

## The Buzz

### What Makes Washington Avenue Better

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If you're like me you might remember trolling down Richmond Avenue frequenting the local bar and grills like Sam's Boat, Sam's Icehouse, Billy Blues, and The Magnolia Bar and Grill to name a few. And before that dance clubs and bar and grills like Elon's, The Ocean Club and The Palm were the rage. There's always been somewhere cool to hang out in Houston. Right now the hot spot is the Washington Corridor on Washington Avenue. No matter what your preference you can find it here.

For the wine lovers, there's Cova and Max's Wine Dive. Delicious food can be found at a number of places such as Lorenzo's, Benjy's, Coppa Ristorante Italiano, El Tiempo Cantina, Soma, and Hubcap Grill to name a few. In addition, Washington Avenue has a plethora of watering holes - a river of choices to quench your thirst such as Pearl Bar, Walter's on Washington, Eight, Brix and the latest up and coming Kung Fu - the place where you can couple fun with games.

Talk about action ... the week starts out slowly but by Thursday night the area is booming. And when you think about this much activity in one area, what do you think is usually the biggest problem you might encounter. Parking. That's right. Parking. The beauty of hanging out on the Washington Corridor is that there is a jitney shuttle service operating up and down the corridor, shuttling patrons from place to place.

That's right! A jitney shuttle service! It's not a taxi, a something in between and it's *the wave* of the future. own official jitney service founded by a young vision that Washington Avenue was going to take off going to be a huge problem. She was right and thus service began with one jitney shuttle and now operates



bus or limo. It's *The Wave* is Houston's entrepreneur who had a and that parking was began *The Wave*. The three. What genius!

There are several ways to utilize *The Wave*. You can shuttle anytime to catch a ride, or you can simply stand clearly marked jitney stops. Other ways to utilize this available by calling 713-863-WAVE.



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So when planning a night out on the town, have fun, be a public shuttle at your service!

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