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**NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND WEED & SEED
GRANT HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Community Invited to Annual Crime Prevention Celebration October 6

Houston, September 24, 2010 – The Near Northwest Management District and Near Northwest Houston Weed & Seed Grant Management are hosting a National Night Out celebration for near northwest Houston on October 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kroger parking lot at 5620 W. Tidwell.

Near northwest businesses and residents are invited to this free community event to build a stronger community by getting out and meeting their neighbors. There will be safety presentations from Harris County Precinct 1 Constables and the Houston Fire Department as well as appearances by Councilmembers Jarvis Johnson and Brenda Stardig and by State Representative Sylvester Turner as well as fun activities for all ages including a moonwalk, balloons, rock climbing, petting zoo, clowns, music, entertainment and prizes and free food for everyone.

“National Night Out is a great opportunity for members of the community to come together and get to know their neighbors,” said Carla McGowen , Weed & Seed Program Director.

“Community members and law enforcement personnel working together has made a big difference in our area to reduce crime and the stronger our community is, the better those partnerships will work.”

Near Northwest Management District

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National Night Out is a community event designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The event is sponsored by the Near Northwest Management District and Near Northwest Houston Weed & Seed Grant with refreshments, attractions and prizes generously donated by Target, Kroger, Home Depot, Kool Smiles, T-Mobile, Café Red Onion, Chick-fil-A, Greater Inwood Partnership, Harris County Precinct 1 Constables, Houston Fire Department, Best Buy, Drug Enforcement Agency, Walgreen's, State Farm Insurance, Liberty Tax Service, Superior Floors, Asbury Park Apartments, Linda Vista Apartments, Boy Scouts of America, METRO, Oakwood Gardens Apartments, Park at Live Oak, Pizza Hut, RPM, Lone Star College, Sterling Grove Apartments, Oaks on Antoine Apartments, Aspen Apartments, falls on Antoine Apartments, Diamond Ridge Apartments, Primerica, YMCA, City of Houston and other local businesses and community members.

Weed & Seed Strategy

The Weed & Seed Grant is awarded by the Department of Justice and will bring up to \$1million into near northwest Houston to weed out crime and seed in community revitalization. The goals of the Weed and Seed program are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high-crime neighborhoods and to provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents. The Weed and Seed strategy brings together Federal, State and local crime-fighting agencies, social service providers, representatives of the public and private sectors, prosecutors, business owners, and neighborhood residents under the shared goal of weeding out violent crime and gang activity while seeding in social services and economic revitalization. For more information go to www.houstonweedseed.com.

About the District

The Near Northwest Management District was created by the Texas Legislature to promote and coordinate economic growth for businesses and improve the quality of life for everyone in Northwest Houston. The District, which covers an area bounded by T.C. Jester Boulevard on

the east, Pinemont Drive on the south, Hollister Drive projected to State Highway 249 on the west and 249 on the north, has developed a detailed service plan to address issues important to commercial property owners in the area including security and public safety, planning and urban design and development.

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St. Rep. Sylvester Turner and community members enjoy hot dogs served by Harris County Precinct 1 Constables at National Night Out.

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