

QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND  
NEEDS AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS  
THIRD QUARTER  
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2014  
KPRC-TV LOCAL 2

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM**

Owen Conflenti, Rachel McNeill, Anthony Yanez, Jennifer Reyna  
This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

**Local 2 News at 11AM, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

Andy Cerota, Lauren Freeman, Jennifer Reyna, Anthony Yanez  
This hour long program covers the latest news, weather, traffic and family oriented community events.

**Local 2 News at 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 4:30PM**

Keith Garvin, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley  
This program covers the latest news, weather, health reports and pet of the week segment.

**Local 2 News at 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM**

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and consumer reports.

**Local 2 News at 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00pm – 6:30PM**

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and health reports.

**Local 2 News at 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM**

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM**

Courtney Zavala, Britta Merwin  
This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

**Local 2 News Saturday 6:00pm – 6:30pm and 10:00pm – 10:30pm**

Phillip Mena, Khambrel Marshall, Nick Giovanni  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**Local 2 News Sunday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm and 10:00pm – 10:30pm**

Phillip Mena, Khambrel Marshall, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

**Sports Sunday, 10:30PM – 11:00PM**

Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest in sports news.

- **Public Service Announcements and Campaigns**

*Public Service Announcements (PSA's) generally vary in length from ten seconds to thirty seconds each and, unless otherwise indicated, appear throughout KPRC-TV's broadcast schedule including primetime.*

**Houston Texans JJ Watt** - On July 21, we convinced Houston Texans superstar JJ Watt to roll out of bed early to appear on our morning news. He was promoting a fundraiser with Papa John's Pizza which will raise money for his foundation. JJ was a good sport and popped up between the anchors during a tease a few minutes before his interview. He also posed for a lot of pictures and recorded some teases for our Texans weekly show which will start in just a matter of weeks.

**Parenting Expo** - On July 26, several KPRC Local 2 anchors turned out on a Saturday for our Parenting Expo at Memorial City Mall. There were dozens of vendors ready to talk to families about everything from health and safety to improving students' study skills. Viewers enjoyed getting to interact with our anchors and we received positive feedback on social media.

**Hispanic Heritage Month** – It's Hispanic Heritage Month and we're highlighting unique businesses and leaders around Houston.

- **Editorials**

*KPRC-TV regularly presents station viewpoints about current issues of community concern. Specific topics are provided within this report.*

**Who's to blame in immigration crisis? (July 17)** - Fortitude is a word our elected officials in Washington need to embrace, especially when it comes to passing a comprehensive immigration policy for the twenty first century. Sadly there is no political will in Washington over the past few decades to tackle this issue. Certainly there is enough common ground to reach a sound policy yet we are left with bickering sound bites from both parties that we can only believe enriches the campaign coffers of politicians while a solvable crisis occurs at our borders. Contrast the lack of political courage to our warriors in Afganistan or even our first responders at home. That kind of contrast can make you ill. So the collective blame on the immigration crisis is with all of us for electing people in Washington that are more concerned about being elected than solving real issues. I'm Jerry Martin that's our view we would like to hear from you.

**Helping those with mental illnesses (August 18)** - A week ago we were all shocked to hear the news of Robin Williams death caused by "DEPRESSION".The news brought to the forefront mental illness; a topic that is usually only whispered about in public or private yet nearly 7% of Americans will suffer from depression each year. Many of these people will NOT receive any or even adequate treatment. We are hopeful that due to Robin Williams' death that depression and mental illness comes out of the shadows and begins to lose its stigma; allowing people to find the courage to seek HELP. To help Houstonians who may be coping with mental illness we have listed local resources under the Hot Button on click2houston. I'm Jerry Martin, that's our view, we would like to hear from you.

**What has gotten accomplished in Houston over the summer? (September 8)** - Houston is a City that gets things done!!!! Now that we are back from our summer vacations it's time to see what got accomplished over the summer. Certainly the fate of the Astrodome has been resolved??? Not quite.....How about the equal rights ordinance for city of Houston??? Nope..... How about the underfunded municipal pensions.....No Chance.... That one might take Decades. Well at least we got Uber & Lyft. In-action has consequences..... Kicking the can down the road can cause bigger problems.....Just look at our immigration problem which blew up this summer. I'm Jerry Martin, That's our view, we would like to hear from you.

**Domestic Abuse (September 22)** - The recent NFL controversy involving Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson have brought new attention to domestic violence in our society. The most recent Ray Rice video ramped up the public outrage. I guess it was hard for most people to imagine what domestic violence looks like yet, Houston area advocates for women and children see it every day. Here are the chilling numbers in Houston. Last year 80,000 domestic abuse hotline calls were made and more than 35,000 to the Harris County Law enforcement. In 2012, 30 women were killed due to domestic violence and 45 children due to child abuse or abandonment. These numbers are shocking! But as outrageous as they are we know that some 250,000 area residents are victims of abuse in 2014 and we are urging them to reach out for help. So if you are a victim or know a victim you can call 800-799-Safe that is 800-799-Safe.

- **Locally Produced Programs**

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, July 6, 10:00am -10:30am** - Immigration crisis hits Texas.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, July 13, 10am – 10:30am** – Harris County Judge Emmett speaks on Astrodome and other issues. Richard Franke from the Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas is also a guest.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, July 20, 10:00am – 10:30am** - Free mammograms available; also discussed helping children and fighting youth obesity.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, July 27, 10:00am – 10:30am** – Border crisis solutions; questions remain about ongoing border crisis and its affect on Texas politics.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, August 3, 10:00am – 10:30am** – The future and history of the Astrodome. Also discussed, backpacks for 75,000 children, the Kinsey Collection of African American treasures.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, August 10, 10:00am – 10:30am** – KIPP Houston, past and future.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, August 17, 10:00am – 10:30am** – Baker Institute expert weighs in on Middle East crisis. Also featured, Beyonce's father Matthew Knowles on what it takes to make it in the entertainment industry.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, August 24, 10:00am – 10:30am** – Discussing Rick Perry's indictment and also featuring Houston Independent School District Superintendent Terry Grier.

**KPRC Production - Friday Football Frenzy Kick Off Special, August 29, 7:00pm – 8:00pm –** Sports Director Randy McIlvoy and Anchor Rachel McNeill hosted the show from one of the largest high school stadiums in our area.

**KPRC Production – Friday Football Frenzy Highlight Show, every Friday, August 29 – November 14 –** Sports Director Randy McIlvoy and the Local 2 sports team will give us highlights and scores of Houston high school football teams and players.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, August 31, 10:00am – 10:30am –** How almost anyone can train for and land a job. For Labor Day weekend, Houston Newsmakers focuses on the challenge of filling the jobs and career gaps projected for southeast Texas.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, September 7, 10:00am – 10:30am –** Job creation; comfort for families of kids with cancer. More than 300,000 jobs will need to be filled in the next 3 years in the Houston region if the hope is to stay progressive and economically healthy. Also this week, the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance helping to put a spotlight on Cancer In Children awareness month.

**KPRC Production - Texans Game Day, September 7, 14, 21, 8:30am – 9:00am -** Sports Director Randy McIlvoy is joined by Sports Analyst Chester Pitts and Coach Bill O'Brien for game day hype.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, September 14, 10:00am – 10:30am –** Crimestoppers of Houston Safe School program. Also discussed, stopping domestic violence before it starts, answers to childhood obesity and charges of bias against the Texas grand jury system.

**Houston Newsmakers – Sunday, September 21, 10:00am – 10:30am –** Khambrel Marshall hosts a conversation about domestic violence and child abuse and the 80,000 calls to domestic violence hotlines.

- **KPRC-TV gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns during the second quarter of 2014:**

### **Mobile Stroke Unit**

Health

Air Dates: July 2

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

Anchor Rachel McNeill goes for a ride along in the city's new weapon against stroke – an ambulance designed to diagnose and immediately treat patients on site.

### **Target Retail Chain**

Consumer/ Legal/ Safety

Air Dates: July 2

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4pm

Before going into a Target, the retail giant is asking customers to leave one thing behind -- their guns! The company has adopted a no-guns policy, even where firearms are legally allowed. In a statement on the retailer's corporate blog, interim CEO John Mulligan said that Target wants a "safe and inviting" atmosphere for its shoppers and employees. The announcement was made after questions arose in recent weeks about its policy on the "open carry" of firearms in its stores.

### **Kingwood House Fire - Fallen Firefighter**

Community

Air Dates: July 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Total Coverage: 37.5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6:00am – 7am and 8:00am – 9:00am/ Local 2 News Saturday 6:00pm/ Local 2 News Sunday 5:00pm

A veteran firefighter dies battling a house fire in Kingwood. Tonight, we've learned 46 year old veteran Daniel Groover, of HFD station 104 collapsed while trying to stop the fire. But it's unclear if his death was fire related or something else. Crews are already paying tribute to their fallen comrade, his body was taken by special procession to Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. He leaves behind a wife and three sons.

### **Stay Family Murdered**

Crime/ Women/ Family/ Community

Air Dates: July 9, 10, 11, 12

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 24 minutes, 20 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 news Saturday/ Local 2 News Sunday

A man searching for his ex-wife shot her sister's entire family execution-style in their home. The parents and four children died. A fifth child, teenager Cassidy Stay, survived being shot in the head and was able to call 911 to warn police that her former uncle was on his way to kill even more of her relatives.

### **Dangerous Federal Express Truck**

Health/ Safety/ City/ Environment

Air Dates: July 11, 12

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am -7:00am

A truck driver is now being hailed as a hero for his fast thinking in removing a dangerous explosive from a busy highway. The fed-ex driver was carrying 200 gallons of liquefied peroxide when the truck's refrigeration went out. The driver knew if the chemical temperature rose above 50-degrees it could become flammable and potentially explode. The driver pulled over into a field, jumped out, and called 911. Nearby residents say they are thankful for his actions.

### **BBQ Benefit for Geddry Family**

Youth/ Family/ Community

Air Dates: July 12

Total Coverage: 1 minute, 28 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm, Local 2 News at 10pm.

The CyFair community is coming together to support two firefighters who lost their kids in a drunk driving accident. CyFair Volunteer Firefighters Raquel and Shane Geddry lost their children Allyssa and Brett in June, in a drunk driving accident. Today the community held a bbq to raise funds to help the Geddry's pay for Allyssa and Brett's funeral costs.

### **Lightning Strike in Woodlands**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 14, 15

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 11am

A lightning strike in the Woodlands sparks a massive house fire hurting two firefighters and sending one of them to the hospital.

### **HCC Trustee Dave Wilson Wins Challenge**

City/ Politics

Air Dates: July 15, 17, 18

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm

After a 2 hour deliberation a jury has ruled in favor of an HCC board trustee accused of misleading voters. The jury decided Dave Wilson is actually a resident of his district. Wilson faced a lawsuit that alleged he didn't live in the building he claimed as his official residence when he ran for a spot on the board. Critics have also accused Wilson of tricking voters into thinking he was black.

### **Lightning Strikes 4 People**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 16, 17

Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am.

Four people were rushed to the hospital after a lightning strike. It happened around 4pm on Imogene and Renwick just west of the Meyerland area. Firefighters say workers were doing foundation repair in the front yard of a home when a large tree was hit and they suffered injuries. One man is in critical condition the other three were listed as stable.

### **Lightning Strikes 5 Homes**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 17

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm

Lightning strikes hit at least five homes in Montgomery County, one home in the Woodlands was badly damaged.

### **Immigration Reform**

Immigration/ Politics/ Government

Air Dates: July 1, 10, 13, 18

Total Coverage: 5 minutes, 38 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News Weekend at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm

The immigrant rights organization, "For Families and their Education", led a protest at the Mexican Consulate on San Jacinto earlier today. As anti-immigrant rallies take place across the nation protesters say today's demonstration was meant to convey a message of peace and tolerance. Members of FIEL say the protest highlight's the contributions immigrants have made to the US.

### **Movie Theater Crime**

Crime/ Consumer/ Security

Air Dates: July 21

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

Jace Larson breaks down the movie theaters in the Houston area with the most crime reports.

### **Brazoria Immigration**

Immigration/ Community/ Government/ Family

Air Dates: July 22, 23

Total Coverage: 11 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am

Brazoria County is the latest community in southeast Texas to pass a controversial immigration resolution. It bans housing waves of immigrant children who are coming to Texas from central America.

### **West Nile Virus**

Health/ Community/ Safety/ Environment

Air Dates: July 23, 24, 28, 31

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm

Health officials confirmed yesterday that a man over the age of 60 is undergoing treatment for the mosquito-borne illness. He's one of six cases so far this year in Texas. Montgomery County officials say crews work year-round to try and eliminate the mosquitoes that test positive for the West Nile Virus.

### **Lightning Strike Damages Roof**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 24

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 11am

A southwest Houston home will need repairs after a lightning strike! The homeowner says she was home when the bolt struck her house on Willow Grove near Nenana Drive. She wasn't hurt, but the lightning did damage the roof of the house.



### **Alligator caught in Cinco Ranch**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 24, 25

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am

Folks in Cinco Ranch are talking about the huge alligator just removed from their neighborhood. The animal wasn't a problem until neighborhood kids got involved and the alligator got aggressive.

### **Copperhead Snake**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 24, 25, 28

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 5am – 7am

A 70 year old woman was flown to the hospital today after being bitten by a copperhead snake, one of four venomous snakes in southeast Texas. The woman was bitten at her home in Clute in Brazoria County.

### **Cold Water Challenge**

Community

Air Dates: July 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 35 minutes 30 seconds

Program: Local 2 News Saturday AM/ Local 2 News Saturday 6pm/ Local 2 News Sunday AM/ Local 2 News Sunday 5pm & 10pm/ Local 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News 4pm/ Local 2 News 6pm/ Local 2 News 10pm

Houston firefighters issued a challenge to Jennifer Reyna and she bravely accepted in order to raise money for The Houston Fire Fighter's Burned Children's Fund. With a dunk tank setup outside the downtown Houston fire station and 700 pounds of ice ready to go, we kicked off the Challenge LIVE in our midday newscast on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Not only was Jennifer dunked three times, but a generous viewer offered to donate another \$10,000 if Owen did it too. He jumped in to help too! Three more dunks later, we had two cold, wet anchors and \$24,025 for charity.

### **Car Burglary Hot Spots**

Consumer/ Crime/ Security

Air Dates: July 28

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

Joel Eisenbaum breaks down the areas of Houston most prone to car burglaries.

### **Bee House Invasion**

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: July 28, 29

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am -7am/ Local 2 News at 11am

A local man says he feared for his children's safety after thousands of bees infested his home. Local 2 was there for a massive operation to remove the insects from under his house. There were an estimated 80,000 bees living under Mark Hoffman's home in Porter. Pest expert Claude Griffin generously agreed to help out this father who's been struggling financially for the past several years.

Griffin worked late into the night using a vacuum to round up the bees and take them away from the home.

### **NFL Hall of Fame**

Culture/ Community

Air Dates: August 1, 2, 3, 4

Total Coverage: 26 minutes, 55 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Sports Director Randy McIlvoy took the trip to Canton, Ohio to see TSU alum and former Houston High School phenom Michael Strahan get inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. Randy was there for the festivities as well as to cover the local bands from Strahan's alma maters that had the honor of performing on such a big stage.

### **Pearland Little League**

Culture/ Community

Air Dates: August 4 – 20, August 22, 23, 24, September 3

Total Coverage: 50 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News Saturday 6am – 9am/ Local 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News Sunday 6am – 9am/ Local 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Almost more exciting than any NFL preseason action was the Pearland Little League All Stars trip to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Reporter Mark Boyle traveled with the team to cover the boys' impressive tournament run. He had the team, the coach, and the parents as they fought hard to win on the road. Back in Houston, we gathered around TVs with the local supporters cheering them on. Our live coverage clearly showcased why the team was the pride of Pearland and even though they didn't make it all the way, the team still returned home to a heroes' welcome.

### **Back 2 School Headquarters**

Education/ Health/ Community/ Safety/ Consumer/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: August 2 - 26

Total Coverage: 10 hours, 5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6am & 8am/ Local 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News Sunday 5:00pm and 10pm

It wasn't all fun and sports during August, we also made sure to make sure families were ready to head Back 2 School. Consumer Expert Amy Davis had the best back to school deals. Health reporter/anchor Rachel McNeill helped parents with the five things they needed to know to get their kids ready to go back to class. Ruben Galvan got students fired up with a back to school pep rally and traffic reporter Jennifer Reyna reminded drivers of school zone rules. Local 2 Investigates exposed the age of some school bus fleets as well as the teen drug trends parents need to watch for this year. We also looked at what's being done to build safer schools in our area that reduce the risk of a campus tragedy.

## **Melting Dashboards**

Consumer

Air Dates: August 5

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

Amy Davis exposes a growing defect trend involving the bizarre melting of dashboards involving popular vehicles.

## **Testosterone Warning**

Health

Air Dates: August 14

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

Rachel McNeill has a warning about testosterone replacement therapy and the possible side effects.

## **Texas DPS**

Youth/ Community/ Government

Air Dates: September 1

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am

The State of Texas is making it faster for teens to get their driver's license and for you to get through the DMV. Today, Texas DPS will begin giving teens their driver's education road test, without having to wait in line at the DMV. The first tests will be given at DMV in Katy on Fry Road and in southeast Houston on Fuqua. Testing will be given by an instructor who has been certified by DPS and should take less than 30 minutes. The new project is expected to expand to other locations.

## **Unlicensed Daycares**

Youth/ Family/ Community

Air Dates: September 1

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 10pm

There are so many unlicensed daycares in our area that state lawmakers added 40 investigators to crack down on the businesses. Just since May four children in the Houston area have died while at illegal daycares. Local 2 Consumer Expert Amy Davis goes along with investigators as they conduct random checks and explains what you should know, before choosing a daycare for your child.

## **New Texas Laws**

Government/ Politics/ Education/ Youth/ Family/ Health

Air Dates: September 1, 2

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 6pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News

It's September 1st, and that means new laws are now in effect here in Texas. One, could impact the classes your child takes in high school. House Bill 5 requires the State Board of Education, no later than today, to make sure at least six advanced career and technology education courses are approved for Texas students to satisfy a fourth credit in mathematics. Another new high-profile law is the abortion law, which *would* have required abortion clinics to meet hospital-level standards, but it

was overturned, on Friday, by a federal judge who said it was unconstitutional. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has filed an appeal to that ruling.

### **Affordable Care Act**

Health/ Consumer/ Family

Air Dates: September 3

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4pm

A new study shows more Texans have health insurance since the Affordable Care Act took effect. According to Rice University's Baker Institute and the Episcopal Health Foundation 378,000 more Texans have health insurance today than September 2013. Even with those newly insured people, Texas has more uninsured adults than any other state in the country. The report says about 20 percent of uninsured people in Texas are undocumented and not eligible for insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

### **CVS**

Health/ Consumer

Air Dates: September 3

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm

Tobacco users will now have to shop somewhere besides America's biggest drugstore chain. As of today, CVS has stopped selling cigarettes and other tobacco products. CVS's decision to quit catering to smokers and other tobacco users has lit up the 80 percent of American adults who don't smoke, dip or chew.

### **Mayor's Boat Sculpture**

Culture

Air Dates: September 3

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am -7:00am

Get ready to see Houston's east end launch a major arts and cultural project called Transported and Renewed. Yesterday, Mayor Parker kicked off this 3 month project by christening an inflatable tugboat sculpture called "Whatever Floats". It changes locations and will surprise viewers with each appearance. There will also be a series of concerts and performers, plus much more now through November 30th by Buffalo Bayou and the Ship Channel.

### **West Nile**

Health/ Community/ Safety

Air Dates: September 4, 5, 6

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4pm/ Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 11am/ Local 2 News at 10pm/  
Local 2 News Saturday 6am – 9am

Montgomery County Health Officials have confirmed the 14th case of West Nile Virus. A spokesperson says the victim is a male in his fifties who lives in the southwest part of Montgomery County. It's the first confirmed case since county commissioners approved aerial spraying for the most heavily populated area of mosquitoes. At least one death in Montgomery County has been

attributed in part to the virus. To put the numbers into perspective, in all of 2013 there were only three cases of West Nile in Montgomery County.

### **Nordstrom Woodlands**

Consumer/ Economy

Air Dates: September 5

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7am/ Local 2 News at 5pm

It's a big day for shoppers in the Woodlands. Today the new Nordstrom opened its doors at the Woodlands Mall. The grand opening kicked off with a beauty bash outside the store this morning. Customers got a chance to see the latest beauty products, tips and tricks. The doors officially opened at 10am with a huge countdown from all the store employees. Until now, the only Nordstrom department store has been inside the Galleria Mall.

### **Pearland International Festival**

Culture/ Community

Air Dates: September 7

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Program: Local 2 News Saturday 6a – 9am

Pearland is hosting its Second Annual International Festival to showcase cultures from all over the world. The Pearland International Festival is September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pearland Independence Park.

### **Hunger Action Month**

City/ Community

Air Dates: September 8, 9

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am

You'll notice Houston City Hall looking a little different this week. Lights outside the building will be switched out with orange bulbs making City Hall turn orange. The color change is meant to support the Houston Food Bank during September which has been dubbed "Hunger Action Month". The orange lights will shine from now through Thursday night.

### **Congressman Gene Greene Job Fair**

Economy/ Family/ City

Air Dates: September 8

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News at 11am

If you're in the market for a new job you may want to head to the M. O. Campbell Education Center today. That's where Congressman Gene Green is holding his annual North side Job Fair. You'll find more than 50 employers all looking to fill full, part-time, and seasonal positions. That includes Houston's Parks and Recreational Department, Federal Express, HISD and the Houston Police Department.

### **New Caney ISD Chromebook**

Education/ Youth

Air Dates: September 9

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am

New Caney ISD is going high-tech this school year! Today, faculty members will hand out 10,000 "chromebooks" to students. The laptops will go to all students from third grade through senior year of high school. Those in sixth grade and above will be allowed to take the chromebooks home after class. Organizers say they selected the chromebook because its simple design will make it easy for teachers and students alike to use the laptops.

### **Fiesta Patrias Parade**

Culture/ Community

Air Dates: September 13, 14

Total Coverage:

Program: Local 2 News Saturday, 6am, 6pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News Sunday 6am, 5pm and 10pm

Crowds gathered downtown today to celebrate the heritage and culture of Mexico and Central American countries. The 46th annual Fiestas Patrias International Parade featured music from El Salvador and the traditional mariachi music of Mexico. It was a great kickoff to National Hispanic Heritage Month which begins Monday.

### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Air Dates: September 15

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4pm

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month the mayor hosted a kick-off celebration awarding Houstonians who've made outstanding contributions to the Hispanic community. Many enjoyed music and refreshments during the celebration this afternoon at City Hall. Among the award recipients was Rice University Professor Richard Tapia and community activist Demetrius Navarro.

### **Debate – Texas Governor**

City/ Politics

Air Dates: September 28, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 11 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News at 11am

Reporter Phil Archer traveled to Dallas to cover the first of only two debates between our candidates for Texas Governor. It was the first chance for viewers to see our very different candidates go head to head in Dallas.

### **Debate – Lieutenant Governor**

City/ Politics

Air Dates: September 28, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 11 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 5pm/ Local 2 News at 10pm/ Local 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ Local 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm/ Local 2 News at 11am

Phil Archer headed to cover the first and only debate between the candidates for Lieutenant Governor.