



City of Houston Citizenship Month November 1-30, 2017



Celebrating the Many Faces of Houston

To all of our Houston friends, partners, and neighbors,

We invite you to celebrate with us during a time when the values embodied by Citizenship Month of service, civic engagement, and community are especially critical. Considering our city's experiences following Hurricane Harvey, we have decided to tailor Citizenship Month events this year to promote the community's recovery efforts.

Hurricane Harvey had no respect for the politics of our day in regards to those who were flooded. Likewise, ordinary Houstonians who responded during the crisis did not stop to question the race, income, orientation, or immigration status of their neighbors. This year, Citizenship Month will honor local groups who displayed true "citizenship" by serving their fellow Houstonians during the storm, taking special care to showcase the contributions made by our diverse communities. In addition to the signature events that take place each year as a part of Citizenship Month, below are the special events that we would like to highlight:

1. A recognition ceremony and informal celebration to honor community leaders, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, media partners, and others who served during Hurricane Harvey. Recognizing that our recovery efforts are far from over, we believe that an integral part of the process is to take a moment to celebrate what we have achieved so far as a community.
2. Disaster-preparedness workshops held in different neighborhoods to promote response trainings and education for future disasters. These workshops will be conducted by the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security alongside members of Community Emergency Response Teams at various Houston Public Library branches. To find workshop locations and times near you, please visit our community calendar at www.citizenshipmonth.org/calendar.

Thank you for your partnership. We are honored to celebrate the strength of our community with you this year during Citizenship Month.

Sincerely,

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Citizenship Month Honorary Co-Chair

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Citizenship Month Co-Chair