

Monthly Harris County Tax Auction is Moving to a New Venue

On Tuesday, February 2

A 175 year old Texas tradition will be ending Tuesday, February 2, when Harris County moves its monthly auction of properties on which taxes are delinquent from outside the Family Law Center in the downtown courthouse complex to the Bayou City Event Center at 9401 Knight Road in Houston south of NRG Park.

Also moving will be the monthly sale of foreclosed properties conducted by trustees for various lending institutions, and the auction of other real estate ordered sold by the courts in various civil lawsuits.

As many as 300 to 500 people historically attend the monthly downtown auction and Metro is teaming up with Harris County to provide bidders and interested observers with convenient transit to and from the auction site.

On February, 2, and on the first Tuesday of the following months, METRO will operate a special shuttle bus to and from the auction site. Take METRORail's Red Line to the Fannin South Transit Center, then catch the shuttle to the Bayou City Event Center. You can purchase a rail ticket for \$1.25 which includes your transfer to the shuttle. This ticket will be valid for three hours. Buses will run between the transit center and the auction every 20 minutes.

A public ceremony dedicating the new auction venue will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Bayou City Event Center, and actual sales conducted by each of the eight Harris County Constable Precincts and lending institution trustees begin at 10 and will continue until 4 p.m.

New electronic technology to be unveiled at the auction will enable prospective bidders at the delinquent tax auction to see photos and other information about the properties as they come up for sale during the day, and to track the sequence in which properties will be sold by each of the eight Constables.

Unlike the historic auctions on the courthouse steps, the new sale will be indoors in air conditioned space, and seating will be available for bidders.

If you would like to be part of this historic event, plan to come and enjoy service to the auction door provided by Metro.

Information about how to register as a bidder and a listing of properties to be sold is available at <https://www.hctax.net/Property/TaxSales/TaxSales>.