Officials from Fort Bend County and the City of Houston gathered on November 20, 2012, to break ground on the new Senior Center located at 5525 Hobby Road, behind the Boys and Girls Club.

Fort Bend County Judge Robert Hebert and Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage officiated at the ceremonies. Officials from Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, Houston City Council Members Larry Green (K) and Wanda Adams (D), and numerous other community leaders and interested citizens were also on hand to celebrate the start of construction.

Located in a portion of Fort Bend County that is within the Houston city limits, the Center is an example of collaboration between the county and the City of Houston formed by leadership in both areas. Funding for this community project is jointly provided by Fort Bend County and federal funds secured through the City of
Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department. The City of Houston Health Department will provide health and wellness services and Fort Bend HHS will manage the day to day operations. The Center will also include: an auditorium, a fitness center, an Internet Wi-Fi Café and mini-library.

This facility is a symbol of progress, growth and concern among city and county leadership for the area’s aging population and is scheduled to open its doors in the summer of 2013. “We have worked on his project for 4 years and we are very excited that it will finally become a reality”, said Commissioner Prestage.

**Summer Intern Helps Re-Sculp The Future Of The FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum**

Richard Gazadar summer intern from Prairie View A & M Extension Program gave some much needed interior design and architectural planning to the FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum in Kendleton, Texas this summer. Encouraged by the want to preserve the African American history of Fort Bend County through the museum, Richard was challenged with redesigning the interior spaces and developing floor and site plans for future renovations and additions.

Gazadar worked eagerly alongside volunteer museum board president Mable Huff and met with community leaders, county officials, engineers and Extension personnel to gain insight and guidance necessary to organize and design a functional layout for the museum.

One of the community leaders for the museum project was Staff Director, Katie

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**Precinct 2 Cajun-Creole Holiday Party**

On December 7th, Precinct 2 hosted its annual Cajun-Creole Holiday Party at Fifth Street Community Center in Stafford, Texas. The tremendous success of the Holiday Party was a result of the exceptional efforts made by so many of our extremely talented staff members. A wonderful and festive time was had by all. There were many people throughout the county whom attended the event, including U.S. Congressmen Al Green and State Representative Ron Reynolds.

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**Fort Bend County Lights Up At Night**

With U.S. Department of energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding, solar powered lighting illuminates six Fort Bend County parks and two municipality owned buildings. The 86 lighting fixtures installed within
The FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum, established in 2004, credit their success to the diligence of the board volunteers, the advice of local community leaders, the assistance of the Fort Bend County Extension office, and the contributions of the County Commissioner’s Court. The hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information about the Fort Bend County Heritage Unlimited Museum, contact Mable Huff at 979-531-8694 or email her at mableh@consolidated.net.

"These lighting fixtures will save the county thousands of dollars, and Fort Bend County will not have to use tax payer dollars to power the lights at night," said Lolalisa King, President of Architect for Life-Professional Organization.

County residents will be able to enjoy outdoor areas during cooler times of the day due to the solar lighting. "We can come workout on the hill [Kitty Hollow Park] at night," said Grant Patterson, junior at Elkins High School. Being able to see the surroundings provides an added sense of security to the parks, increasing Fort Bend County's ability to keep residents safe.