



Message from Chairman Wea Lea

The number of Houston Police Department officers has not kept pace with the city’s population growth. In general, this means officers must spend more time responding to emergency situations and less time proactively building relationships with law-abiding residents they strive to protect. But thanks to a police overtime program funded by the International Management District, the important work of strengthening bonds among businesses, the community and the police continues without interruption in our area.

In September 2022 alone, officers in our community liaison program visited 115 commercial locations to build connections, discuss safety strategies and distribute material from our district. This report also includes third-quarter information on the success of our SEAL security team and our graffiti and litter abatement projects.

Also, the District recently renewed its contract with the Harris County Attorney’s Office to help us fight nuisance businesses in court.

In the big picture, the International Management District humbly continues to do its part to make our public spaces safer and cleaner. In these

ways, our community remains an attractive destination for businesses and their customers. No wonder Bellaire Boulevard, other main corridors and side streets continue to fill in with more stores and community facilities. As you, too, continue to do your part to make our District thrive, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can keep working together.

Yours truly,

Wea Lea
International Management District board chairman



Alief helps put the District’s mix on the map

The Alief neighborhood is drawing attention from far and wide for the best kinds of reasons, putting the dynamic International Management District in the spotlight as a place to be.



Nationally celebrated comedian and actor Mohammed “Mo” Amer, who grew up in Alief after being born in the Middle East and still lives in Houston, has earned raves for his Netflix video series called “Mo.” It’s drawn fans around the country as it depicts the cultural mix that people experience every day in Alief — leading to comic situations and serious issues about mutual understanding and tolerance. No other show on TV or streaming services has captured “the real Houston” the way “Mo” does. Don’t be surprised if you see “ ‘Mo’ tourists” looking around the neighborhood for stores where some of the series’ scenes were made.

As this was written, the city of Houston was on the verge of opening its first-of-its-kind, new Alief Neighborhood Center on Bellaire Boulevard. The \$58.5 million facility combines a library, senior center, WIC center, athletic amenities, a Health and Human Service officer and much more in a multi-story complex measuring more than 70,000 square feet. Plus there is a park next door. Enid Howard, chief of staff of the city’s General Services Department, predicts visitors from across the metropolitan area will visit and take advantage of the new combination.





Likewise, the Alief Independent School District is busy developing and operating new, pioneering pre-school programs for eligible children in our neighborhoods. The schools provide children 4 and 5 years olds with experiential learning rooms, meaning themed spaces in which they can learn with all five senses that feed into their growing minds. There’s even an International Management District room that reflects in the inter-ethnic character of the area. Its exhibits include a mural-like images of a Mexican market and a folkloric dancer. Also on display is a model of a Vietnamese-style home and a storytelling area that promotes the African custom of sharing history orally.

Like many families in Alief, young married couple Katy Truong and Steve Ong followed their dream of owning and running their own business. When they opened Houston Sausage Inc. this year in a storefront on Bellaire Boulevard, they were — and probably still are — the only U.S. shop outside of California that makes and sells Vietnamese/Chinese style sausages that contain egg yolks. Now, Asian-American visitors buy the delicacies to take home to other states, while local customers enjoy them in the food they make at home. They are portable and don’t spoil easily.



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HPD Incident Reports

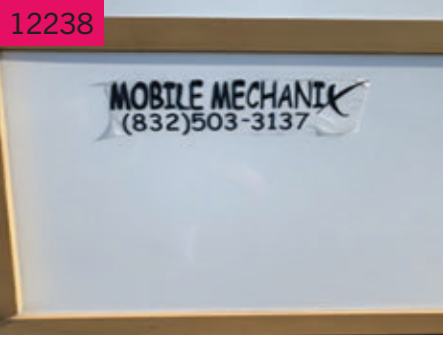















As of Oct. 1, 2022

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	YTD
24-hour Hotline	119	64	76	116	122	130	90	128	98	943
Alarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Arrest	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
Assault	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	10
Assistance	1	6	1	1	4	0	3	3	1	20
Burglary of Habitation/Business	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	13
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	7
Constituent Contacts	63	62	67	51	68	60	60	65	29	525
CTW	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Criminal Mischief	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Disturbance/Noise	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
EMS/FD/PD	2	5	10	4	7	1	0	1	6	36
Information	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
Property Checks	1256	1343	1392	1207	1389	1365	1169	1231	1304	11656
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Solicitor	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Suspicious Activity/Person/ Vehicle	101	66	59	92	136	239	113	143	139	1088
Theft	19	20	19	17	2	15	5	15	7	119
Vehicle Collision	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	7



Graffiti Abatement Reports

Sites Abated	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	TOTAL
Private Property	35	35	20	23	26	24	22	12	35	232
Public Property	40	22	22	39	36	29	32	45	18	283
Dumpsters	1	1	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	11
Total	76	58	45	63	63	57	54	57	53	526

BEFORE	AFTER	BEFORE	AFTER
<p>Private Property - 8335 Hwy 6 S</p> <p>12238</p>  		<p>Private Property - 9150 S. Dairy Ashford</p> <p>12252</p>  	
<p>Public Property - 9401 Coventry Square</p> <p>12246</p>  		<p>Public Property - 8500 S. Course</p> <p>12257</p>  	
<p>Private Property - 9103 S Dairy Ashford</p> <p>12266</p>  		<p>Private Property - 12261 Bellaire</p> <p>12279</p>  	
<p>Public Property - 6902 Cook</p> <p>12276</p>  		<p>Public Property - 9100 S Dairy Ashford</p> <p>12288</p>  	

Sites Abated	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTALS
Private Property	522	912	548	638	363	275	209	231	191	248	232	4,369
Public Property	798	820	572	656	579	435	418	454	424	303	283	5,742
Dumpsters	21	21	23	18	8	17	12	8	10	23	11	172
Total	1341	1753	1143	1312	950	727	639	693	625	574	526	10,283

Statistics	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Investigations	119	64	76	116	122	130	90	128	98
Police Reports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Citations Issued	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Abatements	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	0
Calls for Service	1	6	1	1	4	0	3	3	1
BMW Cards	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	0
Arrest	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0

Overtime HPD Patrols Funded by the District



197 Investigations 26 Reports 47 Warnings Issued 118 Citations Issued 10 Abatements 95 Calls for Service 10 Arrests



The Houston Police Department commander who oversees the agency’s mental health unit and patrol divisions in southwest and northwest parts of the city, such as the International Management District, is Yasar Bashir. Like any Alief residents, Bashir is an immigrant — from Pakistan. He is also HPD’s first and only Muslim to rise to the top ranks of the department. About being a role model, Bashir said, “Yes, people may see me as a first, but I don’t see myself as that. To me, just being a professional in my profession, I see as it as this is where our chief believes he wants me to be in his team. And I am honored to be on his team.”

*Go to the **My International District** section of imdhouston.org to read more about the subjects in this article.*



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4th Thursday @ 12 noon

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PUBLIC SAFETY
3rd Thursday @ 11am

Board of Directors
Position 1: Jay Shani
Position 2: Feroze “Fred” Bhandara, Vice Chairman
Position 3: Karen Loper, Secretary
Position 4: Thuy Thanh Vu
Position 7: Sally A. Reynolds
Position 8: Stephen Le, Sr.
Position 9: Dr. Nancy Mai
Position 10: Owen C. Wang
Position 11: Wea Lee, Chairman

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3rd Wednesday @ 12 noon

ENVIRONMENTAL & URBAN DESIGN/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
3rd Thursday @ 1pm

For more information and to verify meetings please call the District Office at **(281) 564.5252**