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Born and Raised in DH



They didn't want the next time they saw each other to be at a funeral.

That was the spark behind a throwback neighborhood reunion hosted by longtime Denver Harbor organizer **David Arevalo**, or "**Bull**," as many people know him. Arevalo and friends, **Jimmy Rodriguez** and **Danny Bell**, pulled together a one-evening gathering for men only — BYO cooler, lawn chair, and plenty of stories—and the turnout was bigger than anyone expected.

By late afternoon, cars lined the block at Arevalo's home near the Texaco Country Club, and familiar faces started to appear, some for the first time in decades. At one point, around 65 people were shoulder to shoulder, but Arevalo estimates there were about 110 attendees throughout the day. The broad guest list included many old friends, sports team members, and neighbors, ranging in age from roughly 40 to mid-70s. As Arevalo explained, "it was all the guys who ran around together and grew up together in Denver Harbor."

Born and Raised in DH

A banner hung out front, and commemorative “Born and raised in DH” t-shirts were offered for sale. (Actually, someone even walked off with part of the sign, in a very Denver Harbor kind of prank.) Between all the laughs, there were plenty of “remember when” moments, and several times when people stared at each other, trying to put a name to a face and a memory.

If you’ve spent any time in the neighborhood, you probably know Arevalo from somewhere. He served for many years as president of Denver Harbor Little League, president of the Football League, bazaar chairman at Resurrection Catholic Church, and as owner of Dave’s Wrecker Service.

The guest list was highly varied, as one would expect for a decades-deep neighborhood: retired firefighters and police officers, postal workers and truck drivers, coaches and league organizers, with a few still working, all anchored by shared fields, parades, and opening days from the past.

The vibe was intentionally simple: Rick Lopez grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, and Arevalo ribbed friends about their gray hair. A few low-key door prizes were awarded to keep things playful—oldest and youngest attendees, most times married, most kids, and the family with the most siblings present. Arevalo handed out Whataburger gift cards for those door-prize superlatives (for the record, one gentleman volunteered the number seven when “most times married” came up).

A few guests rolled in post-Texans game; the plan said 3–9 p.m., but the last goodbyes hit around 11:30. “It was a good time,” Arevalo said. “They’re already calling, asking when we’re going to do it again.” And the good news is that he’s considering setting up the party again in a few months.

Arevalo emphasized that the event was about friends, but also expressed his sentiments about how these men have lent their character to the neighborhood. “We showed how important Denver Harbor is, what we can get done, and what we did.”



David (Bull) Arevalo
and Danny Vela
Founders



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Word from the Editor

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued support of La Voz de Denver Harbor. I have always believed that Denver Harbor is more than just a neighborhood—it’s a true community of families and friends. This month’s cover story highlights exactly that. David (Bull) Arevalo recently brought together a group of friends for a special reunion, reminding us all of the strong bonds that tie us together.

Please save the date—October 4, 2025—for a Community-Wide Event hosted by Denver Harbor Cares and the Denver Harbor Civic Club. Sponsored by Verizon, this event will focus on important environmental issues and feature:

- **Lotería** (see flyer for details and registration)
- **Free food and giveaways**
- **A blood drive**
- **Kids’ Corner** with music and face painting
- A daytime celebration of **National Night Out**

This is a **free event**, open to all residents—we hope to see you there!

In this issue, you’ll also find stories about the future of Lyons Avenue, as Ricky Campos and Joanna Galvan share their exciting plans. I also reached out to Metro to ask what services are available to Denver Harbor residents, and we’ve included that important information for you.

Finally, we cover the recent congressional redistricting—Denver Harbor now falls within **District 9**. Community leaders Rene Porras and Rita Robles even shared their perspectives on National Public Radio. Be sure to read about their conversation.

As always, thank you for reading and for being part of our Denver Harbor family.

Warm regards,

Carolyn Lopez



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Welcome to the Neighborhood, Principal: Sarah DeGreene Turner of Resurrection Catholic School

By Kim Melchor

Sarah DeGreene Turner takes the helm at **Resurrection Catholic School** with a clear priority: *“To bring out the best in everybody in the organization”*—students, teachers, and families alike. Turner’s path to the principal’s office is rooted in Catholic schools. She attended Catholic school from pre-K through 12th grade, and although she didn’t intend to become an educator, she continued working with kids after college. One year in a public-school classroom clarified her path: *“I belonged in Catholic education,”* she says—and she’s been there ever since, teaching middle-school ELA and Reading at four Catholic schools (one in Austin, three in Houston) before moving into leadership.

Her leadership style is plainspoken. She believes in appreciating the staff’s strengths so that they can celebrate each other, and

“make this school the best school that it can be.”

Instructionally, she wants *“active learners”*—students who are invested in their own education so they can obtain the goals that matter to them. ***“Being excited about learning and being active and engaged is what will help us reach any goal.”***

Early impressions have reinforced her optimism. Turner has been *“extremely impressed”* by a dedicated faculty who truly care about the well-being and growth of the children. She also points to what she calls a *“vibrant community of friends”* who are willing to do what it takes to provide Resurrection students with a good Catholic education.

That partnership—between family, school, and parish—will be central to the year ahead. Families are encouraged to stay plugged in through a regular school newsletter and the communication app “ClassDojo” for classroom updates. Turner emphasizes that parents are always welcome to reach out, visit, and participate in the conversation. The goal, she says, is a *“deep sense of community”* where parents feel involved and naturally become partners in their children’s learning.

Turner is equally candid about challenges. Enrollment growth is a priority, but she notes the practical barriers families face: tuition, even when income-based and with available assistance, is a monthly financial burden; transportation can also be a constraint. Her focus is on lowering those hurdles so that more children can access a Catholic education.



Above: Principal Sarah DeGreene

On the staffing side, she’s setting a collaborative tone. As a small faculty, Turner asks teachers to identify the support they need and the areas where they want to grow. When issues arise, she treats them as shared problem-solving opportunities, so everyone can be informed and helpful to one another.

Turner puts it this way:

“We need to figure out how to serve everyone.”

If you’re new to the school—or returning after a few years away—expect a principal who starts with people and builds from there. **The goals are concrete: creating engaged classrooms, increasing enrollment, and fostering a strong, faith-filled community.** Turned says, *“I want the school to be filled with growth, grace, and shared joy.”*

Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a time

By Ricky Campos



Joana Galvan



Ricky Campos

We are in the process of revitalizing Lyons Ave ‘One Block at a Time. In the spring of this year I was encouraged to apply for the LISC 2025 Training4Trainers Capstone project by Denver Harbor Cares. LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) focused on four communities for this project and Denver Harbor was one of them. LISC, a non profit organization empowers participants in the T4T training program to make an impact within neighborhoods and strengthen community connections. The opportunity to have Joanna Galvan, LISC T4T participant as a partner on this project is very much appreciated. Her collaboration and expertise are significantly improving the project outcome.

Our project is titled **Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a Time**. Our community project is to begin to uplift the community’s spirit by revitalizing and enhancing the look of Denver Harbor’s main street, Lyons Ave. It is all about bringing new life to Denver Harbor’s main St. We want to make it a place residents enjoy visiting, not just driving past. We will begin with the blocks Lathrop to Kress St. We plan to freshen up older buildings and add beautification with plants, flowers, shrubs and art which will in turn make it a brighter, cleaner and more welcoming street. The results of the surveys that we recently presented to some of the community were enlightening.

Our hope is to make it a destination area for the Denver Harbor community, especially for those who can not travel far. We also want to be a support for our businesses and to encourage residents to be more involved. This is only the beginning of the first step. I feel that we as a community want to be proud of where we live and work and we’re on our way.

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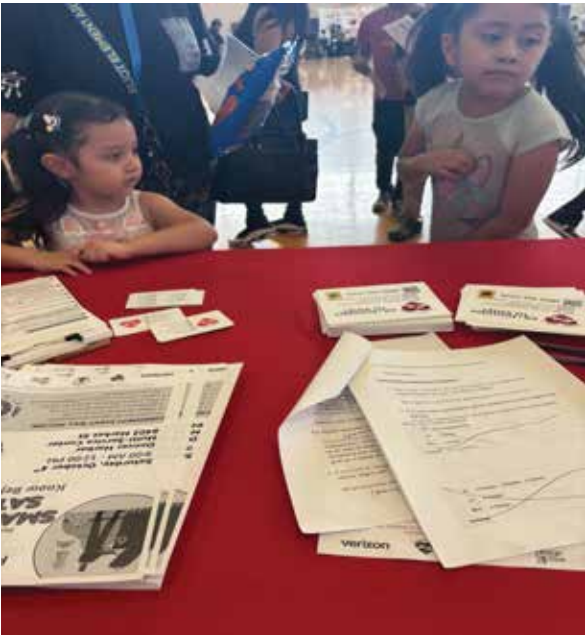
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Join us for a **FREE** afternoon of **community, food, and giveaways!**

Stay informed and secure your spot by registering through the QR code provided.



Saturday, October 4th
11 AM - 1 PM

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6402 Market St



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- Cliff Tuttle Library
- AARP
- People Helping People
- Kids Corner
- Houston Young Monarchs
- Book Fairy Brigade

Plus enjoy face painting, DJ music, fun activities for kids, and much more!

This year's event will also feature a special "National Night Out During the Day" Celebration.

Ready Together is a Leona's Kings and Queens, Coalition of Community Organizations & Verizon initiative to connect generations through education.



Denver Harbor Faces New Future After Redistricting

By Arturo Eureste

In an unprecedented move, the Texas Legislature—at the request of President Donald Trump—approved a rare mid-decade redistricting that has reshaped the political boundaries of Houston. One of the most notable changes is that Denver Harbor, long part of Congressional District 29 and represented by Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, will now fall into the newly drawn boundaries of Congressional District 9.

This change means that starting with the 2026 election cycle, Denver Harbor residents will no longer cast their ballots for Garcia. Instead, they will be voting in District 9, which is currently represented by Congressman Al Green. However, Green has not yet announced his political future, and there is widespread speculation that the 2026 cycle could see a new face elected to represent Denver Harbor in Washington.

Key Election Dates

The Democratic and Republican primary elections for the reconfigured districts are expected to take place in **March 2026**, with the general election scheduled for **November 2026**. These elections will determine, for the first time in decades, who carries the voice of Denver Harbor families in the halls of Congress.

Community Concerns

The mid-decade redistricting has left many Denver Harbor residents concerned about their future representation. Longtime resident **Rene Porras** expressed his fears plainly:

“This will lead to worse representation in Washington for Denver Harbor. Our issues could be ignored when we’re combined with different neighborhoods that don’t share our same struggles.”

Historically, Denver Harbor has maintained strong ties with its East End neighbors in District 29, where Garcia was viewed as an accessible and responsive advocate. The shift to District 9 raises questions about whether the unique needs of working-class Hispanic families in Denver Harbor will remain a priority.

District 9 by the Numbers

According to demographic data, District 9 has a population of approximately **767,000 residents**, with a strikingly diverse composition. Nearly **63% of the population is Hispanic**, while **10% is Black**, and about **25% is Anglo (non-Hispanic White)**. Asians make up roughly **2%** of the population.

When looking at the **Voting Age Population (VAP)**, the picture becomes clearer. Out of about **556,000 voting-age residents**, about **58% are Hispanic**, though the number of eligible Hispanic voters drops to about 52% when accounting for citizenship. Black voters comprise just over 10% of the VAP, while Anglos make up **28%**.

This breakdown means Denver Harbor will be entering a district where Latino voters are the largest single bloc, but where coalition-building across communities—particularly with Black voters—will remain central to winning elections. With Denver Harbor’s record breaking voter turnout, it could be poised to be a critical voice in the upcoming election.

A Turning Point

For decades, Denver Harbor has been politically anchored in the East End. Now, it finds itself aligned with parts of Harris and Liberty counties under District 9. Whether this results in stronger advocacy or diluted influence will depend heavily on how actively residents organize, register, and vote in the coming 2026 elections.

One thing is certain: Denver Harbor is stepping into a new chapter of political history—one shaped not by its own choosing, but by the stroke of the Texas Legislature’s pen.


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September 2025

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7 Library Closed	8 LEGO Club 2 PM	9 Kid's Craft 11 AM	10 Open Lab: Computer Help 1 PM Citizenship Class 5:30 PM	11 Board Games 2 PM	12 Open Lab - Job Help 2 PM	13
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21 Library Closed	22 LEGO Club 2 PM	23 Kid's Craft 4 PM	24 Grammar Class 5:30 PM Pagan Storyline 6:30 PM	25 Board Games 4 PM	26 Open Lab - Job Help 2 PM	27
28 Library Closed	29 LEGO Club 2 PM	30 Kid's Craft 4 PM				

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2025 Workshop Schedule

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We are looking forward to interacting with the community again this year. If other property tax subjects or topics are of concern to you, feel free to suggest them to our staff or send a note to our office via email tax.office@hctx.net or call 713-274-8000.

Date	Time	Host	Address/Registration Link	More Details
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Bienvenida al vecindario: Sarah DeGreene Turner, directora de Resurrection Catholic School

Por Kim Melchor

Sarah DeGreene Turner asume el timón de Resurrection Catholic School con una prioridad clara: “sacar lo mejor de cada persona en la organización”, ya sean estudiantes, docentes o familias.

La trayectoria de Turner hacia la dirección está arraigada en las escuelas católicas. Cursó desde preescolar hasta 12.º grado en colegios católicos y, aunque no planeaba ser educadora, tras la universidad siguió trabajando con niños. Un año en un aula de escuela pública le aclaró el rumbo: “Mi lugar era la educación católica”, dice; y desde entonces ha permanecido allí, enseñando Lengua y Lectura en secundaria en cuatro centros católicos (uno en Austin y tres en Houston) antes de pasar al liderazgo.

Su estilo de liderazgo es directo. Cree en reconocer los puntos fuertes del personal para que puedan valorarse entre sí y “hacer de esta escuela la mejor escuela posible”. En lo académico, busca “estudiantes activos”: alumnos implicados en su propia educación para alcanzar metas que les importan. “Estar entusiasmados por aprender y participar de forma activa es lo que nos ayudará a alcanzar cualquier objetivo”.

Las primeras impresiones han reforzado su optimismo. Turner se ha sentido “sumamente impresionada” por un profesorado dedicado que realmente se preocupa por el bienestar y el crecimiento de los niños. También señala lo que llama una “comunidad vibrante de amigos” dispuesta a hacer lo necesario para brindar a los alumnos de Resurrection una buena educación católica.

Esa alianza—familia, escuela y parroquia—será central en el año que inicia. Se anima a las familias a mantenerse conectadas mediante un boletín escolar periódico y la aplicación de comunicación “ClassDojo” para las novedades del aula. Turner insiste en que los padres siempre son bienvenidos a comunicarse, visitar y participar en la conversación. El objetivo, dice, es un “profundo sentido de comunidad” en el que los padres se sientan involucrados y se conviertan de forma natural en socios del aprendizaje de sus hijos.

Turner también es franca sobre los retos. El crecimiento de la matrícula es una prioridad, pero reconoce las barreras prácticas que enfrentan las familias: la colegiatura—aunque sea según ingresos y con ayudas disponibles—supone una carga mensual; el transporte puede ser otra limitación. Su enfoque es reducir esos obstáculos para que más niños puedan acceder a una educación católica.

En el ámbito del personal, está marcando un tono colaborativo. Dado que la facultad es pequeña, Turner pide a los docentes que indiquen el apoyo que necesitan y las áreas en las que desean crecer; cuando surgen problemas, los convierte en oportunidades de resolución conjunta, de modo que todos estén informados y puedan ayudarse mutuamente.

En palabras de Turner: “Tenemos que descubrir cómo servir a todos”.

Si usted es nuevo en la escuela—o regresa tras algunos años—espere a una directora que empieza por las personas y construye desde ahí. Las metas son concretas: aulas comprometidas, una matrícula en crecimiento y una comunidad fuerte y con fe. Turner lo expresa así: “Quiero que la escuela esté llena de crecimiento, gracia y alegría compartida”.



Arriba: Directora Sarah DeGreene

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How one Houston neighborhood could fare under Texas' proposed new congressional map

By Andrew Schneider/Houston Public Media

In a Houston neighborhood near the city's port, residents worry their problems — and their votes — will be unheard if Texas state lawmakers go ahead with a mid-decade congressional redistricting plan. It's part of an attempt by Republicans, at the urging of President Donald Trump, to give their party an edge in next year's elections for Congress. As a result, those residents could go from a district long represented by Democrats to one that tilts Republican.

Denver Harbor, a neighborhood in Houston's East End, is roughly 90% Latino and tends to vote Democratic. It's a mix of small homes and small industry. One of the major concerns for residents has been deportations.

"Everybody's nervous," said Rene Porras, a Vietnam combat veteran and small business owner. "I have a little local taqueria, Mexican bakery, and business is down for the last three or four weeks. I mean, really down. And I talked to my other friends that have businesses and the same thing. Where did the immigrants go?"

"When they started saying that ICE was going to be in the area — we've spotted them in certain areas where they're huddling together, before they go do a raid, and that has scared the hell out of the people here," Robles said.

Denver Harbor's proposed new congressional district

Immigration is one of the big issues facing Texas' 29th Congressional District, where Denver Harbor currently sits. For 30 years, it's been represented by Democrats in the U.S. House, currently U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia. But if Republican state lawmakers get their way, as urged by Trump, the neighborhood and most of eastern Houston will be sliced off and melded to eastern suburbs and exurbs in a new 9th Congressional District.

Porras said he's angry.

"Since Trump's proposed this," Porras said, "he's so unpopular around here, it's incredible. Everything from cutting services and Medicaid, all the things he didn't mention during the election, or said he's not going to cut, that's exactly what he's doing."

Robles is particularly concerned about what the redrawn district would mean for the environmental health of the neighborhood, which sits just a few miles from the Houston Ship Channel.

"We have a very big problem with air pollution," Robles said. "We already have a large number of people in our area that suffer from health problems, and then on top of that, you suffer from things like asthma, emphysema, COPD, those type of things. And a lot of those type of breathing problems, they're associated with particle air pollution. I myself am one. I'm an asthmatic, I go outside, and sometimes it's just so hard to breathe, I just have to stay inside. So, it's difficult."

Robles said people in Denver Harbor don't make much money compared to the neighborhoods it would be joined with in the new district — neighborhoods currently located in Texas' Republican-held 2nd and 36th Congressional Districts.

"They make six figures, you know, anywhere from \$50,000, \$60,000 and up to six figures," Robles said of her prospective neighbors. "They don't have these types of problems that we do."

An analysis by the Texas Legislative Council, an agency that provides research for state lawmakers, shows that while the current 29th Congressional District voted for Democrat Kamala Harris for president last year, voters who would be in the new District 9 went for Trump by a wide margin.

Why the GOP is seeking a new District 9

But Republicans note that, while Denver Harbor's current district twists and turns across Houston, its proposed new home is more compact. And it would still be majority Hispanic, even though Democratic leaders might not like how they vote.

"I think this is actually the way the new maps are drawn is really more indicative of how Harris County has changed demographically," said Cindy Siegel, chair of the Harris County Republican Party.

Siegel argued that if Democrats are upset by the proposed new map, it's because they realize that they've taken Hispanic voters for granted, and now they pay a price for it.

"They know that there has been a shift in the last election that the Hispanic community, more Hispanic voters, in fact, supported President Trump, voted for him," Siegel said.



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Rene Porras



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Rita Robles is a community activist in Houston's Denver Harbor neighborhood.

Still, Siegel acknowledged the redistricting plan is also about seeking a partisan advantage. And she said that's only fair, given how Democrats have behaved in the past. She noted it's only been a few years since Democrats, who then had a 3-to-2 majority on Harris County Commissioners Court, forced through a local redistricting plan that gave them a 4-to-1 supermajority.

"The Democrats didn't say anything about it. They didn't oppose it," Siegel said. "There were voters that were conservatives ... thousands that were moved in, for example, where I live, that were moved into [Democratic County Commissioner] Rodney Ellis' out of what was the old [Republican-represented] Precinct 3."

A redistricting arms race?

Texas House Majority Leader Tom Oliverson, who represents Cypress in northwest Harris County, told Hello Houston that partisan gain was, in fact, the main reason for the redistricting plan.

"I think it's well within our right to do so," Oliverson said. "There are many, many states where redistricting for partisan performance has been a way of life for 20, 30 years, particularly in Democrat states."

But partisan redistricting can overlap with racial gerrymandering, which is illegal under the Voting Rights Act. Michael O. Adams, a political science professor at Texas Southern University, said the apparent Hispanic majority of the proposed new 9th Congressional District is deceptive and does not reflect its likely voting majority.

"I think what we're seeing here, and what we're witnessing in this redistricting proposal in the midterm cycle, is what I would call a master class in demographic manipulation," Adams said.

That's what it seems like to some people in Denver Harbor, including Porras. He said he hopes other states give Democrats an advantage so they can fight for his issues. California Gov. Gavin Newsom has said that if Texas redistricts, he'll ask voters in his state to approve a plan to redraw his state's congressional map, with the aim of picking up seats for Democrats.

"This has got to be stopped," Porras said. "I don't know how, and I'm against gerrymandering, OK. But if Texas does it, then I'm all for California and Massachusetts and Illinois doing the same thing."

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