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REP. DUTTON SCHEDULES TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr. (D-Houston) has scheduled a series of town hall meetings to reflect on the 2005 legislative session and to discuss constituent issues to be considered in the next legislative session.

Rep. Dutton stated: "These town hall meetings have been scheduled on different days, at different times and at different locations to permit maximum constituent participation. Additionally, these town hall meetings will provide an excellent opportunity to begin discussions of the issues for the 2007 legislative session."

While constituents in Legislative Dist, ;ct-142 are encouraged to attend, the general public is also invited:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1,2005 at 6:30p.m. Apostolic Church, 618 Baca Street (Sponsored by the Songwood Civic Association)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005 at 6:30p.m. Purple Sage Elementary School. Multi-Purpose Room. 6500 Purple Sage Drive (Sponsored by the Pine Trails Civic Association)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005 at 7:00p.m. Judson Robinson Community Center, 1422 Ledwicke Drive (Sponsored by the Pleasantville Civic League)

SATURDAY, NOVEM.BER 12,2005 at 10:00a.m. Hobart Taylor Community Center. 6805 Eastland Drive (Sponsored by the New Progressive Civic Assoc, and North Forest Chamber of Commerce)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15,2005 at 6:00p.m. Kashmere Multi-Purpose Center, 4802 Lockwood Drive (Sponsored by the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood and Jensen Neighborhood Council)

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IN SUMMERWOOD

FaithQuest Church, located inside the Summerwood master planned community, will be sponsoring a community-wide Christmas Eve service with an exciting twist: we will be OUTSIDE! Imagine being out under the stars singing your favorite carols with lighted candles on the most Holy Night of the year!

The service will take place on the property of FaithQuest Church - at the corner of Broncroft Ct and West Lake Houston Parkway - right here in Summerwood. The community service will start at at 6PM, be child friendly, and conclude with cookies and hot cider. Pre-School programming will be provided!

Please plan to come spend this special time with others from your community.

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Dead Animal Pick-Up (Precinct 1)		
Animal Control		
After Hours		
UTILITY SERVICE NUMBERS		
Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline	888-782-8477	
Summerwood Technologies	281-225-1000	
(Telephone, Cable, Alarm Monitoring)		
Southwestern Bell Telephone	800-464-7928	
Entex Gas		
Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P)	713-207-7777	
Municipal Utility District (MUD #342)		
24 Hour Service Number		
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Exercising In The Cold

The biggest concern for exercising in the cold is hypothermia, or too much heat loss. When you exercise in a cold environment you must consider one primary factor: how much heat will your body lose during exercise?

Heat loss is controlled in two ways:

- 1. Insulation, consisting of body fat plus clothing.
- 2. Environmental factors, including temperature, wind and whether you're exercising in the air or in the water. Each of these factors plays a role in the body's ability to maintain a comfortable temperature during exercise.

Insulation

Although many people aspire to have a lean figure, people with a little more body fat are better insulated and will lose less heat. Clothing adds to the insulation barrier and is clearly the most important element in performance and comfort while exercising in the cold. One study showed that heat loss from the head alone was about 50 percent at the freezing mark, and by simply wearing a helmet, subjects were able to stay outside indefinitely.

Clothing is generally a good insulator because it has the ability to trap air, a poor conductor of heat. If the air trapped by the clothing cannot conduct the heat away from the body, temperature will be maintained. Unlike air, however, water is a rapid conductor of heat and even in the coldest of temperatures, people will sweat and risk significant heat loss. With this in mind, you want to choose clothing that can trap air but allow sweat to pass through, away from the body. By wearing clothing in layers, you have the ability to change the amount of insulation that is needed while many new products can provide such a layered barrier, it is important to avoid heavy cotton sweats or tightly woven material that will absorb and retain water. Because these materials cannot provide a layer of dry air near the skin, they can increase the amount of heat your body loses as you exercise.

Keeping the hands and feet warm is a common concern when exercising in the cold. Lower temperatures cause blood to be shunted away from the hands and feet to the center of the body to keep the internal organs warm and protected. Superficial warming of the hands will return blood flow to prevent tissue damage. Blood flow will not return to the feet unless the temperature of the torso is normal or

slightly higher (.5-1.0 degree Fahrenheit (F) above normal). So, to keep your feet warm you must also keep the rest of your body warm at all times.

Check with the weatherman

Always check the air temperature and wind chill factor before exercising in the cold. Data from the National Safety Council

suggest little danger to individuals with properly clothed skin exposed at 20° F, even with a 30 mph wind. A danger does exist for individuals with exposed skin when the wind chill factor (combined effect of temperature and wind) balls below minus 20° F.

That can be achieved by any combination of temperatures below 20° F with a wind of 40 mph and temperatures below minus 20° F with no wind. If you are exercising near the

danger zone for skin exposure, it also is advisable to warm the air being inhaled by wearing a scarf or mask over your nose and mouth to warm the air being inhaled.

Rules for exercising in the cold

- Check the temperature and wind conditions before you go out and do not exercise if conditions are dangerous.
- Keep your head, hands and feet warm.
- Dress in layers that can provide a trapped layer of dry air near the skin (avoid cotton sweats and other similar materials).
- Warm the air you are breathing if temperatures are below your comfort level (usually around 0° F).



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- 1, 4, 6, 10, 12—HOUSTON: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast**
- **3—HARLINGEN: Dinning by Design** More than 40 table settings are designed by talented individuals from across the Rio Grande Valley. Harlingen Country Club. 956/793-8050 **Gulf Coast**
- **3—PASADENA: Taste of the Town** Local restaurant owners fill the Pasadena Convention Center with food booths ranging from hors d'oeuvres and soups to Tex-Mex and ethnic cuisine. www. pasadenachamber.org 281/487-7871 **Gulf Coast**
- **4-5—BAYTOWN: Arts & Crafts Show** Baytown Community Center. E-mail: pard@baytown.org 281/420-6597 **Gulf Coast**
- **4-5—HARLINGEN: Annual School Festival/St. Anthony** Includes kiddie rides and children's games, raffle tickets and more. St. Anthony Church & School Grounds. 956/428-6111 **Gulf Coast**
- 4-5—LAKE JACKSON: St. Michael's Craft Show 979/297-4139
- **4-6—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Peddler Show** AmericanBank Center. www.peddlershow.com 800/775-2774 **Gulf Coast**
- **4-6, 11-13—BROWNSVILLE:** *Arsenic & Old Lace* Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900 **Gulf Coast**
- 4, 11, 18, 25—HARLINGEN: Country Western Dance with Texas Country Band Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800 Gulf Coast
- **5—HARLINGEN: Chili for Children Chili Cook-Off** Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jackson Street, Downtown Harlingen. 956/428-9900
- **5—HARLINGEN: Jackson Street Market Day** Offers antiques, crafts, sidewalk sales, produce cart and food vendors. Jackson Street, Downtown Harlingen. 956/423-4933 **Gulf Coast**
- 5—HARLINGEN: Marine Military Academy Birthday Parade 956/423-6006 Gulf Coast
- 5—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast**
- 5—LAKE JACKSON: BASF/Wholesale Electric Walk for Habitat Hours are 8 to 10 a.m. MacLean Park. 979/415-6273 Gulf Coast
- **5—LAKE JACKSON: Family Day** Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. 979/849-7771 **Gulf Coast**
- **5—PORT ARTHUR: Garage Sale** Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/985-8801 **Gulf Coast**
- **5-6—KEMAH: Symphonies by the Sea** Presents a classical concert. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
- **5-6—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique & Collectible Fair** Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828
- **6—GALVESTON: Lily Tomlin** Come prepared for an evening of giggles with this "Laugh-In" favorite. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**
- **6—PORT ISABEL: Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cook-Off** Local teams cook. Wal-Mart Parking Lot. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262 **Gulf Coast**
- **8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Seafood** Taste mouth-watering Gulf of Mexico delicacies prepared by local chefs. Aquarium lobby. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1341 **Gulf Coast**
- **8—SAN BENITO:** *El Second Weensdee* Presents an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. The Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110 **Gulf Coast**

- **9-13—HARLINGEN: Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival** Includes a Birder's Bazaar with vendors, seminars, keynote presentations, birding workshops, youth activities, guided field trips, special birding activities and more. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad. www. rgvbirdfest.com 800/531-7346 **Gulf Coast**
- **10-13—HOUSTON: Nutcracker Market** Features holiday decorations, food, clothing, jewelry and furniture. Reliant Park. www. nutcrackermarket.com 713/535-3231 **Gulf Coast**
- 11—HARLINGEN: Veterans Day Parade Begins at 4 p.m. Marine Military Academy. www.mma-tx.org 956/423-6006 ext. 252 Gulf Coast
- 11—WEST COLUMBIA: Veterans Day Open House Patriotic display includes honors, medals, uniforms and more. Columbia Historical Museum. 979/345-6125 Gulf Coast
- **11-12—GALVESTON:** *Oklahoma!* The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**
- **11-12—HOUSTON:** *Minus One* The Cullen Series features Les Grands Ballets Canadiens performing. Wortham Theater Center. www. houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—ARANSAS PASS: May Be Hot Maybe Not Bike Ride** Includes a barbecue and live entertainment afterwards. Starts at the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce. www.aransaspass.org 361/758-2750
- **12—BROWNSVILLE: Wild Stories** Listen to a story and meet some of the zoo's animal ambassadors. Enjoy storytelling stations, face painting and crafts for kids. Gladys Porter Zoo. E-mail: info@gpz.org www. gpz.org 956/546-2177 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—EDNA: Christmas in the Outback** Craft show includes holiday decor, toys, collectibles and more. Brackenridge Plantation Park. www. jacksoncountytx.com 361/782-7146 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—EDNA: Flag Retirement Ceremony** Commemorates Veterans Day. Begins at 1 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—EDNA: Texana Chili Spill** Features a CASI cook-off, chili, beans, jackpot chicken, live music, games, dance, craft show and Veterans Day Ceremony. Brackenridge Plantation Park. E-mail: mprice@inra.com 361/782-5456 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—GALVESTON: Seventh Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Gala** Honors Texans who have contributed to the advancement of aviation. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm. org 409/740-7722 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—HARLINGEN: Giant Yard Sale** Begins at 8 a.m. Valley Race Park. 956/430-6273 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—KEMAH: Classic Car Show** Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**
- **12—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour** Participants see areas of the ship rarely seen by the public. Battleship *Texas* State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234 **Gulf Coast**
- 12—PORT ARTHUR: St. Catherine of Siena "Taste of Culture" Includes food booths, door prizes and a silent auction. Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/983-4006 Gulf Coast
- **12—SPRING: Christmas Parade** Begins at 9 a.m. www. oldtownspringtx.com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310 **Gulf Coast** (Continued on page 7)

Texas Events - (Continued from page 6)

12—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert American Legion. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757 Gulf Coast 12-13—HOUSTON: 16th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes traditional singing and dancing, food, tipi villages, demonstrations, storytelling, educational exhibits and authentic Native American arts & crafts. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 Gulf Coast

12-13—KINGSLAND: Craft Show Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts. www.kingslandcrafts.com 325/388-6159 or 830/598-6213

12-13—PASADENA: Fall Festival Re-creates 1890s farm life on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551 **Gulf Coast**

12-Dec. 24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays www.oldtownspringtx. com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310 **Gulf Coast**

13—GALVESTON: 15th Annual End of Season Fly Day Informal flying event features aircraft of the Lone Star Flight Museum and other fly-in guests. Doors open at 9 a.m. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www. lsfm.org 409/740-7722 **Gulf Coast**

15—GALVESTON: *The Little Engine that Could Earns Her Whistle* Watty Piper's timeless tale comes to life. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**

18—HARLINGEN: Feast of Sharing Celebrates Thanksgiving Day. Begins at 11 a.m. Harlingen Community Center. 956/423-5440

18—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. 361/552-9347 **Gulf Coast**

18-19—LAKE JACKSON: Festival of Lights Civic Center and Plaza. 979/297-4533 **Gulf Coast**

18-Jan. 8—VICTORIA: Exhibit: *Victoria's Early Painters* Nave Museum. www.viptx.net/museum 361/575-8227 **Gulf Coast**

19—BRIDGE CITY: Holiday Parade & Festival Parade is followed by a softball tournament, barbecue cook-off and vendor booths. B.C. Intermediate School. E-mail: chamber@exp.net • www.cityofbridgecity. org 409/735-5671 **Gulf Coast**

19—KEMAH: Fifth Annual Beat the Heat See police dragsters and high-power racecars. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**

19—KEMAH: Tree Lighting Ceremony Includes Harbor Lights Choir, entertainment and more at 7 p.m. Corner of 6th Street and Bradford. 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165 **Gulf Coast**

19—SANTA FE: Zydeco Music at Haak Winery Haak Winery. 409/925-1401 Gulf Coast

19—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222 **Gulf Coast**

19—VICTORIA: Market Days Features more than 100 vendors and entertainment. Special Events Area in Riverside Park. www.victoriatx. org 361/485-3200 **Gulf Coast**

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19-20—HOUSTON: The 11th Annual *Houston Chronicle* **Snowfest** George R. Brown Convention Center. www.texassnowfest.com 800/831-3976 **Gulf Coast**

19-20—PORT ARTHUR: Quota Arts & Crafts Show Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/962-4978 **Gulf Coast**

1919-20—TEXAS CITY: Model Railroad Festival The Texas City Museum and Showboat Pavilion is filled with model train layouts and vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 400 block of 6th St. www.texascity-tx.org 409/643-5799 **Gulf Coast**

20—ALVIN: Victorian Holiday Includes Victorian sandwich plate desert and cider, entertainment by elementary students singing Christmas carols, auctions and craft booths. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. National Oak Park. 281/331-2934 **Gulf Coast**

20—EL CAMPO: Polka Expo Features various polka bands, along with trade show booths. www.kulpradio.com 979/543-3303 Gulf Coast

24—HOUSTON: Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade Features floats, marching bands and Santa Claus. www.wamuparade. com 713/654-8808 **Gulf Coast**

25—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Lighting of the Island Join Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the lighting of the island and caroling at 6 p.m. South Padre Island Visitors Center. 800/767-2373 **Gulf Coast**

25-27—HOUSTON: *The Nutcracker* This ballet is a holiday treat. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

25-27—KEMAH: Christmas in Kemah Includes local bands and entertainment, Santa, and more. "Blizzard on the Bay," with 30,000 pounds of snow on the ground is Saturday. www.kemah.net 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165 **Gulf Coast**

26—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Historic Downtown Galveston. www. galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 **Gulf Coast**

26—KEMAH: Nutcracker Vignette Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**

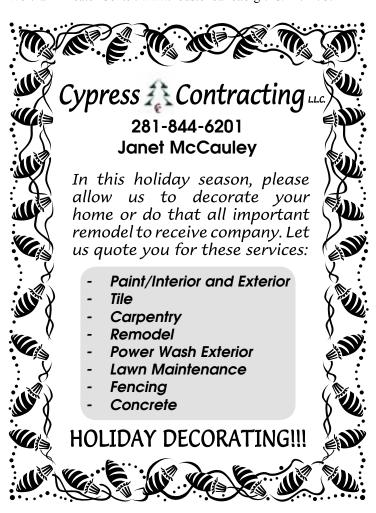
26—SAN BENITO: Arts & Crafts and Pancake Sale Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800 Gulf Coast

26-27—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes marketplace and live music. Balli Park Pavilion on North Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/332-9978 **Gulf Coast**

26-Dec. 31—VICTORIA: Christmas Bazaar Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Community Art Center. 361/575-8968 **Gulf Coast**

26-Jan. 8—GALVESTON: *Twenty to Watch* Exhibits works of emerging artists from the Austin area. Galveston Arts Center. www. galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 **Gulf Coast**

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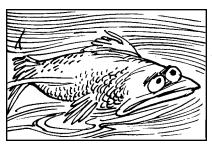
"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

The community is invited to Messiah Lutheran Church's presentation of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Sunday, December 4. There will be two showings, 4 PM and 6 PM. In this hilarious tale, a couple struggling to produce a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman children, "The worst children in the whole history of the world!" You are invited to come along for the chaos and the fun. And look for a miracle as the Herdmans collide head-on with the Christmas story and help everyone else rediscover its true meaning. Admission is free, but reservations are suggested in order to accommodate the crowd. Please call 281-890-3013.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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New Beginnings Bible Study Friday - November 18, 2005 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Summerwood Community Center ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING CHILDREN LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED



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Removing Holiday Stains

Tt's that time of year, holiday feasts and holiday spills. Here are some tips for removing specific "seasonal" stains.

- Pumpkin Pie and Cranberries: Launder in the hottest allowable water safe for the fabric. Do not use soap (flake, bar, or detergents containing natural soap), since soap could make a stain permanent. To remove older stains, wash with bleach recommended for the fabric and colors.
- Turkey Fat: Pre-treat light stains with a liquid stain remover or detergent booster. Place heavy stains face down on clean paper towel. Apply cleaning liquid to the back of the stain, replacing towels frequently. Let air dry then rinse. If the stain appears to be gone, wash garment in the hottest water safe for the fabric. Do not dry if the stain remains; drying sets the stain. Repeat the treatment until the stain is removed.
- Eggnog: Fresh stains should be soaked in cold water prior to washing. If the stain is old, brush off any crusted matter and soak for several hours in cold water and detergent or enzyme presoak. Wash in warm (not hot) water. If stain remains, soak an additional 30 minutes and rewash.

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Childproofing Your Kitchen

itchens fascinate children. It is a place where they can learn, explore, and observe adults in action. However, it is filled with many potential dangers—knives, breakables, and toxic substances.

- Install safety latches on all kitchen cabinets except for one. The unlatched cabinet or drawer should be for the kids "stuff"—child size pots, pans, plastic containers, or any other "toys" they can play with in the kitchen.
- Unplug toasters, mixers and other appliances and keep the cord wrapped around them when not in use.
- Encourage children to help with cooking and other tasks, but emphasize possible dangers and insist on adult supervision.
- ☼ Buy special stove knob covers to prevent a child from turning them on. Make sure they understand stoves can burn, knives can cut, and so on.
- Don't leave bowls of pet food and water on the floor or young children could help themselves!
- Make sure all vitamins are kept in childproof bottles and stored with other medications. Never leave them out on tables or counters. Iron pills are one of the most common causes of childhood poisoning.

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