



December 2013



*Commissioner Grady Prestage's*  
**PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

"Commissioner's Corner" (December Edition)



Click the link to watch the December edition of Commissioner's Corner:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Vy-qE8aINw>

## Fort Bend County Courthouse Restoration Completed



The long awaited Fort Bend County Courthouse restoration was officially completed Thanksgiving of this year. The newly restored courthouse will house the offices of the Fort Bend County Judge and County Attorney; and will also be the location of Commissioners Court meetings every first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The original building with its distinctive three story rotunda was designed by C. H. Page and Brothers in 1908 and features a mix of brick and stone, with turrets and a copper dome, mosaic-tile flooring and green glazed-tile wainscoting. Two additions were made to the original structure-one in 1935 and the other in 1957.

The restoration process began in May of 2011 when Fort Bend County applied to

## New Bridge Connects Sienna Plantation and Riverstone Communities



Commissioner Prestage, local elected officials and many others pose for the official grand opening.

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
Commissioner Grady Prestage and other local elected officials attended the grand opening of the new 300-foot bridge that rises over the Flat Bank Creek Diversion Channel. The bridge connects LJ Parkway in Riverstone and Sienna Springs Road in Sienna Plantation.

With the connection of these two communities, it creates an alternative route to Highway 6 and U.S. 59. On the Sienna Plantation side of Flat Bank Creek, the bridge diverts traffic to U.S. 59 off of Highway 6, giving residents more route options when driving to First Colony Mall or the University of Houston Sugar Land campus. The bridge will also provide another route to the Fort Bend Parkway which is being extended from

the Texas Historical Commission for a planning grant. The County was awarded \$296,362 to cover the costs for the design plans for the restoration.

The construction phase of the rehabilitation began in January of 2013 and included the removal of the 1957 addition of the two one story additions on either side of the Liberty Street entrance and will restore the building to its 1935 appearance. Great care has been taken to preserve the original beauty of the landmark including the restoration of original paint colors and the refurbishing of the original windows that shed light from all sides of the building. The original terrazzo floors have been carefully restored wherever possible.



The newly renovated courtroom for Commissioners Court.

Construction to update the functionality of the courthouse included updating the heating and cooling systems, installing fire control sprinklers, and replacing old roofing systems. The copper cladding on the dome was found to be in good shape, requiring only the sealing of joints and an acid wash to recondition the patina. The building was also updated for modern

Highway 6 to Sienna Parkway, just south of the Sienna Springs Road Intersection.

One interesting fact is that the Flat Bank Creek Diversion Channel actually separates the boundaries of Precinct 2 and 4. "With the completion of this bridge, it provides a great alternative route to avoiding the high dosage of traffic on Highway 6. Places such as First Colony Mall, Sugar Land Town Center, and other retail locations will be easier to reach", says Commissioner Grady Prestage.

### Precinct 2 Cajun-Creole Holiday Party 2013



Attendees of the holiday party being served.

Precinct 2 hosted its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cajun-Creole Holiday Party on December 6th at Fifth Street Community Center in Stafford, Texas. The annual event organized by Commissioner Prestage is a family-style, community get together in celebration of the holiday season.





wiring and electrical components and data to support county operations.

The total cost of the project is \$5.8 million. Outside of the small planning grant awarded by the State, The George Foundation generously contributed \$2 million to the restoration and will be recognized in the foyer of the landmark for their longstanding support and contribution to Fort Bend County and its rich history.

The foundation, established in 1945 by Albert and Mamie George, strives to benefit the residents of Fort Bend County and ensure that the area thrives.

The first Commissioner's Court in the newly renovated courthouse was held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **The official grand opening is scheduled for Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 2pm - 4pm to celebrate the 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday of this historic courthouse.**



Left to Right: Commissioner Prestage, Stafford City Council Member Felecia Evans-Smith, Fort Bend County Assistant Engineer Rick Staigle, and Ray Aguilar of Classic Chevrolet.

Attendees enjoyed creole favorites of jambalaya, etouff  , seafood gumbo, fried fish, fried chicken, red beans and rice and other southern classics. The tremendous success of the Holiday Party is a result of the joint collaboration amongst Precinct 2 officials Judge Joe Clouser and Constable Ruben Davis and staff. An estimated 400+ people attended the event including U.S. Congressmen Al Green and State Representative Ron Reynolds. A festive time was had by all who attended.

Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage  
303 Texas Parkway, Suite 213  
Missouri City, TX 77489 / Phone: (281) 403-8000  
Email: [commpct2@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:commpct2@co.fort-bend.tx.us)

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

Commissioner Grady Prestage  
303 Texas Parkway  
Suite 213  
Missouri City, Texas 77489  
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

**vertical** DELIVERED BY  
**response**  
Try It Free Today!

