

**NEAR
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DISTRICT**

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Near, Safe, Green & Growing!

The Near Northwest Management District was created in 2001 by the Texas Legislature with the consent of the City of Houston. NNWMD provides supplemental services above and beyond what the city and individual property owners can provide in the areas of Public Safety, Public Relations and Business Development, Urban Planning and Beautification. Regular NNWMD board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the District office. All meetings are open to the public. Your attendance is welcomed and encouraged.

Tell Us How We Can Serve You Better

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Phone: _____ Web Site: _____

What is your major problem with the area ?

How frequently do you have to call 911? Most common reasons?

Currently what are the demographics of your customers?

What can we do that would most benefit your business?

Would you partner with other local businesses to address these issues?

Please return to District Office by fax at 713-895-8221 or mail to 5300 Hollister, #100; Houston TX 77040.

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nearnorthwestdistrict.com

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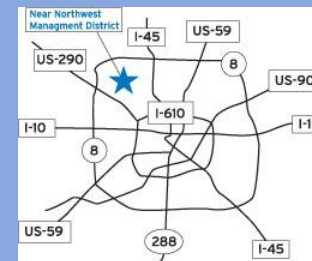


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Building a stronger business community

What is a Management District?

A Management District is a community-based organizational group started by local community and business leaders. It is sanctioned by the legislature to provide planning and services to enhance the day-to-day, as well as, the long-term economic development and quality of life for the community in which it was founded.

The Near Northwest Management District is like a Chamber of Commerce in that it focuses on building the business

community in our area. Our goal is to attract new businesses to the area as well as help businesses already here to grow. As a governmental agency our Management District, has the ability to contract with other governmental agencies to provide services and can assess commercial property owners to provide funding for improvements that will benefit our area's commercial and residential communities alike.



Management District

Near Northwest Management District

The State of Texas' Legislature created the Near Northwest Management District in 2001 to address concerns about public safety and economic development in our area.

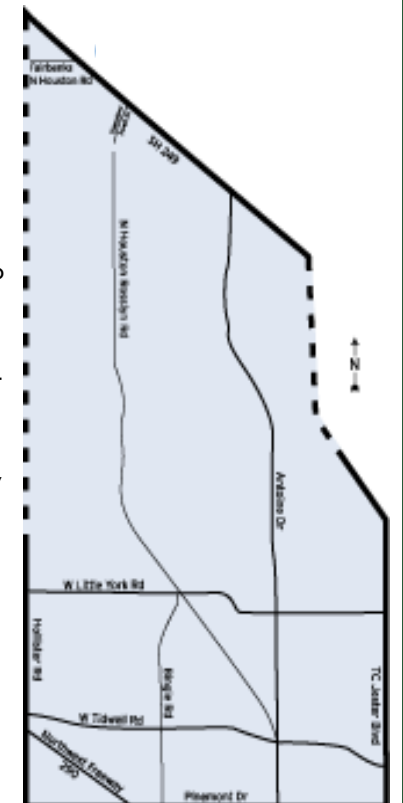
The District's mission is to promote and coordinate economic growth, create and beautify area green spaces and promote and supplement public security within our boundaries.

The District is bounded by T.C. Jester Boulevard on the east, Pinemont Drive on the south, Hollister Drive projected to State Road 249 on the west, and State Road 249 on the north.

The District exists to :

- Develop and pursue a common vision through plan-

- ning for the future
- Facilitate obtaining government capital and services
- Advocate for area needs
- Leverage local resources to obtain grants and matching funds for area projects
- Provide maintenance creating a premier place to live, work and play
- Create an improved quality of life where businesses flourish and property values increase
- In general, promote the public welfare, especially in commercial areas





Security & enhanced city services are provided to support the business community.



Follow the District on Facebook, Twitter (@nnwmd), Linked In and Nixle.



Graffiti removal and bandit sign reporting keep our community attractive.



How the District Serves You

The District provides many services to commercial property owners and businesses within our boundaries.

- **Constable Patrol** — To increase the security of the business community, the District contracts with Harris County Precinct 1 Constables to provide seven constables to patrol the District. Since HPD continues to be first response law enforcement officers, District Constables have the ability to focus on proactive law enforcement activities. You can contact our constables by calling the District office to discuss security issues. (All emergencies should be reported to HPD through 911.)
- **Graffiti Abatement** — The District provides graffiti abatement services for area businesses and commercial property owners. To access this free service, download a Graffiti Removal Waiver from www.nearnorthwestdistrict.com/Programs/GraffitiAbatement.shtml or contact our office to obtain a form. Return the completed form to the District.
- **Parks and Greenspace Development** — Parks and attractive greenspace are important community assets that provide recreation venues, enhance flood control measures and make our community more inviting. We partner with the Greater Inwood Partnership and Weed & Seed Grant to maintain attractive esplanades and pick up litter. We are also working with the City to develop Alabonson Park and to ensure that the former Inwood Golf Course is preserved as greenspace.
- **Coordinated Community Policing** — To aid area law enforcement officers in a safe and constructive way, the District has developed a crime database, www.crime-track.com, so that business owners and residents can report suspicious or ongoing criminal activity to District Constables. Go to www.crime-track.com and register to receive a user name and password. Reports are reviewed by Constables and are useful in proactive crime investigations. Also, security updates are available to subscribers of the District's Nixle messaging service. Subscribers can receive community messages as well as security alerts and updates. To subscribe go to www.Nixle.com.
- **Communications** — The District communicates regularly with supporters, business owners and area businesses through newsletters, email updates, Facebook and Twitter. Visit the District web site, www.nearnorthwestdistrict.com to subscribe.
- **Business Network Development** — To mobilize our business community, the District is starting a Business Network that will function similarly to a Chamber of Commerce for our area. Currently, our Project Facilitator, Stanley Prince, is out visiting with local businesses to get a sense of the needs for our business community. Networking events will begin soon.
- **Marketing and Branding** — To make our area more inviting to new businesses, the District is working to build our image as an excellent close in location in which to live and do business. Our efforts include the creation of a marketing plan to promote the area to developers and businesses seeking to relocate, street signs to define the area and a pilot shuttle bus program to help area residents shop locally.
- **Weed and Seed Grant** — The management district has been awarded a Weed and Seed Grant by the Department of Justice. This grant provides the opportunity to bring up to \$1 million dollars into the area to weed out crime and to seed in community revitalization. The goals of this grant are to improve the four square mile area around De Soto by increasing law enforcement, enhancing neighborhood restoration, creating youth programs to deter gang activity and facilitating programs for prevention, intervention and treatment.

Big Plans for 2010

Last year was a pretty wonderful year in the Near Northwest Management District. We began implementation of the Weed and Seed Grant, worked to further reduce crime, added more communications with the community, began building a business network, held two job fairs, hosted one of the city's largest National Night Out Celebrations, launched a new web site and completed a petition drive to continue our existence for another 15 years, just to cover the highlights.

With all that, 2010 is looking even better! Many community members and business owners have come forward and expressed a desire to work with the District to help make this an even better place to live and do business.

The Weed & Seed Grant is entering its second year and has a long list of activities to further the goals of the grant -- neighborhood restoration, community policing, law enforcement and prevention, intervention and treatment.

The Grant will be adding an additional Safe Haven, that brings our total to four, so that area children can have safe places to go after school. In addition to our community Job Fair, we will be adding a Re-entry Job Fair to help ex-offenders start their lives over and stay on the right track.

Weed and Seed Program Director Carla McGowen is hard at work creating programs to continue the grants efforts to seed in positive influences into the community. She and new Board Member Heidi Sheesley are passionate about working with Urban Harvest to start several community gardens in the area. This will not only improve the appearance of the area but teach valuable skills and help feed those who work in the garden.

A number of youth programs will be beginning during the first half of the year including a teen cooking class with Chef Raphael Galindo to teach youth skills that will lead not only to a job but a career, a Girl Scout Troop, a youth fitness program taught by martial arts experts and a youth leadership class to teach teens how to be leaders and provide them with skills that will lead to success for a lifetime.

The District is working to put together a business network so that area business owners and managers can come together to improve the community and work together to build a thriving business environment. We will be hosting our first networking breakfasts later in the year. Contact Stanley Prince at 713-895-8021 for more information.

We are also in the planning stages of introducing a shuttle bus service into the area for a trial period of 60 days. The goal is to help residents who don't have transportation to shop, work and recreate in our area.

We continue to work with Precinct 1 Constables to reduce crime in the area. They are patrolling the area and will conduct several anti-crime initiatives to get criminals off our streets and out of our neighborhoods. We are also continuing to recruit community members to participate in keeping our communities safe. We are offering security updates through Nixle, go to www.nixle.com to sign up to receive these updates. Also community members are encouraged to go to www.crime-track.com to report suspicious or potential criminal activity to help our Constables stop crime before it happens.

There is still more going on. This is going to be an amazing year. Please work with us! The District is always looking for the input from the community and would love to see you at one of our meetings,



Our goal is to build a business community that works together to create prosperity through partnership.



Find out more about District activities at one of these monthly meetings:

Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday
6:30 p.m.

Weed & Seed Steering Committee Meeting
1st Wednesday
6:00 p.m.

Security Meeting
2nd Tuesday,
9 a.m.

Apartment Managers Meeting
3rd Tuesday,
Noon

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