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Ashley Turner Captain plays the washboard during the Family Day in the Park event.



Sylvester Turner playing the washboard during a previous Family Day in the Park event.

The legacy of Sylvester Turner lives on—not just in plaques or proclamations, but in the laughter of children, the rhythm of dancing neighbors, and a city showing up for one another year after year—including his daughter and young grandson, who carry forward the spirit of service and community he championed.

CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS (METRO)

At its meeting on March 27, 2025, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) Board of Directors approved the **FY2024 Urbanized Area Formula, the FY2024 State of Good Repair and FY2024 Bus and Bus Facilities Programs of Projects**. These will become the final **FY2024 Program of Projects** and are funded with grant support from the United States Department of Transportation Section 5307, Section 5337 and Section 5339.

Visit **RideMETRO.org/Grants** for the complete **FY2024 Program of Projects**.

Members of the public may submit comments or request for a public hearing by contacting **GrantApplications@RideMETRO.org** or **713-739-4697**. Requests for a public hearing will be accepted until **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2025**.

METRO provides free language assistance upon request at public hearings to support patrons with limited abilities to read, write, speak or understand English in accordance with its language assistance plan. METRO public hearings are also accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals with hearing impairments may phone **713-635-6993** for TDD/TTY access.

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Call or text 713-635-4000

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BLACK HOUSE Continued from Front Page



NBUF Houston's first meeting

the newly acquired house took place on the weekends and after NBUF Houston members and community allies got off work.

All the while, NBUF Houston was still very active with social justice issues while they worked on the building during evenings and weekends, including helping organize the Million Man March in 1995.

After 16 years of tireless dedication from NBUF Houston members and hosting community fundraisers, NBUF Houston was able to pay off the mortgage and “burn the note” on the property. The “Black House” has been home to countless organizing efforts, aid projects, and important meetings. The raising of this independent institution is a testament to what a small, organized, and committed group of people can accomplish with community support.

Now, after thirty years of impacting the community from this storied location, NBUF Houston wants the community to join them in celebrating this momentous 30th anniversary.

On Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 4–7 p.m., NBUF Houston will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the acquisition and transformation of its headquarters at 2428 Southmore Boulevard. Speakers, music, food, poetry, and a historical exhibit will mark the community milestone. The event will also serve as a fundraiser to help keep the group independent and strong.

Kofi Taharka, who serves as the National Chairperson of the National Black United Front, has been a member since 1990 and states that this 30-year celebration is significant because of how a small group of real activists transformed an abandoned drug den into a beacon of community service.

“We have met the challenges of financial stress, hurricanes, taxes, COVID-19, and many other challenges by pooling our resources collectively,” said Taharka, who jokingly added janitor, landscaper, and security guard to his list of titles.

Speaking of challenges, NBUF suffered a major fire in 2018 but was able to bounce back better because they were covered by property insurance and because of the resounding support from community volunteers and financial donations.

NBUF Houston believes in Self-Determination, and according to Taharka, they are funded by membership dues, donations, and community fundraisers.

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HELP WANTED

Taekwondo Coach - Req'd BA in TKD or Phy Edu concentration on TKD. 40hr/wk. \$24,020/yr. RSM to job site @ Beomseok Hong TKD, Attn: Beomseok Hong, 8000 McBeth Way #150, The Woodlands, TX 77382

HELP WANTED

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION MGR
Cutting Edge Decking LLC has an oppty for an Operations Mgr. Conduct audits to ensure adherence to production processes from receiving to shipping. Position based in Houston, TX. Hybrid position requiring work in the office with the ability to telecommute on days when not in the office. Up to 10% dom travel required. Email resume w/Ref# 8183325 to emohamed@cuttingedgeck.com. Must be legally auth to work in the U.S. w/o spnsrshp. EOE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – Trenchless Pipeline Rehabilitation Services – TP07-25

H-GAC is soliciting responses for selecting qualified providers of trenchless pipeline rehabilitation products and services to make them available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notice>.

Response Deadline: May 7, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M. CDT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Community & Environmental – Livable Centers Study: St. George Place-Uptown – TRN25-04

H-GAC is seeking qualified contractor services to conduct a study and develop a plan to further the goals of the Livable Centers program in the St. George Place-Uptown areas (referred to as “sponsor” or “local sponsor” in this document). The Contractor will develop a plan that addresses the application of the Livable Centers program goals in the specified study area. Since this project requires a range of research, public engagement, transportation, and planning expertise, a team of specialized firms is permitted.

To view/download the solicitation documents visit <https://www.h-gac.com/procurement>.

Response Deadline: May 29, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

LEGAL NOTICE for RFP 25-10

The Houston Housing Authority (“HHA”) is soliciting sealed responses from qualified firms or contractors with the intent to establish a service contract to perform Public Relations – Crisis Communication services.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents online to the solicitation portal, Public Relations – Crisis Communications, Project ID: 25-10 on OpenGov.com by 2 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST) May 1, 2025.

RFP 25-10 can be obtained by going to the doing business with HHA section of HHA’s website at www.housingforhouston.com, or by going to OpenGov.com.

A Fair and Equal Employment Opportunity Agency. For assistance: Individuals with disabilities may contact the 504/ADA Administrator at 713-260-0528, TTY 713-260-0574 or 504ADA@housingforhouston.com



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Dember, Ester King, Mawiyah Busege, David King, Omowale Haggerty, ZIN, and many others. Members and community supporters give their money but also their talents, including the Black press, by helping us get the word out about our events.”

Taharka tells *Forward Times* that they do so much to impact the community and want the community to continue to help support activities like FEED the HOOD, Acoli Sankofa Community Garden, Black History Month program, Malcolm X Birthday Self-Determination Weekend, National Convention, Sankofa Caravan to the Ancestors, Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) Night Kwanzaa, and many others.

“Because of the support of the community, NBUF Houston has been able to execute various community advocacy and humanitarian aid and relief projects over the years, including aid relief for Haiti and Rwanda, as well as in response to Hurricane Katrina, Tropical Storm Allison, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Rita, and other storms,” said Taharka. “We are asking the community to bring their time, talents, and financial support to NBUF Houston—an organization that puts theory into practice. We don’t just talk about it; we be about it!”

For tickets to attend and support the NBUF Houston 30th Anniversary celebration, please visit <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/30th-anniversary-celebration-building-a-black-power-institution-from-the-ground-up>, or call 832-422-7806.