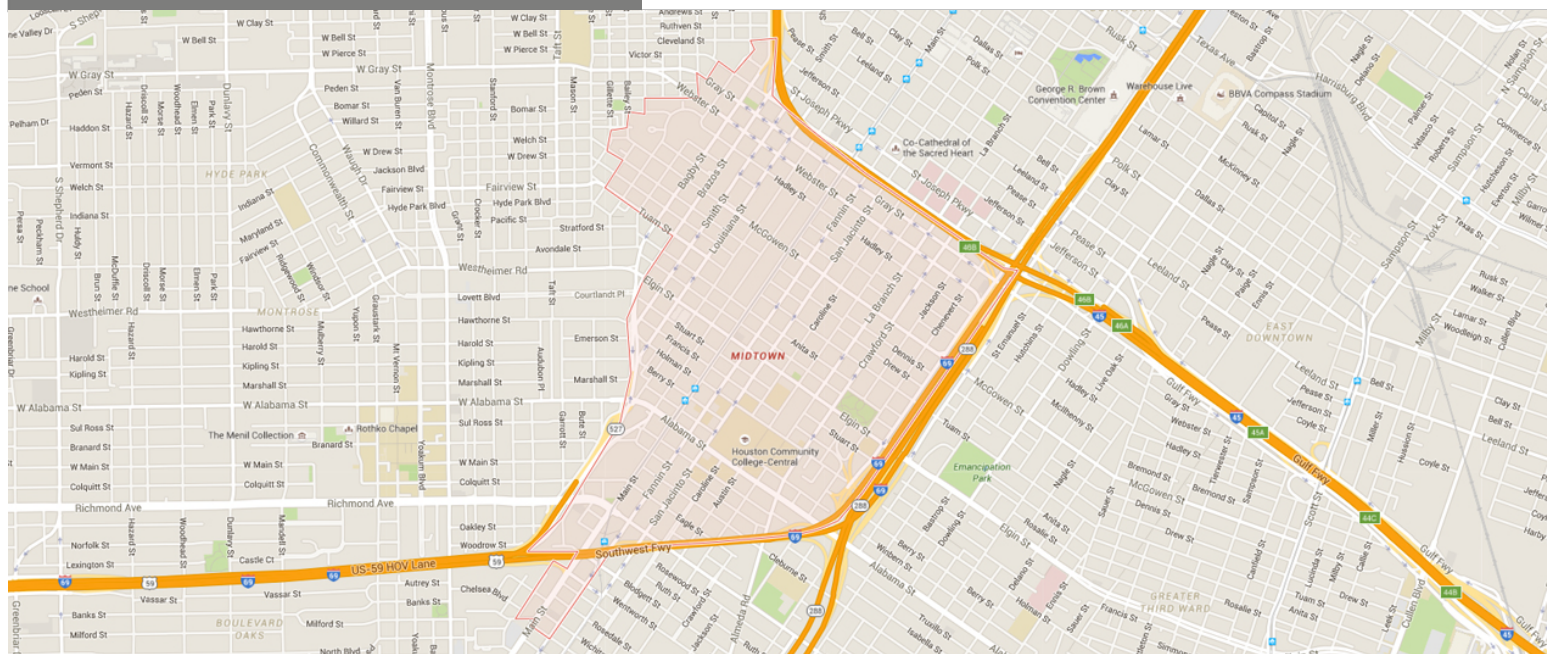


NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

MIDTOWN HOUSTON



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Established by the mid-nineteenth century, Midtown is one of the most historic areas in Houston. That's why the city has a unique mix of homes, ranging from contemporary and traditional, to townhomes and apartments. Midtown has a very diverse population. It includes long-time residents, young professionals, students and academics.

The oldest and most historic neighborhoods in Midtown is the old Fourth Ward, dubbed Freedmen's Town. Now it's a nationally registered historic site, but after the Civil War it was one of the very few places where black people could own property. The cottages built in those days still remain in Midtown, but a lot of those structures were lost through the years. Later in 1994, Midtown was officially declared a Tax Increment Finance District (TIFD), which opened the area up to renovation of existing property and development of new property.

Midtown is situated directly between Downtown Houston, Montrose and Texas Medical Center. Because of this, Midtown is a residential area that serves two of the largest employment centers in the region. The Central Campus of Houston Community College Systems is also in Midtown. Both of these attract a lot of young professionals, academics and students. Next to that, Midtown is also very close to University of Houston, University of Houston-Downtown, Texas Southern University and University of St. Thomas.

Besides the academic and professional life, Midtown also offers an opportunity to sit back and enjoy yourself. Midtown is home to wonderful restaurants, ranging from barbecue joints to elegant continental cuisine, Houston's finest traditional tradesmen share space with upscale shopping abounds and you can enjoy the fresh air in the Elizabeth Baldwin Park or the Midtown Park. Midtown truly is a perfect blend of old and new in every aspect.