

Lifestyle

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In the community...Hurricane Ike

Part I of a two-part series on Hurricane Ike and the strength of local residents after the storm...



Sun Photo/Lonal X. Robinson
Hurricane Ike blows into Houston with water and rain putting more than 2.5 million residents in the dark, toppling trees and uplifting roofs on homes and businesses on nearly a 600 mile path of destruction. With a massive clean-up ahead, Ike has left schools closed in all area districts and has devastated the Galveston region. The chain of post hurricane planning actions from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the County and City level has again become suspect.



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Debris from Hurricane Ike fills Houston's streets and the Houston Fire Department is there to protect residents.



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Power lines are down in Third Ward



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Residents complete paper work as the first step to possibly receiving services from FEMA and other state agencies. Large trees uprooted by Hurricane Ike as he traveled the Gulf Coast applying havoc in the lives of residents, placing them on homes, businesses, vehicles and across the landscape of the region. Ike's work requires residents to engage in a major clean-up as citizens seek social services including: housing, food, health care and transportation.



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Traffic light is down at Holman Street and Scott



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Left to right: Texas NAACP Chairman, Gary Bledsoe and TSU Board of Regent talk with Good Hope Church Pastor D.Z. Colfield about Hurricane Ike's preparation and delivery of services. Representatives from Baltimore are on the ground in Houston and the Gulf Coast area on a Fact Finding mission. The national headquarters will present a report of its findings.



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The Jack Yates Lion holds its position during the wind and the rain of Hurricane Ike.



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Local residents and students line up to receive ice, water and food boxes from a FEMA Point of Distribution station on the campus of Texas Southern University.



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The wooden cross that has stood for more than 25 years in front of Wheeler Avenue Baptist church was a victim of Hurricane Ike. (Inset) Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church sustains roof damage from Hurricane Ike's furor.



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Local residents register and complete paper work as they seek information of services after Hurricane Ike.