



Norman Funderburk

on staying power

Norman Funderburk wasn't born in Humble - but he got here as fast as he could. His family moved in 1966 and since then, he's developed a passion for the City that he demonstrates every day. Norman and wife, Kathy, are proud Humble High grads. He's active in local government and many charities, he is an influential community and church leader and was honored a few years ago when named Citizen of the Year by the LHA Chamber of Commerce. Now that he's retired as vice president for project services with Koch Specialty Plant Services, he devotes much of his time as an Humble City Council member.



Norman credits his parents with much of his success and certainly with his strong appreciation for relationships and community.

"I'm blessed to be living right where I grew up, where I went to school, with life-long friends that I cherish. I'm also fortunate to have spent my entire working career with quality organizations - Koch and Brown & Root - both with distinct cultures focusing on integrity and compliance, valuing creation and respect. They were great workplace environments.

"My parents have been my role models having the most influence. My Dad, who was a petroleum engineer, taught me how important it was to be a good provider and role model and how crucial it is to be the spiritual leader of the family. I learned the importance of kindness, being respectful and generous, especially to those in need, from my Mom. She also gave me wisdom that I have practiced every day - 'Half the battle in life is just showing up.' That's a reflection of my personal commitment and exactly what I strive to do. I think that has a lot to do with 'Staying Power.'

"When I first came to Humble, in 1966, I knew this was where I wanted to stay. The sense of community and the closeness of the people was so evident. We've never even considered leaving. Humble will remain our home where we have roots, family, lifelong friends and the safety and security of living here.

"Each of us, I believe, can have that 'Staying Power' by discovering those ways we can contribute, serve and strive to make a difference in our community. I spent 15 years on the Northeast Hospital Board of Authority. I've been a deacon since 2001 at First Baptist Humble. I've seen the difference others have made in our community. They paved the way and now it's time for us to make a difference as well."

"I want the City to retain its identity and "small-town feel" and yet be able to grow progressively. We have such a rich history and a great legacy. We need to embrace it. This should be a destination location where families want to live, where anyone would want to visit, where businesses can thrive. I will always work to serve our community and protect our quality of life here in Humble."

Like Norman Funderburk, The Tribune is deeply committed to our Lake Houston community. We both have staying power. Norman Funderburk has spent a lifetime helping others through his community work. For more than 10 years, The Tribune has focused on our community, the people who live here, the businesses that thrive here and the churches, sports and community organizations that make Lake Houston such a wonderful place to live.

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