

OCTOBER 2024



HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE, POSITION 3

# THE CARTER CHRONICLES



Friends,

It's Fall in the Bayou City, that perfect blend of low humidity and a touch of Houston cool - if only for a day or two!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and I couldn't be any more excited than to share the launch of my new initiative; **I'm ok. Are you ok?** Annually, Harris County has the largest number of domestic violence related homicides in Texas. And no, it is not because we are the largest county – **HOUSTON, WE have a PROBLEM!** At any rate, **I'm ok. Are you ok?** is an initiative that will provide awareness of resources for those in an abusive situation. Stay tuned, you will hear more about it, learn of our many great community partners and no doubt will see the messaging. As always, our community is strongest when we come together.

On the horizon, **GET OUT and VOTE!** Your voice is your vote, use it – early voting starts **October 21 and ends November 1**. Check the polling location map on the **Harris Votes website**. Currently, the map shows 87 early voting locations and 679 Election Day polling centers, but an election department representative said these numbers could change slightly before voting officially begins.

Rolling through the cobwebs of my mind- *The falling leaves...drift by the window...The autumn leaves...of red and gold... ~ Nat King Cole*

Turning the page, if there is anything the At-Large 3 Team can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office, we are here for you! Thank you for the honor of serving our Houston.

PS- Slow down, you move too fast - October 17th's **Hunter's Moon** is a **SUPERMOON** – take a minute to take it in!

*Twila D. Carter*  
Council Member Twila Carter  
At-Large Position 3



Join us at City Hall – we're here to assist you!



HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4  
COMMISSIONER  
LESLEY BRIONES

Awareness+Education=Prevention





**I'M OK. ARE YOU OK?**

**In 2023, 205 Texans were victims of intimate partner or stalking homicide. Harris County ranks #1!**



# Honoring Texas Victims

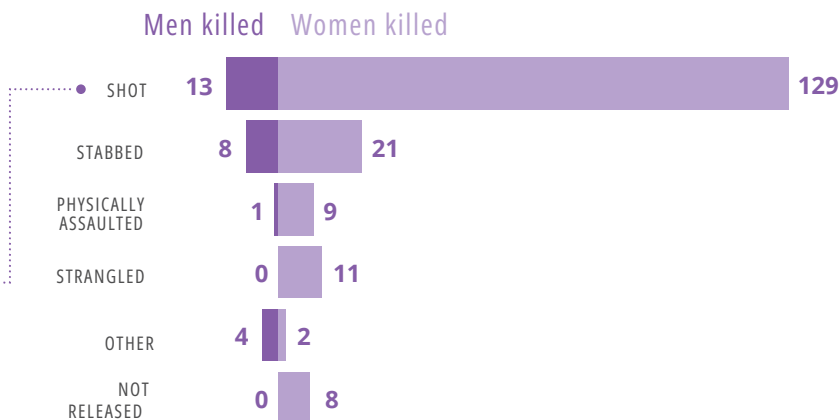


## 2023 Family Violence Fatalities

WWW.TCFV.ORG

### Method of Homicide: Firearm Impact

More Texas domestic violence victims are killed by an abusive partner with a firearm than all other means combined.



**70%**

of family members, friends, and bystanders killed or injured were shot

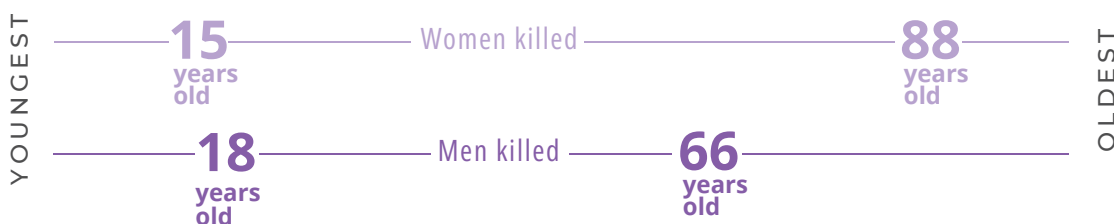
**95%**

of murder-suicides were perpetrated with a firearm

**20**

perpetrators had identified firearm prohibitions

### Victim Age



### Relationship

Relationship	WOMEN KILLED BY MEN	MEN KILLED BY WOMEN	LGBTQ+ VICTIMS
GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND	66	16	3
WIFE/HUSBAND	83	5	1
EX-GIRLFRIEND/EX-BOYFRIEND	24	3	
EX-WIFE/EX-HUSBAND	5		

**92** had separated or ended relationship

**49** sought help

**52%** had taken steps to end abuse

**72%** were killed at home



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



An evening dedicated to enhancing the connection among law enforcement, city services, council members, and neighborhoods, aimed at fostering community and ensuring a safer city for everyone.





**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**VOLUNTEER  
HERE**

Kids Meals

Sunshine Kids

Candlelighters

Houston Food Bank

Star of Hope

Medical Bridges

**Carter's  
Priorities**

**Poverty**

**Safe  
Neighborhoods**

**Economy**

**Infrastructure**

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE



**The City of Houston Council Members have decided to withdraw a proposed increase in property taxes. The Council voted unanimously to maintain the tax rate at \$0.519190 per \$100 of taxable capital, keeping it consistent with last year's rate.**

*Dear Community Member,*

*Your input is crucial for making Houston a safer place for everyone. We invite you to share your experiences and opinions about the Houston Police Department through our anonymous survey. Your feedback will guide us in improving policing strategies and fostering a stronger relationship between law enforcement and our community.*

*Please click on the link or the QR code below to take the survey. Your honest feedback will help us understand what is working well and where we can make improvements.*

*Thank you,*

Office of Policing Reform and Accountability



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written by:  
**Chef Willie Holmes**



## Korean BBQ Meatballs

Every baby shower buffet has served "Baby Shower Meatballs." Use this recipe below and make sure you are always a hit.

### Ingredients:

3 lbs Ground Beef  
1 Whole Yellow Onion (diced)  
2 cups Parmesan Cheese  
1 cup of bread crumbs  
2 whole eggs  
2 garlic cloves (minced)  
1 cup of parsley (chopped)  
pinch of salt and pepper  
pinch of chili powder  
pinch of paprika

### Sauce:

1 cup of Soy  
1-1/2 cups of brown sugar  
1 cup of orange marmalade  
1/2 cup of oyster sauce  
1/4 cup of Siracha

### Garnish:

Green Onion (chopped)  
White Sesame Seeds

## Kids Favorite Meals... and how to keep them satisfied.

Kids taste buds today are all over the place. Kids no longer want to order from the kids menu.

They are just as adventurous as their parents. Here are a few kid friendly dishes to keep in mind for family dinner time.

~Fully Loaded BBQ Baked Potatoes with all the fixings.

~Wings! Wings! & Wings! Tossed In their favorite flavors.

~All Things Cheese from Enchiladas to Quesadillas to Cheeseburgers.

~ Main Thing to Remember: (No Kids Menu) Kids today want full size portions.

# CARTER'S Cooking Corner

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## TOP NEWS

Recipe of the Month:  
Perfect Baby Shower  
**Meatballs**

We Love the Kids, but what do they love?

Featured Chef of the Month  
Chef Crystal Lewis



## Featured Chef of the Month

Introducing: Chef Crystal (40)

Born: Lake Charles, LA

Culinary Style:  
Homestyle and Comfort Foods

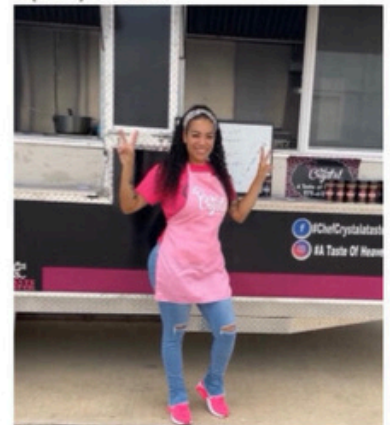
Cooking Style:  
French Cuisine

Favorite Thing to Cook:  
Traditional Seafood gumbo featuring shrimp, Turkey necks, chicken and a homemade roux.

Favorite Thing to Bake:  
Banana Pudding Cookies



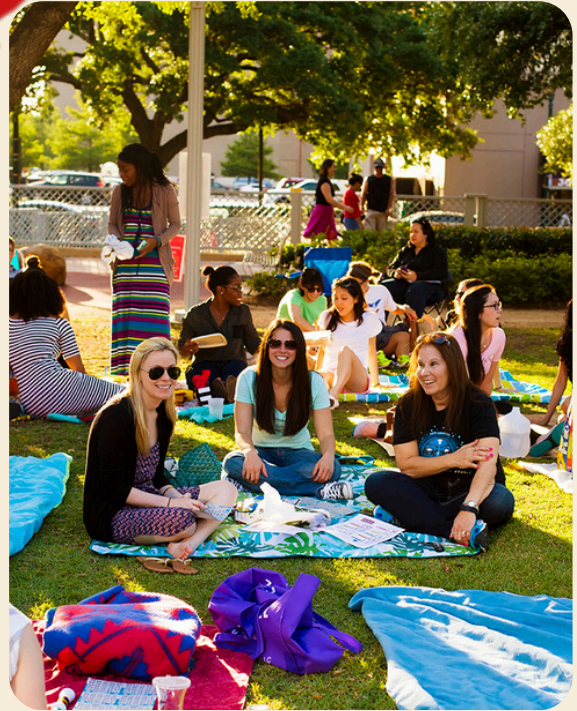
Business Information:  
@ATasteOfHeaven  
(979) 418-7311



# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

 Buffalo Bayou  
Partnership

**Grab your blanket, lawn chairs, or reserve one of the tables at the park for an evening filled with fun, music, and fantastic prizes!  
Admission is just \$10.**



**Friends of River Oaks Theatre invites you to a FREE outdoor screening of the satirical film, “Being There”.**

**Participate in a complimentary Wellness Walk with Buffalo Bayou Partnership.**



<https://www.houstontx.gov/council/3>



# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

# LEVYPARK



This 45-minute music experience is geared toward babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and the grownups who love them!

## PRELUDE FAMILY CONCERT SERIES



### Prelude Family Concerts Return!

4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday, October 5  
Saturday, November 16



Oct. 27th, 2:30 p.m. - Join the 7th annual  
Howl-o-ween Dog Parade and  
Costume Contest presented by  
H-E-B!

Join us for Family Story Time every Tuesday at 10 AM. This engaging session includes a delightful story followed by a craft that complements the reading.



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# HOUSTON HAPPENINGS



Enjoy the spooky season at our Halloween Movie Night October 26. Get your Halloween costume on for this free event on the lawn.

HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY

## HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26  
THE COMMONS  
7 PM



HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY

### PARK TO PORT

BIKE RIDE 2024

## JOIN US FOR A BIKE'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BAYOU CITY!

OCTOBER 26, 2024

REGISTER TODAY AT [HERMANNPARK.ORG/RIDE](https://hermannpark.org/ride)



Park to Port is open to riders of all skill levels and is not a race. Whether you are well experienced or are riding just for fun, you can go at your own pace on this scenic city journey.



Public Session Sign-up



Tuesdays at 1:30 PM Houston City Hall - 901 Bagby Street, 2nd Floor

HPD (Non-Emergency).....	713.884.3131
Airport System.....	281.233.3000
Animal Control (BARC).....	713.229.7300
Anti-Gang Office.....	832.393.0931
Area Agency on Aging.....	832.393.4401
Citizens' Assistance.....	832.393.0955
City Secretary.....	832.393.1100
Dept. of Neighborhoods.....	832.393.1038
Health & Human Services.....	832.393.5169
Mayor's Office .....	832.393.1000
Municipal Courts .....	713.837.0311
Parks Department .....	832.395.7000
Permitting Center .....	832.394.9000
Public Works & Engineering .....	832.395.2511
Solid Waste Management .....	713.956.6589
HCDAO Victims Services.....	713.274.0250
LGBT Switchboard 24-hour Helpline.....	713.529.3211
Anti-Defamation League.....	713.627.3490
The Montrose Center.....	713.529.0037
Texas Family and Protective Services.....	800.252.5400
Power Outages.....	713.207.2222



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### For Senior Citizens

Housing Resources for Seniors

[www.hud.gov/states/texas/homeownership/seniors](http://www.hud.gov/states/texas/homeownership/seniors)

Texas Veterans Legal Assistance Project

[www.tlsc.org/veterans](http://www.tlsc.org/veterans)

Social Security

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

Service for Caregivers

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/support-caregivers>

Texas Driver License Information for Seniors

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/drivers-age-79-or-older>

AARP

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

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