

# SOUTH PARK NEGLECTED?

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MANY PEOPLE MAY REMEMBER THE NICE AREA CALLED SOUTH PARK.

This was back in the days where things in the area were up to par. Many of us, who now live in other areas, also attended school in South Park. The area is the only community some residents know. So much has now changed in the area. Years back many businesses were lined up on about every other block. Business was so good and residents were very proud of their community. The main street was named South Park Boulevard and is currently Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and the area is known as the MLK and the South Park areas.

Now I'm wondering what happened to the community's pride. Did it fade out with South Park or do the residents care about the MLK area? If you were to drive down MLK Blvd. you will not find any super markets, fruits stands or malls, etc... Why do you think the investors will not invest into the MLK area? Is it because they don't want the residents' money or is it the way the community looks?



What are city leaders doing about this? The community needs to use their voting power to take care of this matter. This area should look like the Bellaire community, where the residents support their businesses and keep city leaders working hard for them. Now I'm also wondering will the community let this area die or bring it back to life.

Where are Wal-Mart, Kroger, Foodarama, and HEB? They're always saying that they are here for the community. Are city council members trying to get any of them in the area? Most of the MLK residents have to drive to Pearland just to shop at Wal-Mart. The nearest Kroger store is on Telephone Road. The nearest HEB is in the Gulf Gate Mall area and the nearest Foodarama is on South Post Oak. Now my question to the residents is are you spending more on gas than what you are getting from the store? Let us stop focusing on what was tried to be done in the past. We need to focus on what we are going to do now.

I drove down MLK on June 6, 2008 just to take a few pictures of my concerns. The pictures I took really touched me, because I'm thinking if I were an investor would I spend my money in this area.