

# GOOD NEIGHBOR HOTLINE

We're here for you 24/7

713-670-1000



Our Good Neighbor Hotline is now available to you around the clock seven days a week to help nearby businesses and residents get information about the construction and operation of the Bayport Terminal.

Please call 713.670.1000 if you have a question, comment or concern. Staff members are available to handle your inquiry. If someone is not available when you call, please leave a message on the voicemail and you will receive a response in a timely manner.

The Hotline will be available through December.



## Come See Bayport:

Would you or your organization like to take a tour of the Bayport Container and Cruise terminals or have someone from the Port of Houston Authority address your organization?

Please call Kristi Bogie at **713.670.2831** to schedule a tour or a speaker.

Tours are scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## The Port of Houston Delivers a Good Neighbor Plan



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# BAYPORT REPORT

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## Bayport Wharf Construction to Begin

At its June 24 meeting, the Port Commission approved and awarded the construction contract to build the Phase 1 Wharf to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. Site work began in August; actual construction will start in September and be completed in approximately 21 months.

The dredging is already finished and PHA took advantage of the electric dredge that was available due to its work at Barbours Cut. The electric dredge is much quieter than traditional dredges.

Expect to see marine equipment at the Bayport site beginning in September as a part of drilling the shafts to support the foundation of the wharf.

Construction of the permanent administration, maintenance and repair buildings will start in a few months along the north side of Port Road. These buildings will replace the temporary structures that have been in use over the past two years.

A new marine emergency building will also be built to house the emergency vehicles, equipment and personnel, including a Hazmat-trained team, for Bayport.



Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation designed the Bayport Terminal Complex Phase 1 Wharf, which will provide approximately 1,330 feet of additional wharf.

## Weighty Project

The Pasadena and Seabrook police departments are working together to make sure that area roadways remain safe. Recently, the two law enforcement agencies checked the weights of commercial trucks leaving Bayport.

The officers parked on the south side of Port Road near the truck gate entrance. Using a portable scale, they stopped trucks leaving Bayport and weighed their loads. Each truck's weight was checked against the load limit for the type of vehicle being used.

A Pasadena officer on duty explained that the original impetus for the weight checks was complaints the police received about trucks not yielding as

they entered Port Road. Pasadena police followed up on the complaints by watching truck traffic coming out onto Port Road one morning between the hours of 5 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

The officers did not notice any traffic violations or traffic control issues and will continue to monitor Port Road traffic periodically to help enforce traffic safety. The port authority applauds the initiative of the Pasadena and Seabrook Police Departments in working to keep area roadways safe.

Officers check this tractor-trailer's weight using portable scales.



Pasadena and Seabrook police officers guide a truck leaving Bayport onto a portable scale to check the weight of the load.

Dear Neighbor:

As part of our many efforts as a good corporate neighbor, we are moving forward to mitigate the acoustical and other environmental aspects of construction on the Bayport Container and Cruise terminals.



### **Homeowner Sound Insulation Pilot Project**

As I mentioned before, two homes – one in La Porte and one in Shoreacres – have been chosen as test sites for the accelerated first phase of the sound mitigation pilot program. The project is on schedule and moving forward. Each of the homes has been measured and the necessary materials have been ordered. We expect the insulation to be completed during the first week in October and the doors and windows to be finished in November.

### **Port Road Stop Sign**

After working closely with TxDOT to get approval for stop signs at Port Road and new Highway 146, the stop signs have been installed. The stop signs add another level of safety to the area.

### **Good Neighbor Hotline**

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For those of you living and working on the Texas Gulf Coast, please take the time to make sure you have your emergency supplies in order. A storm can form rapidly in the Gulf, leaving you little time for preparation. Don't take any chances. Be prepared now for whatever might happen.

Be careful and be safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Guenther". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Roger Guenther  
*General Manager, Container Terminals*  
Port of Houston Authority

# Hurricane Preparedness

It pays to be prepared for the various weather emergencies that occur when living and working on the Texas Gulf Coast. The Port of Houston Authority and industries up and down the Houston Ship Channel have each carefully developed plans on what to do in case of an emergency.

Every year before the beginning of hurricane season, every port authority manager meets with critical staff to review the hurricane procedures for their area. An inventory of emergency supplies is performed and any missing items are replaced.

The maintenance staff checks to make sure all portable buildings are properly secured. All terminal users and outside warehouses are notified in writing to take extra care in securing their facilities.

Whenever the National Weather Service predicts a tropical storm or a hurricane will affect the Houston/Galveston area, a strategy meeting is called for all PHA managers and critical staff and specific plans are discussed. A person from each department is assigned to coordinate preparations for that area.

Procedures detail exactly what should be done at various time intervals before the storm strikes Houston, starting at 72 hours before.

We strongly encourage you to be prepared, especially during the turbulent weather of the summer months. The city of Houston has an excellent emergency preparedness guide and video on its Web site in several languages. It can be found at [www.readyhoustontx.gov](http://www.readyhoustontx.gov).

## What does a shipping container weigh?

An empty 20-foot container weighs about 4,000 pounds, and a 40-foot container is about 8,000 pounds. An empty shipping container outweighs your car, which averages 2,500–3,500 pounds or truck, which averages 2,000–5,000 pounds.

Containers are marked with their maximum load weight, usually in the range of 60–70,000 pounds which includes the weight of the container itself. An average loaded container is in the 40–50,000 pound range. That is at least twice the weight of a mobile home. That is why it is extremely rare to see a shipping container tossed around in a storm.



New stop signs at Port Road and Highway 146 enhance the safety of all motorists in the area.

