

Welcome to the

— 2024 —

STATE
OF
THE **CITY**
ADDRESS



2023 – Year In Review

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Public Safety

- Addressed staffing challenges
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system upgraded
- Fire Insurance (ISO) Rating of 1 retained
- Texas Police Chief Association Accreditation retained



2023 - Year in Review

Quality of Life

- Edloe St. Pathway completed
- Parks & Recreation Department Operational Analysis completed
- Colonial Park Pool decks replaced and reopened



2023 - Year in Review

Infrastructure

- Streets and Drainage Improvements
 - Buffalo Speedway project completed – \$31.55 million (approx. \$9.25 million in grant funding)
 - East Side Drainage project underway – est. \$16.5 million (approx. \$5.38 million in grant funding)
- 4100 & 4200 blocks of Law Street homes connected to West U's water system
- Infrastructure Maintenance
 - Completed year 2 of 5 for repairs to sidewalks
 - Significantly reduced inflow and infiltration by 30% into our sewer system



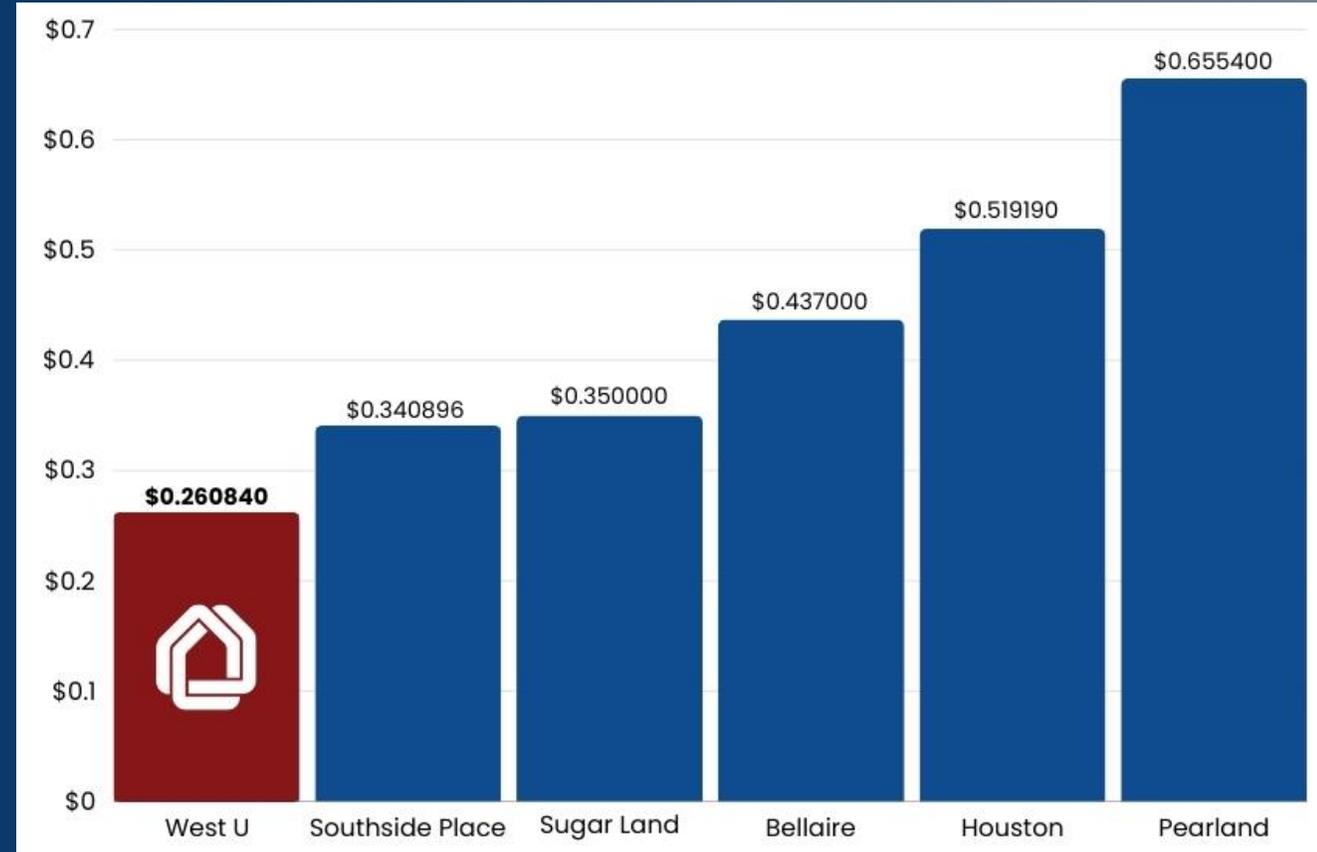
2024

Celebrating Our Centennial
Delivering on Commitments
Laying the Foundation for Future

2024 – Fiscally Responsible

- Lowered property tax rate for the fifth straight year
- Continue to keep one of the lowest tax rates in Harris County for a full-service city at \$26.08 cents / \$100
- Balanced budget that funds the services our resident want

Comparable Property Tax Rates



2024 – Priorities

Public Safety

- Improvements to incident communications
- Review staffing levels
- Review current service levels being provided and possible special service that may be needed
- Review agreements with neighboring agencies for equitable service delivery



2024 – Priorities

Urban Planning and Design

- Identify how people are moving about the city and how to improve that movement
- Evaluate incremental changes to the City's Code to improve quality of life for residents



2024 – Priorities

Upgrading Technology

- New Financial Software
 - Active May 1, 2024
- Software Enhancements In Progress
 - Utility Billing
 - Online permitting
 - Service request software (upgrade Click West U)



2024 – Priorities

Maintaining Our Infrastructure – Streets & Sidewalks \$1.6 million

- Sidewalks
 - \$1.2 million in sidewalk repairs (inc. \$400K METRO Grant)
 - Council considering options to complete the remaining sidewalk repairs (\$1.4 million)
- Streets
 - \$400,000 in street repairs
 - Council will be evaluating options to accelerate street repairs



2024 – Priorities

Park Improvements - Wier Park Project- \$1.017 million

- Replacing the artificial safety turf
- Refreshing and repainting play structures, picnic tables and benches
- Removing the existing dirt pathways with new connective all weather pathways
- Adding shade structures
- Adding new features such as a play mound and signature swing
- Resurface tennis and basketball courts
- Add additional seating
- Increase open green space and gathering areas



2024 – Priorities

Water System Improvements

- Wakeforest distribution line improvements
- Wakeforest pump station improvements
- Milton pump station improvements
- New water well



2024 – Priorities

Drainage Improvements

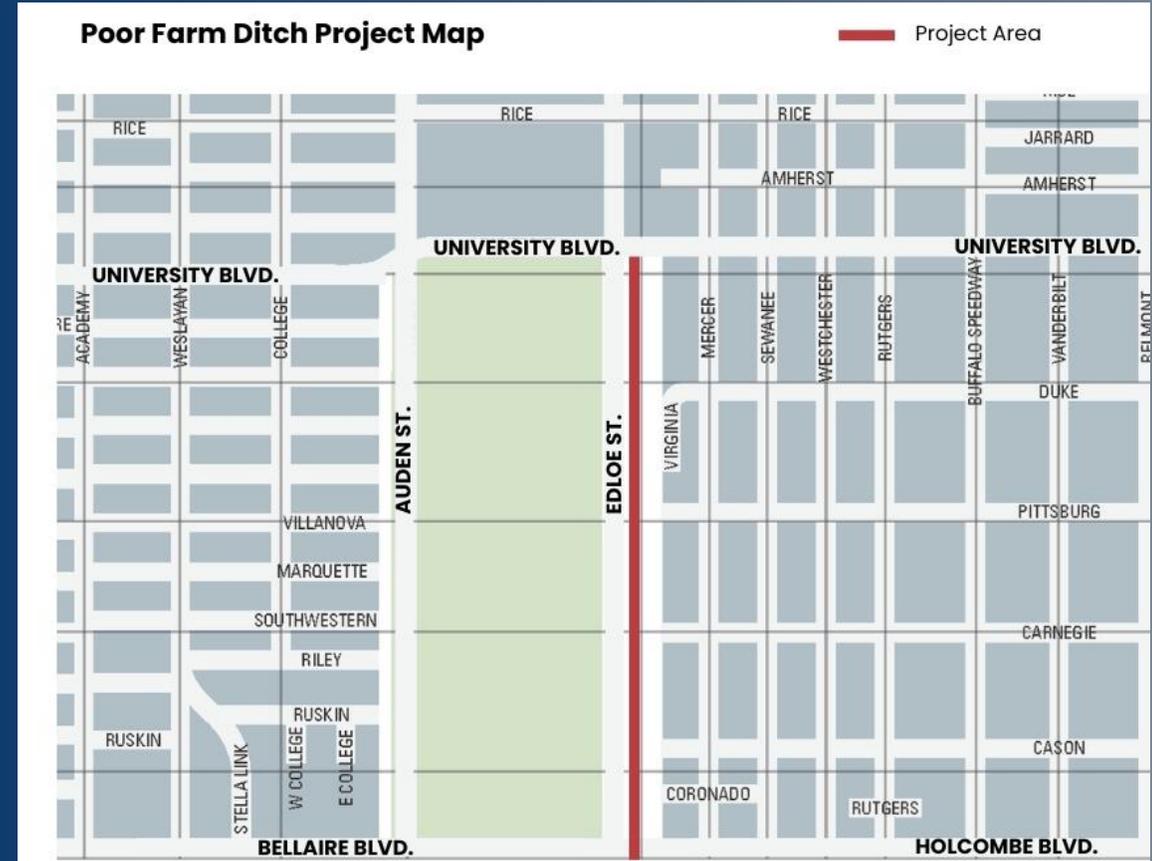
- Eastside Street & Drainage Improvements
 - Package 1 - Completed April / May 2024
 - Package 2 – Underway summer 2024
- Westside Street & Drainage Improvements
 - Council to consider design contract by May 2024
 - Acquiring property for new trunk line alignment
- Acquire Property for Drainage and Offsite Drainage Detention
 - Identifying available property



2024 – Priorities

Harris County Flood Control - Poor Farm Ditch

- Start of Construction – end of 2024 / beginning 2025 (est.)
- Invests \$31.1 million from local, state, and federal funding sources for needed repairs
- Community Engagement Meetings
 - First Meeting in April 2024



2024 – Priorities

Facility Master Plan Underway

Phase 1 – Public Works Facility

- Construction in Summer 2024

Phase 2 – Civic Center (design funded)

- New Community Building / Senior Center / Library
- Recreation Center – Repurpose Prior Parks Maintenance Space & Programming Needs

Phases 3 and 4 (future)

- New Fire Station
- Police Department Expansion & Municipal Building Renovations



2024 – Celebrating Our Centennial

WE TURNED 100!!!!

Events & Activities

Founders Day Celebration honored our founding residents

Centennial Celebration Festival
May 4 Colonial Park



Thank You