan Competition
 - 3) Finish your Plan & You Might Win Prize Money!

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www.hccbizconnect.org

Call 713-718-6650 or email c4e@hccs.edu

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BREAKFAST



QUARTERLY B2B BREAKFAST DRAWS CROWD...AGAIN!

The B2B Quarterly Business Breakfast was another standing room only event with many new business owners attending to learn about District services and network with other business professionals in the area. **Make plans to attend the September 14th breakfast and expand your business opportunities!** To make reservations contact GLarson@SBMD.org or visit the Houston West Chamber website at www.HWCOC.org and click on their events calendar. The breakfast is held at the HEB at Bunker Hill, Community Room, 7 to 9 a.m.

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HWCOC 2012 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAR AWARDS

Do you want to honor exemplary businesses in the Spring Branch area? If so, you have the power to give a company the recognition they deserve! Nominate a business of your choice for a Houston West Chamber of Commerce Star Award. All nominations are due Thursday, November 17, 2011. The awards will be given out at the Economic Development Summit and Star Award Event on February 10, 2012, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you have any questions or need any assistance with nominating a business please feel free to contact District staff.

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SHADOW SPRINGS COMMUNITY CONTINUES STEADY GROWTH DESPITE NATIONWIDE STATISTICS

Despite recent and on-going dips in new home sales nationwide, Riverway Homes' Shadow Springs Community continues to experience steady growth and sales. Shadow Springs is a private, gated community located on Neuens Road near Gessner in the Spring Branch Area of Houston. The community has experienced steady sales and growth during the past two years.

Shadow Springs offers six, two-story detached home floor plans starting in the low \$160s. Homes range from 1500 - 2400 square feet and include features such as granite counter tops, garden bathtubs and extended warranties. With 70 total home sites in the community, only 8 remain to be sold and incentives are being offered.

Shadow Springs Community is located adjacent to Spring Branch I.S.D.'s Pine Shadows Elementary School.



Model homes are open Thursday – Monday until 6pm
Visit www.riverwayhomes.com for driving directions and complete community home information.





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\$500 *go to*
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Register to win \$500 Cash and find out why Spring Branch is the place to build your business. It's a perfect blend of Business and Residential. Just minutes from the Galleria, Downtown and the Energy Corridor.

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“Congratulations to our May newsletter contest winner **Jason Baker!**”



“Congratulations to our April newsletter contest winners, **Rising Star Learning Centers**”

(l to r) Shervetta Sanders, Melissa Sanders, and Gretchen Larson



Rising Stars Learning Center

Helping your little stars rise to the top!

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US 290 PROGRAM REACHES

MILESTONE WITH FIRST MAJOR CONSTRUCTION KICKED OFF

Business



In May the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) took bids for the US 290 Program's first major construction project located at the IH 610/US 290 interchange. Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc., had the winning low bid of \$151.5 million. Work on this first contract, known as Project K, includes constructing an inbound direct connector from

US 290 and the IH 610 North Loop to IH 10 Katy Freeway, thus eliminating the traffic weaving currently present on the IH 610 West Loop southbound main lanes. In addition, workers will reconstruct the IH 610 North Loop from Ella to the US 290/IH 610 interchange. Dedication of the first project took place on July 20 with visiting dignitaries, including District A Council Member Brenda Stardig on hand to commemorate the occasion. Construction is expected to be completed early 2015.

The US 290 Program Office opened in October 2006 and it is from there that all design, right-of-way, utility relocation and public involvement is coordinated for the 38-mile corridor from the IH 610/US 290 interchange to FM 2920. The Federal Highway Administration granted the program environmental clearance through a Record of Decision in August 2010, allowing the program to move forward with right-of-way and construction activities.

Although TxDOT officials indicated they are excited to begin the major reconstruction of US 290, the reality of the transportation funding crisis still presents real obstacles for advancing the Program. With the projected cost of the US 290 corridor improvements totaling \$2.8 billion, there is still approximately \$1.5 billion of the program unfunded. The program's next funded project is tentatively scheduled for construction in late 2012 and will build the outbound direct connector at the IH 610/US 290 interchange, from IH 10 to US 290 and the IH 610 North Loop. There is also funding programmed for fiscal years 2014-2019 which would allow construction at the US 290/Beltway 8 interchange and portions of US 290 between Beltway 8 and W. 34th Street. However, at this time there are no construction funds for the US 290 projects west of Beltway 8. Despite having currently allocated funding, the US 290 Program continues to move forward with corridor wide design plans, which will allow the projects to be ready to go to construction once funding is available.

“The beginning of construction signifies a major accomplishment for the US 290 Program. This long awaited project will relieve congestion and improve safety on a portion of the IH 610/US 290 interchange. Motorists will realize peak travel time savings of nine minutes on eastbound US 290 and six minutes on westbound IH 610.”

— TxDOT's Houston District Engineer, Delvin Dennis, P.E.



For more information regarding the US 290 Corridor Program visit the program website at www.my290.com and for regular updates visit <http://us290houston.newsrouter.com>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 HCC NEWSRING BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS!



2nd place winner - Human Nation



1st place winner - Time for Tots



3rd place winner - Soccer Revo

Save the Date

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

ANNOUNCES
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Dr. Stephen Klineberg

PROFESSOR
CO-DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR URBAN RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, MS-208
RICE UNIVERSITY



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

11:30 – 1:00

SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW

3000 NORTH LOOP WEST FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77092

CO-AUTHOR OF THE PRESENT OF THINGS FUTURE: EXPLORATIONS OF TIME IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE, DR. KLINEBERG HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS JOURNAL ARTICLES AND RESEARCH REPORTS, AND APPEARS FREQUENTLY ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. HE IS ALSO THE FOUNDING CO-DIRECTOR OF RICE UNIVERSITY'S "INSTITUTE FOR URBAN RESEARCH."

ITS MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE ANNUAL HOUSTON AREA SURVEY, STIMULATE OTHER METROPOLITAN RESEARCH, SPONSOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND ENGAGE IN PUBLIC OUTREACH THAT ADVANCES UNDERSTANDING OF PRESSING URBAN ISSUES AND FOSTERS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE HUMANE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES.



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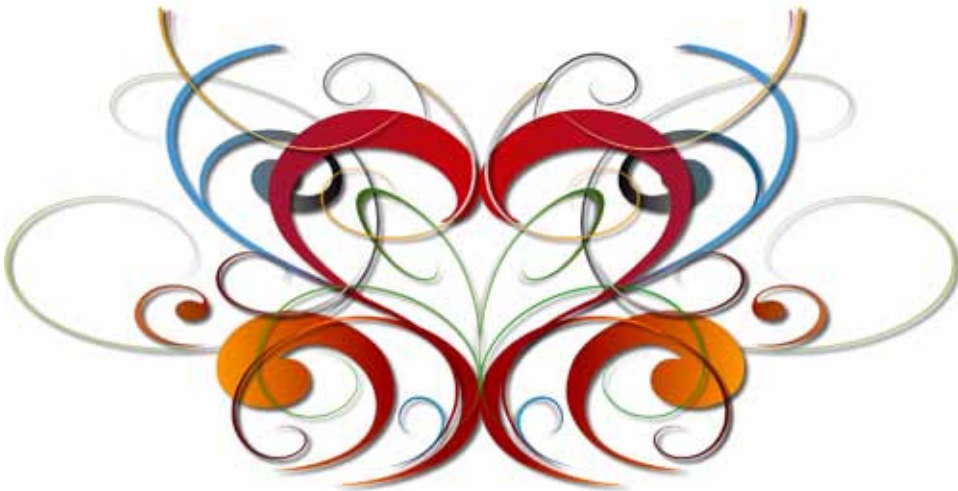


MAM ANNUAL GALA - OCTOBER 21

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) will hold a *"Beatin' Down the Blues,"* the 2011 Heartstrings Gala, on Friday, October 21, at The Houstonian Hotel.

This year, MAM will honor its many service partners whose efforts help MAM clients improve their lives. Attendees can expect a festive evening complete with cocktail reception with signature MAM cocktail, live jazz and blues by Stephen Richard and Another Level, fashion show with styles from the MAM Resale Store, live and silent auctions, dinner and dancing, and more.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the organization's Family Assistance Programs, Self-sufficiency Programs, and Programs for Children in School. Currently the Heartstrings Gala planning committee is looking for sponsors, underwriters and donors for the event.



For more information please visit
www.HelpHereHelpNow.org/gala.htm.

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SPRING BRANCH STUDENTS LEARN NEW JOB SKILLS PROVIDE FREE SUMMER CARNIVAL FOR OTHER YOUTH



DID YOU KNOW?

The District has an outstanding public educational system in Spring Branch ISD with 17 nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools and Houston Community College, the 3rd largest community college system in the US, offering degrees, certifications and training in 70 fields. Access to these exemplary educational opportunities makes the District a preferred place to live and raise a family.

SBISD is home to 25 elementaries, seven traditional middle school campuses, and four traditional high schools. In addition, it operates two innovative public charter schools – a middle school that has been ranked Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency since the school first opened, and a popular, combined middle and high school campus that offers the challenging and intensive International Baccalaureate program.

The University of Houston is a major public research and teaching institution, serving more than 36,000 students annually with nearly 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University of Houston System is a group of six public institutions of higher learning in the Houston area. The System comprises four universities and two multi-institution teaching centers that offer degrees in partnership with the universities. The University of Houston is the largest and most comprehensive institution of the System. Credits transfer easily from one to another, and students move freely from one campus' library to another. Each institution within the System has a distinct mission; together, the institutions' missions and programs complement and support one another.

Houston Community College – Spring Branch Campus, offers a comprehensive selection of all traditional academic courses needed to complete an Associate's Degree and to complete the core curriculum required for all four-year public universities in Texas.



MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

The Spring Branch District provided grant support for MAM's Spring Woods at MAM (SWAM) summer jobs program. MAM hired six interns from Spring Woods Middle School. Their program focuses on building self-confidence and preparing the interns for a successful future through job experience and financial planning training. Each student worked with a mentor provided by MAM. The interns worked 25 hours each week at MAM, and this year the program expanded to two offsite locations, Pieper Electric and Spring Woods Middle School.

Aside from the tours and guest speakers, an event that is distinct from all others was their summer carnival. The summer carnival is organized and planned by the summer interns. Each student oversees a booth and is responsible for designing the booth's decorations, creating the materials needed, and organizing and running the booth the day of the carnival. This year the booths consisted of a soda ring toss, fishin' in the sea, an obstacle course, face painting, popcorn and lemonade all available for free.

One summer intern, Melvin, was in charge of the face painting booth. He said ***"my favorite part was how happy I felt after painting their faces. I think I painted over 20 flowers – they liked those the most."***

This year, Breakthrough Houston a summer program housed by St. John's School, volunteered at the carnival. With the help of fifteen students from Breakthrough Houston and MAM's interns, they operated the carnival, which included setup and closing. The carnival was an opportunity for the students to experience the significance of commitment, responsibility, demonstrate teamwork and be to apply the skills necessary to complete a project. Over 50 children enjoyed the fun filled summer carnival.

For more information please contact Sara Rice.
Memorial Assistance Ministries 1625 Blalock Houston, TX 77080
Phone: (713) 574-7540 | Fax: (713)468-4702
www.HelpHereHelpNow.org

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Three teens from the Spring Shadows area in Spring Branch have been named Eagle Scouts, the highest rank attainable through the Boy Scouts of America.



Photo From left to right are:

Joe Cahill, William Schubert and Will Epperson.

Joe Cahill, Will Epperson and William Schubert of Boy Scout Troop 664 were recognized at a July 16 Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony at Spring Woods Baptist Church, where the troop is based. About 100 people attended. The teens started their scouting journey as Cub Scouts at a pack at Terrace Elementary School about 10 years ago. Later, as Boy Scouts, each would complete at least 21 merit badges, which included training in first aid, camping, personal fitness and personal management.

The Eagle Scout projects completed by these young men :

Joe Cahill planted a row of trees along a hike and bike trail in a Harris County park that should provide shade for years to come. Cahill graduated from Stratford High School where he was a varsity cheerleader.

Will Epperson completed an irrigation project at Houston Christian High School designed to help alleviate standing water. He graduated from Houston Christian High School where he played varsity football.

William Schubert renovated a section of a daycare center on Houston's West Side. He graduated from Spring Woods High School where he held a leadership position in the Junior Achievement chapter.

To date, a total of 26 scouts from Troop 664 have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 664 was chartered in 1998.

The troop normally meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut at Spring Woods Baptist Church, 10131 Emnora Lane. Membership information is available at the meetings.

...UPCOMING MEETINGS & events

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Thursday @ 12 p.m.
Spring Branch Hospital - 8850 Long Point
1st Floor Litowski Conference Room

Committee Meetings

1st Wednesday
District Offices - 9610 Long Point, Suite 100

Environmental and Urban Design @ 11 a.m.

Mobility and Transportation @ 12:15 p.m.

Public Safety @ 1:30 p.m.

Business & Economic Development @ 2:45 p.m.

Super Neighborhood Monthly Meetings

**Spring Branch
Super Neighborhood Central**
1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
VFW Post 8790 - 1560 Foley Street

**Spring Branch
Super Neighborhood West**
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Houston Community College – Commons
1010 W. Sam Houston Parkway North

**Spring Branch
Super Neighborhood East**
3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
1721 Pech Road

**Spring Branch
Super Neighborhood North**
4th Monday of every odd month @ 6:30 p.m.
10355 Centrepark, Suite 220



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COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC PARTNER events

MAM – Free Immunizations

September 9th at 9:00 am
1625 Blalock, Houston, TX 77080
713-468-4516 Ext 100

MAM – Shred Day

September 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1625 Blalock, Houston, TX 77080

HWCOG SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 6

High Power in High Heels

Women Driving Business Luncheon

11:00 a.m.

The Westin Houston - 945 Gessner Rd.

September 10

West Houston Young Professionals

College Football Kick Off

12:00 p.m.

Christian's Tailgate - 2000 Bagby St. Ste 106

September 16

Health and Wellness Luncheon

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lakeside Country Club - 100 Wilcrest

For additional information on any of Chamber events

Visit www.HWCOC.org or

Sarah Bardwell, sarah@hwcoc.org

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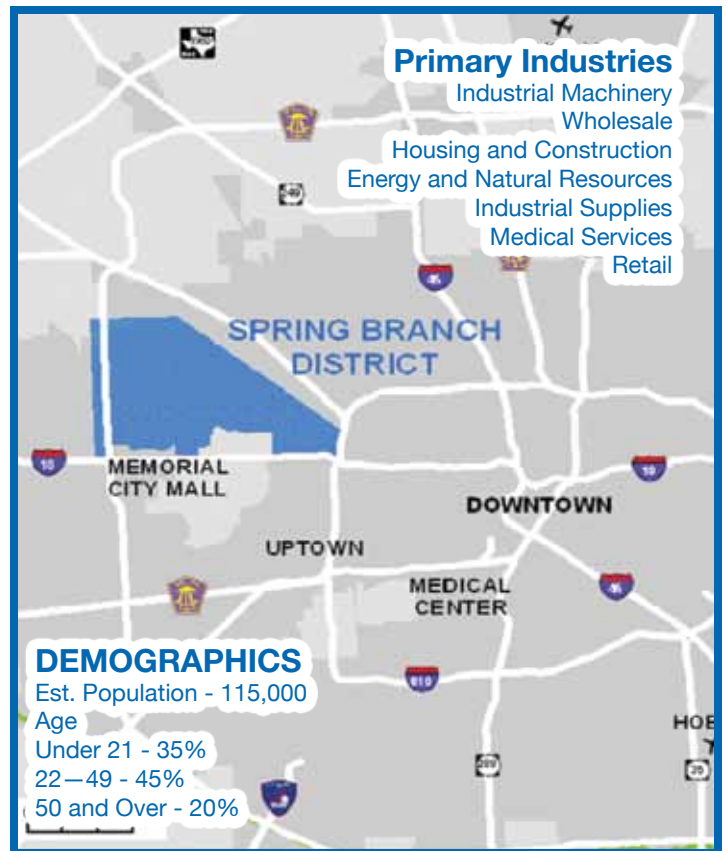
Executive Director

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Gretchen Larson

Economic Development Director

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District Board of Directors

- Position 1 – Mr. C. David Schwab Jr. - Schwab Design Builders, llc
- Position 2 – Mr. Thomas Sumner - All Points Services Corp.
- Position 3 – Ms. Catherine Barchfeld-Alexander
- Position 4 – Vacant
- Position 5 – Mr. Victor Alvarez - Mexalde
- Position 6 – Mr. Mauricio Valdes - Tu Casa Realty, Inc.
- Position 7 – Mr. Dan Silvestri - Silvestri Investments
- Position 8 – Ms. Patricia Maddox - Maddox Investments
- Position 9 – Mr. David Gutierrez - McDonald's
- Position 10 – Mr. Marty McVey - Spring Branch Hospital
- Position 11 – Mr. Rino Cassinelli - Big Bend Partnership, lp
- Position 12 – Ms. Melanie Hoff - Fidelis Realty Partners
- Position 13 – Mr. John Chiang - Sueba Investments 309, lp

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