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Another point was the hiring of an urban forester to document the landscaping so that it could be properly replaced after the conclusion of the project.

Fire hydrants will also be installed to meet the City of Houston code requirements.

Houston will even keep the Auden intersection open and will try to work around school issues. While they can't guarantee it will happen during a holiday, they do have special requirements in place for when they work around schools.

The one request that Houston says "probably won't happen" is reimbursement for the cost of Southside reviewing Houston's plans, though Salazar joked that the decision was above his pay grade and that the city should try asking higher up.

In other news the city recently received its new ISO rating for fire hazard and has been upgraded to the highest rating. Previously only 60 municipalities in the country had such a rating.

Also, Police Chief Stephen McCarty gave his final report of the year as he has been involuntarily activated to active duty. He is a Navy intelligence officer and has had previous service in the Middle East. He looks forward to coming back to the City of Southside when

his duty has been fulfilled.

He says it is already the hardest tour he has served as he will miss the birth of his next child.

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They also discussed limiting hours of operation and governing any parking structure design such as legislating that the exterior materials must match the materials on the principal building, possibly even requiring a special exemption to have one.

This is all still in the discussion phase as they whittle things down to possible suggestions to the Zoning and Planning Board.

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History" which she found by searching "Texas Historical Landmarks" in the app store.

It has become her summer project. Four to five times a week, in Houston's searing heat, she searches out an area with several markers, maps her route, and sets off. Combining exercise and enlightenment, she walks the selected neighborhood, seeking out the markers.

Her routes usually take her four to six miles each day. Although the directions are mostly correct and the marker easily spotted, sometimes it's a challenge.

"Sometimes I know where I'm

After a short summer break, school is back in session at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. To kick-off the new school year, PTO sponsored a breakfast for new and returning families to get acquainted. Children played in the gym afterward while



parents talked all things St. Vincent de Paul. The first week of school began with an afternoon where students could "Meet the Teacher" followed the next day by a full day of school for students while parents attended a "Back To School" event to take care of business. Later in the week, PTO Hospitality Committee hosted a Welcome Back Coffee for parents and the week ended with an all-school Mass where eighth graders "stepped up" into their roles of leaders. In the photo, parents and students are shown at the opening breakfast.

going and I find exactly the spots I intended to. Other times I have to search farther and do some footwork to find it," she said.

Her friend and fellow teacher, Samantha Shields, has also been bitten by the marker bug. Together, they are on the trail of Houston's historical spots.

Karli reports that there are many landmarks right here in Houston. In fact, almost every neighborhood has some, including Bellaire, Heights, Montrose, and Downtown. Old cemeteries are especially good locations to find markers.

"So far, the journey has been great fun," Karli said. "It's a scav-

enger hunt each time I go out. It's become an exciting journey for me. I'm more aware of these signs now and a whole new world of information is opening up to me."

Spoiler alert: In the fall, her students may see a project option that includes finding some historical markers.

The Texas Historical Commission also has a website that will let you search on your computer, and it will give you the inscriptions on the markers and their locations. <http://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/shell-county.htm>.

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