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Register now for Township's community governance forums

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (February 23, 2012) – The Woodlands Township has developed two Governance Forums to discuss results of a financial and governance analysis and to provide feedback on the future governance of The Woodlands. These events are scheduled at the times, date and place listed below:

Thursday, March 29, 2012

7 to 9 p.m.

The John Cooper School

One John Cooper Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9 to 11 a.m.

The Woodlands Emergency Training Center

16135 IH 45 South, The Woodlands, TX 77385

Regional Participation Agreements (RPAs) entered into with the Cities of Houston and Conroe prevent the annexation of The Woodlands and allow residents to determine their own future governance structure within the next 50 years. In 2007, residents overwhelmingly approved the change in governmental structure to become The Woodlands Township; however, the RPAs provide the opportunity to change the current governance structure, including the option to incorporate as a municipality after May 29, 2014.

The Township's Board of Directors has been working through a process to proactively examine whether the current governance structure is best suited for the community now and into the future or whether changes need to be made. Over the course of the last several months, the project team has been preparing a "gap analysis," an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing service delivery and the potential future need for expanded and/or new services and governing tools as the community evolves. Additionally, a preliminary financial analysis has been completed so residents and stakeholders can better understand the financial implications of municipal incorporation. The upcoming governance forums will present this analysis and allow participants to provide feedback on the future of The Woodlands.

Registration for the community governance forums continues through noon on March 28, 2012. To ensure your seat at one of these events, please register today by visiting the Township's Web site at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov, or by contacting Kim Cogburn at 281-210-3800. Participants who cannot attend these events will have a chance in April to watch an informational video and provide feedback online.

For more information, visit The Woodlands Township's Web site at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov and click on Government. For more information, call 281-210-3800.

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