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Local Officials Host Tour of Port for NALEO Delegation



PHA Commissioner Jim Fonteno and Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia with the NALEO group (Photo courtesy of NALEO).

Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and Houston City Councilman James Rodriguez hosted a tour of the Port of Houston aboard the *M/V Sam Houston* on Oct. 11 with Port Commissioner Jim Fonteno and Port of Houston Authority staff for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. The visit was in conjunction with a NALEO Educational Fund conference that focused on the environment and sustainability issues.

At the conference, Garcia gave a presentation on Houston's revitalization, discussing the transition towards sustainability and the private-public partnerships which have enabled local elected officials to make strides in improving the environment.

NALEO is a 501 (c)(4) nonpartisan membership organization whose constituency includes the nation's more than 6,000 elected and appointed Latino officials. Founded in 1976, NALEO has created a national forum for Latino issues and opened doors for a new generation of Latino leaders.

Clean & Green Wins Gulf Guardian Award

The Clean & Green Port of Houston Program has earned a second place Gulf Guardian award for 2008. Clean & Green received recognition in the Partnership category – one of five listed in this year's competition.

The award will be presented in an October 29 ceremony in New Orleans. Clean & Green, a public-private partnership, is spearheaded by the Port of Houston Authority and the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, with major support from corporate sponsor Shell Oil Company.

Sponsored by the partnership of the Gulf of Mexico Program to recognize environmental stewardship in the five Gulf Coast States, the Gulf Guardian awards were developed as a way to recognize and honor the businesses, community groups, individuals, and agencies that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf healthy, beautiful and productive.



Coffee Symposium to Explore Latin America's Role



At the podium: PHA Commissioner Jimmy Burke during the 2007 symposium.

The Fourth Annual Houston Port Region Coffee Symposium explores Latin America's role in the coffee business under the theme, "Gateway to Latin American Coffee." Port of Houston Authority Commissioner Jimmy Burke has served as chair of the event since 2005.

The symposium will include a day of informative sessions at the Hilton Americas-Houston on Monday, Nov. 17, followed the next day, with an optional bus tour to two of the premier roasters in the Houston area, Maximus Coffee Group, LP and Cadeco Industries, and boat tour of the port and lunch aboard the *M/V Sam Houston*. The symposium culminates in the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region's annual gala Tuesday evening at the new Bayport Cruise Terminal.

Sponsored by the Port of Houston Authority, the Greater Houston Coffee Association, and the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, the symposium will feature international

speakers, including: Alan Kaiser, National Coffee Association; José Maria Ribeiro Neto, coffee planter and member, Cooxupe; Don Pisano, American Coffee and chair of the Green Coffee Association Warehouse & Traffic Committee; L.B. Booty, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Vera Braun, Coffee America (USA) Inc.; Matt Braunner, Braunner International; Tammy Deininger, Volcafe; and Mike Sinclair, U.S. Customs and Border Protection. For more information, visit www.javahouston.com.

September Port Commission Highlights

At its Sept. 30 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

- Approved amending a contract with the Houston Audubon Society for planting, monitoring and management of Evia Island, a Houston Ship Channel Project Beneficial Uses Site, for an additional two-year term and \$50,000.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for shoreline protection at Morgan's Point, near Barbours Cut Terminal.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for storm water quality consulting for a term of two years.
- Approved awarding of three professional service contracts for project outlines for a Pelican Island Conceptual Planning Study.
- Approved awarding of a professional services contract to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for Bayport, Phase 2 Program Management for \$1.2 million.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for a secured truck entrance at Cargo Bay Road at the Turning Basin Terminal for \$6.2 million to \$7 million.
- Approved the port authority's execution of the petition requesting creation of the Houston Ship Channel Security District and its payment of assessments for each of the first three years of the district for \$150,000 per year.



PHA Executive Director H. Thomas Kornegay, PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds and PHA Commissioner Kase Lawal.

PHA SupPORTers Lend Helping Hands

About 80 percent of the homes in the city of Shoreacres were flooded from Hurricane Ike. But residents got a helping hand from 13 Port of Houston Authority SupPORTers, who provided 41 hours of community service to the city of Shoreacres on October 11 at Shoreacres City Hall.

PHA volunteers helped distribute food and supplies to Shoreacres citizens. Also, Port SupPORTers purchased dog and cat food to distribute to citizens. Port SupPORTers made a positive difference for residents of Shoreacres. Approximately 200 cars were served during the day, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"A Big Texas thank you goes out to PHA volunteers for giving our volunteers at the Shoreacres POD a day off to relax at the Civic Association Barbecue Cookoff," says Shoreacres Mayor Jayo Washington. "On day 28, the volunteers staffed the POD for the entire day so our volunteers, many of whom had worked every day since the storm, could get a much-needed break. Thanks so much to Commissioner Burke and all the rest for making this happen."



Blood Drive Spurs Unprecedented Results



The Port of Houston Authority's Fall Blood Drive on September 9 was an unprecedented success, with a total of 67 units being donated at PHA's Executive Building and at Barbours Cut Terminal.

The total was the most ever collected at one time and brings PHA to within just 45 units of its 2008 goal of 225 units.

This month's generous outpouring of the Gift of Life came at a critical time for the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, with Hurricane Ike raging through the Gulf of Mexico and local blood banks seriously low on supply.

One unit of blood could potentially save three lives.

CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

Despite Hurricane Ike and the loss of the Mighty Tidy skimmer boat, the Clean & Green Program was able to collect 76 cubic yards of stormwater trash during September. That brings the grand total to 2,057 cubic yards or a little over 82 garbage truck loads full of trash from Buffalo Bayou.

All paper, metal, glass and electronics collected are now being recycled. You would be surprised how many TVs and monitors come out of storm drains!



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