



## Capitol Update

District 133 Newsletter

*"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."*



## Dear Friends,

With August around the corner, school is fast approaching. Some children are already participating in school activities. In fact, our younger son, Pace has started his preseason training for football. It is important to keep our families safe this summer by limit our exposure of the sun to a few hours at a time. If you really must be outside during this time, always apply sunscreen and drink lots of liquids. With these last few weeks of summer is in full swing and despite the few days of rain, the weather won't cool off anytime soon with temperatures reaching record high levels.

This month we also begin to buy our children's books and supplies in preparation for the new school year, but before making your purchases remember that Texas Tax Free Holiday is coming up on August 8 - 10. The special includes clothing, school supplies, and backpacks that are under \$100. Follow this link for a more detailed description of the tax free weekend criteria: ([www.TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://www.TexasTaxHoliday.org)).

If you can make it up to Austin to visit your Capitol, please stop by our office. If you call in advance of your trip, our staff can set up special tours and help you plan your trip. Contact [Molly](#) or [Kait](#) and they will be happy to assist you. For an inside view of what's going on around town, please like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for continuous updates. Be safe and enjoy the summer!

## Town Hall Reminder

Please remember to "Save the Date" for our Town Hall meeting on **Saturday, September 13th at 10:00am at Memorial Middle School**, 12550 Vindon Dr, Houston, TX 77024.

## Tell Us What You Think!

The Legislature has spent the last year conducting interim hearings over a wide range of issues. The committees have been presented with information, ideas for legislation to improve our state, and solutions to issues we are facing. However, the work continues and we want your input. It is vital to gather your opinions on matters that might come up for a vote on the House Floor and ideas for possible legislation.

Please take a minute to fill out our online survey [HERE](#).

## Need a Speaker?

As always, Representative Murphy loves meeting new constituents and is happy to visit your business meeting, church, club, or civic group.

*Please email [Deanna Harrington](#), our District Director, if you are interested in setting up an event.*

## Summer Pet Safety

Our furry friends love to be outside just as much as we do. They can't tell us when they are too hot, but there are signs that they need to be taken inside. They are also at risk for heat stroke and sun burns. A few tips to keep your pets safe during the summer are:

- Exercise your pets in the morning and late in the evenings.
- Make sure they are on a heartworm medicine.
- Those pesky mosquitoes are bad news for our cats and dogs.

If your pets must stay outside during the day, be sure there is plenty of shade and water.

For a full list of helpful tips for summer, please visit the [Houston SPCA website](#).

## Staff Emails

[Molly Quirk, Chief of Staff](#)

[Kait Roth, Policy Analyst & Scheduler](#)

[Deanna Harrington, District Director](#)

[Conner Antweil, Legislative Aide](#)

[Ryley Caton, Legislative Aide](#)

## Follow us on the web-

[Rep. Jim Murphy](#)

[Texas Legislature Online](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

