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*QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND  
NEEDS AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS*

*THIRD QUARTER  
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2021*

*KPRC 2*

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Houston, TX

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

KPRC 2 News Today at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM

Owen Conflenti, Lisa Hernandez, Anavid Reyes

This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

KPRC 2 News Midday, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Andy Cerota, Lisa Hernandez, Anthony Yanez

This hour-long program covers the latest news, weather, and family-oriented community events.

KPRC 2 News 12:00PM, Monday through Friday, 12:00PM – 12:30PM

Andy Cerota, Christine Noel, Anthony Yanez

This program covers the latest news and weather.

KPRC 2 News 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Keith Garvin, Christine Noel, Frank Billingsley

This program covers the latest news, weather and health reports.

KPRC 2 News 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30

Kris Gutierrez, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC 2 News 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM

Kris Gutierrez, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC 2 News 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Kris Gutierrez, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC 2 News Today, Saturday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Sofia Ojeda, Sabirah Rayford, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC 2 News 6PM, Saturday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Ari Alexander

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC 2 News Today, Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM

Sofia Ojeda, Sabirah Rayford, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC 2 News at 5PM, Sunday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

- **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 KPRC2's broadcast schedule including primetime.*

In the third quarter, the station produced and broadcasted PSAs promoting Voices of Houston, Clear the Shelters, Hispanic Heritage Month, Fight 2 End Pediatric Cancer and National Voter Registration Day.

**Voices of Houston** - All year round, KPRC 2 will celebrate and spotlight people in and around the Greater Houston area from all different backgrounds who are making a difference in our community. Our goal is to give voices to the unsung heroes who make us proud to call this city home. Viewers can nominate themselves or someone they know on this page:

<https://www.click2houston.com/features/2020/09/14/nominate-a-houstonian-to-be-featured-in-our-voices-of-houston-series/>

**Clear the Shelters**

August 23 – September 19

KPRC 2 is proud to, once again, join NBC and Telemundo's Clear the Shelters initiative and team up with Telemundo Houston and animal shelters in the Houston area to host the seventh annual Clear the Shelters nationwide pet adoption drive from August 23 through September 19.

Participating animal shelters in the Houston area may offer reduced fee adoptions or waived pet spaying and neutering fees. Please check with each individual shelter or rescue group to see if they are offering Clear the Shelters adoption incentives.

If you are considering adding to your family by adopting a rescue pet, please be prepared for a lifelong commitment to the pet. Pets require veterinary care, food, water and shelter, preferably indoors away from the Texas heat and elements. Rescue pets have so much love to give and we want to see them go to loving forever homes.

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 11<sup>th</sup> terror attacks**

September 4 – 11

Nearly 20 years later we are remembering the devastating images of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terror attacks on our country. Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives that day in 2001.

**Hispanic Heritage Month**

September 15 – October 15

Culture/ Community/ Minorities

KPRC 2 is celebrating Hispanic Heritage by teaming up with Telemundo Houston to launch a multilingual COVID vaccine awareness public service campaign targeting Houston's LatinX community. The "Plan Your Vaccine" campaign features news anchors from both stations.

KPRC 2 News Today anchors Owen Conflenti & Lisa Hernandez, Chief Meteorologist Frank Billingsley and Sports Director Randy McIlvoy will co-star with Telemundo Houston anchors Alejandro Mendoza & Crystal Ayala, Lead Meteorologist Pablo Sanchez and Lead Sports Anchor Ubaldo Martinez, to empower, educate and encourage the Hispanic community to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Pediatric Cancer Awareness**

Youth/ Health/ Education

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and KPRC 2 is going gold to bring awareness in our Fight 2 End Pediatric Cancer campaign along with our partners at Texas Children's Hospital. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 10,500 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer this year alone. The past few decades have brought promising treatments and advancements in the fight against pediatric cancer that have improved outcomes and saved lives. Still, more than 1,000 families could experience the loss of a child from cancer in 2021. This month, KPRC 2 will feature doctors and researchers from Texas Children's Hospital who are dedicated to this mission. You'll be able to hear how they're working to make a difference in the Fight 2 End Pediatric Cancer.

### **National Voter Registration Day**

September 28

Education/ City/ Government

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday and KPRC 2 is once again teamed up with the League of Women Voters Houston to make sure people across our area get registered. 200 volunteers will be helping at 40 locations. On Click2Houston.com, we have the complete list of locations, hours, and an interactive map people can use to find a location near them.

- **Locally Produced Programs**

#### **Sports Sunday, 10:30pm – 11:00pm**

Community/ Culture

Randy McIlvoy, Ari Alexander, Vanessa Richardson

This program covers the latest in sports news.

#### **Houston Life, Monday - Friday, 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Community/ Culture/ Environment/ Health

Derrick Shore, Courtney Zavala

An hour-long lifestyle show that will showcase what makes America's fourth largest city a great place to live, work and play.

#### **Houston Newsmakers, Sunday, 10:30am – 11:00am**

Politics/ City/ Health/ Education/ Minorities

Khambrel Marshall interviews guests about trending topics in Houston.

## **KPRC 2 Special: Something Good, Saturday, 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Community/ City

News can be serious, and times can be tough, but that's when people band together and uplift in ways never thought possible. Come see that part of the story in, 'Something Good.' As we navigate these tricky times it can be easy to lose sight of the goodness in people, but it's there. 'Something Good' is a show to highlight those moments. The ones that make you smile, feel good and applaud humanity.

## **KPRC 2 Olympic Watch Party**

July 26 – 30,

Culture/ Community/ Environment

KPRC 2 invites people of all ages to Houston's biggest Olympics watch party! For five days, all the live action from the Tokyo Games will be projected onto the big screen of the Anheuser-Busch stage at Discovery Green and hosted by KPRC 2 on-air talent.

From Monday, July 26 to Friday, July 30, 2021--the KPRC 2 team will turn Discovery Green's Fondren Performance Space into a celebration of the Games with live entertainment, Olympics trivia featuring Olympic-themed giveaways and--of course--plenty of Olympic action on the Texas-sized big screen.

KPRC 2 Chief Meteorologist Frank Billingsley will kick off Houston's biggest Olympics watch party on July 26 & 27 followed by Houston Life's Derrick Shore, Courtney Zavala, Lauren Kelly and Joe Sam on July 28 & 29. KPRC 2 News Today's Owen Conflenti & Lisa Hernandez, along with Meteorologist Justin Stapleton, wind up the week's festivities on July 30.

The KPRC 2 teams will host live cut-ins from Discovery Green during the station's 4, 5 & 6 p.m. newscasts, so all attendees are encouraged to come out early and get the party started. NBC's primetime coverage of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics begins at 7 p.m. Pre-show activities and performances start at 6:30 p.m.

"The stands in Tokyo will be empty, so we're inviting everyone to come out for Houston's biggest Olympics watch party and cheer for Team USA with KPRC 2 at Discovery Green," says KPRC 2 Vice President/General Manager Jerry Martin. "Let's cheer so loud they hear us all the way to Tokyo!"

## **KPRC Special: Texas 2 Tokyo, Wednesday, July 21, 8:00pm – 9:00pm**

Culture/ Community

KPRC 2 is following all the hometown athletes on their quest for greatness. Dominique Sachse, Kris Gutierrez and sports director Randy McIlvoy will introduce you to all the competitors in a one-hour special tomorrow night. Be sure to watch Texas 2 Tokyo starting at 8pm right here on KPRC 2.

## **KPRC 2 Olympic Zone, July 24 – August 6, 6:30pm – 7:00pm**

Culture/ Community

The Olympic Zone airs Monday through Saturday, at 6:30pm all throughout the Olympics. And if you're obsessed with the games it's a must-watch. It's 30 minutes, jam-packed, with *all* the Olympic headlines hosted by Lauren Freeman and Kris Gutierrez.

## **KPRC Special Texans on 2: Countdown to Primetime, September 23, 6:30pm – 7:00pm**

Culture/ Community

KPRC 2 will bring you all the pregame excitement from NRG Stadium as the Texans get ready for the Carolina Panthers.

- **KPRC 2 gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns during the 3rd quarter of 2021:**

### **Galveston Carnival Cruise**

Consumer/ Safety

Air Dates: July 1 - 4

Total Coverage: 11 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm  
After more than a year cruises are back in Galveston. Carnival Vista departed the island with many eager passengers aboard Saturday. It marks the first carnival cruise line ship heading out from Galveston since the pandemic brought cruises to a halt in March of 2020. The next carnival cruise sets sail from Galveston on July 15th.

### **COVID-19 4<sup>TH</sup> Wave**

Health/ Safety/ Education

Air Dates: July 1 - 12

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

A fourth and rapid wave of Covid19 began to ramp up in early July as the Delta Variant took over in the Houston area, leading to a surge in hospitalizations and cases, affecting mostly unvaccinated and the young. KPRC's Haley Hernandez continues to lead our coverage, updating trends, interviewing doctors and focusing on vaccination efforts.

### **17 Year Old Shot Astros Road Rage**

Youth/ Crime/ Safety

Air Dates: July 7 - 15

Total Coverage: 45 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am

17 year-old David Castro was shot to death following a road rage confrontation while his family was on the way home from an Astros game in early July. The shooting sparked outrage across the city as road rage incidents and homicides continue to surge. A weeks-long manhunt ended in early August with an arrest. KPRC was the first station to get an on-camera interview with David's father who launched a random acts of kindness campaign that has since gone viral.

### **Texas Legislative Special Session**

Government/ Legal/ City

Air Dates: July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am

As the Texas Legislature was called to order for a special session, dozens of House and Senate Democrats fled the state to prevent a quorum – blocking legislation on voting reforms and other major legislation from advancing. Most of the Democrats flew to Washington, DC to stay for the duration of the session. KPRC provided team coverage of this major news story, with Mario Diaz in DC and Taisha Walker reporting from Austin.

### **ERCOT Update**

City/ Government/ Legal

Air Dates: July 12, 22, 23

Total Coverage: 12 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am- 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

This morning ERCOT and the public utility commission gave an update on the Texas power grid. This comes as the hottest days of summer approach. ERCOT's chairman says they've developed a roadmap to improving reliability and 22 out of 60 initiatives have already been completed. That includes bringing more generation to Texans, buying more ancillary services and releasing those services quicker to the market. Both organizations say they will provide evidence to Texans each month to show the completion.

### **Border Wall Donors**

Government/ Legal

Air Dates: July 15

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 6pm

Governor Greg Abbott is pulling out all the stops to build a border wall between our state and Mexico. He's even soliciting private donations to help make it possible. So far, the governor says he's raised more than \$400,000.00 for this project. Now the KPRC 2 Investigates team is taking a closer look at where these donations are coming from.

### **Federal Judge DACA Ruling**

Minorities/ Immigration/ Government

Air Dates: July 16, 17, 19

Total Coverage: 16 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am

That breaking news regarding DACA, or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. A federal judge in Houston ordering an end to the program tonight. Some 650-thousand people, who were brought into the US as children are currently enrolled in DACA. KPRC 2's Robert Arnold is live in the newsroom. Robert, what does this mean for those already enrolled in the program?

### **Blue Origin Launch**

## Education

Air Dates: July 18 - 21

Total Coverage: 55 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 10pm

Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin space vehicle launched from the tiny town of Van Horn, TX in mid-July. KPRC's Jacob Rascon traveled to the town to cover the historic launch and re-entry providing live reports in our early morning and afternoon/evening newscast the evening before and day of launch.

## Courtroom Bonds

City/ Legal/ Crime

Air Dates: July 19

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 6pm

There is a bond crisis in Harris County and as state lawmakers fight to make changes in Austin, there is also a push to tackle the one possible solution that's being considered is to add more *manpower* in the court system. KPRC 2 investigator Mario Diaz is live in our newsroom tonight, Mario more judges, and more staffing at courthouses that's what some county commissioners are hoping to achieve here.

## Criminal Court Backlog

Safety/ City/ Government

Air Dates: July 19, 20, 21

Total Coverage: 30 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30a – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo is making a new push to help tackle the backlog of more than 100,000 criminal court cases the county is facing. The judge is asking commissioners court to pass the emergency response docket, an effort to fund three visiting judges to prioritize the most serious criminal cases. The commissioners court will consider the proposal tomorrow.

## La Porte Chemical Leak

Safety/ Health/ Community

Air Dates: July 21, 22, 23

Total Coverage: 46 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Now to the chemical leak in La Porte that started this morning and now stretches into the night. It's a chemical emergency according to Harris County officials that's been ongoing for nearly 15 hours. Right now an evacuation order remains in place for a small part of the community along Bay Area Boulevard and Fairmont Parkway. And that's because a tanker truck is still releasing a chemical into the air. Our Michael Lopardi is live in La Porte tonight. Michael, what more are investigators saying about the threat coming from that tanker?

## Houston Crime City VS Suburbs

Legal/ City, Crime

Air Dates: July 25



Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 10pm

Crime rate concerns. The type of crime you may encounter could depend on where you live. our investigates team goes in depth on where its happening and what law enforcement is doing about it.

### **Stinky Water**

City/ Safety

Air Dates: July 26

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Residents have been using bottled water because they can't stomach the taste or smell of what's coming out of the faucets. It's been a problem off and on since just after the February freeze but it's gotten increasingly worse the last month.

### **Diminished Value**

Consumer

Air Dates: August 1

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am

Every 56 seconds there is a report of a vehicle crash across the state of Texas. This translates to quite a few vehicles potentially eligible for something you may not have heard of. It's called diminished value and it could put money in your pocket. KPRC 2 Investigator Mario Diaz explains.

### **COVID Kids Delta Variant**

Youth/ Safety/ Education

Air Dates: August 2

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

For the kids who are too young, those under 12, the recommendation is to make sure those around them are immunized. If you think it's not affecting kids that young think again! Right now in Montgomery County there's 2,100 kids who have tested positive for COVID666 and across our area, they're not all mild cases like we were used to seeing in kids at the beginning of the pandemic. While many children are often recovering just fine the problem remains that they can spread it to other vulnerable people and classmates.

### **COVID Vaccine Breakthrough Cases**

Health/ Safety/ Education

Air Dates: August 2, 13

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

As COVID-19 cases rise, medical officials are urging people to get vaccinated saying it can reduce the severity of the disease. But as we've reported, there are cases where vaccinated people are still testing positive. KPRC 2 Investigates is looking into just how many cases of these so-called breakthrough cases are happening.

### **Fort Bend ISD Virtual Learning Option**

## Safety/ Youth/ Health

Air Dates: August 2, 8, 9, 10, 11

Total Coverage: 33 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Parents are still concerned about sending their children back to school with no clear direction in requiring masks. This is a live look right now outside Fort Bend County ISD's administration building in Sugar Land. Some parents have showed up demanding the district implement a mask mandate and have a virtual learning option for all students. Meanwhile, board members are set to begin a special meeting at any moment.

## COVID Harris County Threat Level Data

Health/ City

Air Dates: August 5, 6

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

Today Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo raised the COVID threat level from significant to severe. At the severe level, those who are unvaccinated are being urged to stay home. During this 4th wave, they say hospitals are getting crowded with COVID and NON-COVID patients. The crisis is now the lack of medical staff to provide care. The leaders at TMC and county leaders stress that we no longer have the nurses we started the pandemic with. While many vaccinated people feel they have immunity and are continuing about their normal lives, Hidalgo says the threat is what happens when the virus mutates.

## Gun Violence Increase

Safety/ City/ Health

Air Dates: August 9

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4pm

The county is looking to have taxpayers fund a ten-million-dollar initiative divided into two parts aimed at cutting crime down through a gun violence intervention program and by taking a holistic approach to 911 calls involving someone having a mental episode. Judge Lina Hidalgo says they need more boots on the ground with trained mental health professionals, so they can answer non-violent 911 calls while police can force on battling other crimes.

## Covid-19 Border Surge

Health/ Safety/ Immigration

Air Dates: August 11, 12

Total Coverage: 20 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Robert Arnold spent two days on the Texas-Mexico border tracking how the Delta surge was impacting border patrol and illegal crossings along the southern border.

## Mayor Turner Vaccine Education

City/ Safety/ Education

Air Dates: August 16

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

Today, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner joined other local leaders to talk about overcoming vaccine hesitancy among Houston's diverse population. The COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Equity Project held a Facebook Live event to discuss vaccine concerns. Mayor Turner went on to say Coronavirus can impact anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status or other factors.

### **International Terminal at Bush Intercontinental Airport**

Consumer/ City

Air Dates: August 16, 17, 22

Total Coverage: 16 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Every time you buy a ticket and fly out of Bush Intercontinental Airport you pay \$4.50 in what's called the passenger facility charge. The airport collects that money your money and uses it for projects like construction of the new international terminal. But the budget for that project keeps changing. KPRC 2 Investigator Mario Diaz looks into why the billion dollar project price tag is climbing once again.

### **Grotto Shooting**

Crime/ Safety

Air Dates: August 21 - 31

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

A botched robbery at a popular Galleria area restaurant left two people dead, including a New Orleans police detective visiting Houston with friends. A nearly week long manhunt eventually ended with an arrest. KPRC 2 Investigator Mario Diaz lead our coverage, digging into the suspects' criminal pasts including multiple bonds.

### **COVID Convalescent Plasma**

Health/ Education

Air Dates: August 24, 28

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am

Researchers continue to study the effectiveness of COVID-19 convalescent plasma in treating patients. Some health experts say the treatment can potentially save lives while others say it's ineffective. Still, at least one local hospital is calling on the community to make more donations amid the surge of covid cases. Houston Methodist has said since early in the pandemic they believe it does save lives and now they are calling on all survivors to come forward and donate.

### **Hurricane Ida**

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: August 26 - 31

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday

6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Hurricane Ida, the strongest hurricane in more than a century to impact Louisiana came ashore on August 29. Robert Arnold and Brandon Walker handled our coverage from New Orleans and SE Louisiana, spending 4 days coverage preparations and the aftermath.

### **Texas Abortion Law**

Women/ Legal/ Government

Air Dates: September 1 - 6

Total Coverage: 38 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Texas now has the most restrictive abortion law in the country. That's another one of those new laws making national headlines. Starting today the procedure may not be performed after a fetal heartbeat is detected. That usually comes after about six weeks before most even know they are pregnant. The move, causing some outrage in several cities. Here in Houston, dozens came out to protest the move carrying signs and chanting at Tranquility Park. A similar protest was held right outside the state capitol in Austin. Activists say the law violates the right to abortion set by Roe vs Wade.

### **Precinct 1 Eviction Donations**

Family/ City/ Government

Air Dates: September 3

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Last September the Harris County's constable's office precinct one made national headlines with their efforts to protect Houstonians facing eviction. The precinct and their foundation publicly raised over \$250,000.00 but in July KPRC 2 Investigates first reported that over \$180,000.00 dollars of those donations were still sitting in the account.

### **BakerRipley Dementia Day Center**

Aging/ Health

Air Dates: September 8

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Some good news to report on a story we first brought you back in June. The BakerRipley Dementia Day Center, Houston's only day care for people with moderate to late state dementia was set to close in October but will now remain open thanks to a new operator. Our Syan Rhodes has the follow up to a story she first brought us, back in June. Syan, this must mean so much to the families who utilize that facility?

### **Harris County Art Shed**

Consumer/ Legal/ City

Air Dates: September 9, 10

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 10pm

An update to KPRC 2's investigation into African art secretly warehoused in a Harris county maintenance shed. Hundreds of thousands of your dollars were spent to refurbish the shed and store

a massive private collection. Investigator Mario Diaz has learned the art is set for a new home, but there are still ownership questions as a criminal investigation intensifies.

### **Hurricane Nicholas Hits Southeast Texas**

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: September 12 - 17

Total Coverage: 2 hours

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

An erratic and unpredictable tropical system moved toward the upper Texas coast on September 13, briefly reaching hurricane status before making landfall near Matagorda. The storm caused widespread power outages across the Houston area. KPRC crews were up and down the coast and into hard hit areas of Harris County to keep viewers and users up to date. Our wall-to-wall coverage dominated the TV landscape for most of the storm's fury.

### **Police Officer Killed**

Safety/ City

Air Dates: September 20 - 24

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Two Houston Police officers were shot, one fatally while serving a search warrant in NE Harris County on the morning of September 20<sup>th</sup>. KPRC provided nearly than 3 hours of continuous coverage at the outset of the shooting and pulled in resources from the investigative unit to uncover the lengthy criminal history of the suspect who was out on bond at the time of the shooting.

### **Dr. Hasan Gokal Lawsuit**

Legal/ City

Air Dates: September 21

Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

The doctor accused of stealing COVID-19 vaccines and was fired is suing Harris County for discrimination based on his race and national origin. Doctor Hasan Gokal says he was saving COVID-19 vaccines that were about to expire by giving them to people he thought would benefit from the vaccine, specifically those in the high-risk categories. Doctor Gokal says his employer, Harris County Public Health, told him he picked the wrong people to help, this comes after a grand jury declined to indict him and the charges against him were dropped.

### **McCasland City Apartments Issue**

City/ Legal

Air Dates: September 21, 23

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

Developing tonight, Houston's housing and community development director is now out of a job. In a meeting today, *now former* director Tom McCasland publicly accused mayor Tylvester Turner of

pulling several affordable housing programs in favor of another developer. KPRC's 2 Syan Rhodes is following this story and has the latest developments.

### **Missing Mom Ashley Guillory**

Women/ Safety/ Crime

Air Dates: September 16 – 20, 25, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

A weeks long search for a mother of three ended on September 29 when the body of Ashley Guillory was discovered by investigators who were led there by the man charged in her disappearance. KPRC reporters followed the case since she was reported missing on September 9<sup>th</sup>, covering searches, speaking with family and tracking the suspect as he was charged.

### **Suspects on Bond**

Crime/ City/ Safety

Air Dates: September 27

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 10pm

The headlines have been startling: a suspect out on multiple violent bonds, charged with murder. It's been happening for quite some time in our backyard. KPRC 2 Investigates has examined this problem for well over a year but with so many recent cases making headlines, Investigator Mario Diaz decided to take a look at some of the worst.

### **Transgender Children UIL Sports**

Culture/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: September 28

Total Coverage: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Newscasts: 5 minutes

Parents continue to fight a bill that targets transgender children trying to play sports. The Texas senate has passed a bill restricting transgender youth from playing on sports teams consistent with their gender identity and parents continue to fight this legislation that is targeting their trans children. This is a priority piece of legislation for Governor Abbott, it's failed three times so far but there's a renewed effort to get it through this 3rd special session. This legislation still has a long way to go before it could get to Governor Abbott's desk, it's now headed back to the same house committee where it stalled last month.