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## Recycling Program

One of my constituents questioned how much of the recyclables actually get recycled. Others have also asked, so I decided it would be a good idea to take a "field trip" to Republic's Recycling Center to find out for myself.

Actually, it was a very educational and impressive experience. To make it easy to recycle, residents can place all recyclables into one cart, no separating required. All materials go to Republic's facility in Houston where they are separated, bundled and sent to various other entities that recycle each item (glass, plastic, cardboard, etc.). It is quite an amazing process to see, using a combination of machinery and people who actually hand sort many of the items! Ninety to 100 percent of the materials received are recycled right here in the U.S., with some occasionally sent overseas. Green waste is made into mulch and sold.

When we started our new program in December we had a 10% diversion rate. In the first four months of our new program, that has jumped to more than 30 percent of our waste diverted from landfills, a dramatic 200 percent increase in residents' recycling over our old program. It is amazing how much our residents are doing to help keep us "green"... Good job folks!!!

*Respectfully,*

*Bridget Yeung, City Council Member, District 2*



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## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Spring Festival

On Saturday, May 5th, Boys and Girls Country of Houston will host their annual Spring Festival on their campus in Hockley, Texas. Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Spring Festival is a great way for families to spend the day.

Spring Festival promises to be a huge celebration for community and family with a lively Cinco de Mayo theme. Admission and parking are free, and children's all-day event passes are only \$15 each. Booths will include a number of inflatable rides like King of the Mountain, Shark Slide, and Water Balls; a Slime Machine booth where you can slime your favorite person, and crafting booths for the little ones. There will be three stages with a variety of live entertainment, including Spanish musicians, Gospel singers, and solo artists.

"All of the proceeds of Spring Festival go directly to helping us provide a Home for our children," said George O'Neal, Director of Spring Festival and Community Relations. "This is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions that add fun and excitement."

*For 41 years, Boys and Girls Country has provided a Home for children from families in crisis. They raise 88 children at their main campus and provide support to 55 young adults in their College and Career program. Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency and does not rely on federal or state funding.*

**DATE:**

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**TIMES:**

**Live Auction:** 1:15 p.m.

**Silent Auction:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Lunch:** Served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Barbecue, Chicken Burrito, or Hamburger/  
Hot Dog (Adult Plate: \$8.00, Kid's Plate: \$6.00)

**ACTIVITIES:**

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## A FOCUS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### *Pathway to Improved Health*

*By Concentra Urgent Care*

Being physically active is one of the most important steps you can take to maintain or improve your health. When combined with eating a healthy diet, regular exercise can substantially reduce your risk of chronic disease, prevent weight gain, and improve your overall level of physical and emotional fitness.

#### HOW MUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DO I NEED?

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has recently published several recommendations related to exercise:

*Any physical activity is better than no physical activity*

- Includes people with disabilities
- Far outweighs the possibility of risk of injury or illness
- Most health benefits occur with at least 150 minutes a week*
- Both aerobic (endurance) and muscle-strengthening (resistance)

are beneficial

*For most people, additional benefits occur when*

- You increase the intensity of your physical activity
- You increase the frequency of your physical activity
- You increase the duration of your physical activity

#### SHOULD OLDER ADULTS EXERCISE, TOO?

The same HHS guidelines apply, but older adults need to make sure that their fitness level and any chronic conditions allow them to safely perform physical activity. For example, if an older adult is at risk of falling, he should do exercises that maintain or improve his balance.

#### WHAT IF I HAVE A CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITION?

If you have a chronic medical condition, you should be under the care of a health care provider. It is important to consult your physician about the type and amount of physical activity appropriate for you.

#### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

The health benefits of physical activity far outweigh the risks and some activity is better than none. Persons who have not been diagnosed with a chronic condition (such as diabetes, heart disease, or osteoarthritis) and do not have symptoms (e.g., chest pain or pressure, dizziness, or joint pain) do not need to consult with a health care provider prior to starting an exercise program.

*For more information on total fitness programs in general, you can contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the National Safety Council's Web site at: <http://www.nsc.org/resources/Factsheets/hll/fitness.aspx>.*





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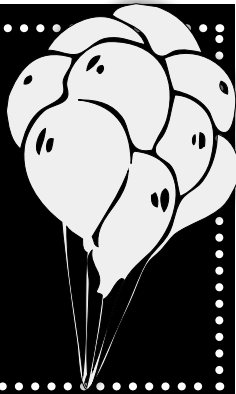
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