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Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**Commissioner Prestage Debuts
"Commissioner's Corner" on YouTube**



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

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZIHwDXkkgQ>



Embracing this new age of social media, Commissioner Grady Prestage has officially launched his new, monthly series on YouTube titled "Commissioner's Corner." Each month Commissioner Prestage will discuss important economic, social, and political issues in Fort Bend County and how they will impact residents. Make sure to tune in!

Fort Bend County Fights To Keep Transit Dollars



In June of 2005, Fort Bend County officially formed a Public Transportation Department to provide residents with safe and efficient public transportation services. With the creation of the Transportation Department, County residents are able to enjoy bus service by appointment to any location in the County for a minimal cost. Fort Bend County Transportation Department also offers three express fixed-route commuter services to Greenway, Galleria/Yorktown, and the Texas Medical Center.

While these operating services are a great benefit to County residents, their continued use is threatened by the

"Community Operation" 2013 Back To School Health Fair



Pictured Left to Right: Constable Precinct 2 Ruben Davis; AccessHealth CEO Carol Edwards; Commissioner Precinct 2 Grady Prestage; Community Relations Manager Precinct 2 Brenda Patton. On Top: Local Firemen from the Missouri City Fire Department.

Every year, many children start school a week or two late because they don't have proper immunizations, physical examinations or lack school supplies or clothing. The goal of the Back to School Health Fair is to provide area children with an equal opportunity to begin the school year, ready to learn and grow so

language of a new federal bill that was signed into law by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21). Fort Bend County currently participates in the U.S. Surface Transportation Program (STP), a program funded in part by federal gasoline sales tax. Funds from the STP are distributed to state and local governments by Congress for public transportation purposes. Under the current Surface Transportation Program, each urbanized area is allocated funds using a formula based upon: bus revenue miles; bus passenger miles; fixed guide way revenue miles; fixed guide way route miles; population and population density.

In 2012, Congress included vehicle revenue hours (hours when the bus is in active service to pick up and drop off passengers) to the expense formula in addition to the aforementioned parameters. With the inclusion of this new language the Transportation Department is experiencing a major reduction in the amount of federal funding which can be used for operating expenses.

Although the Fort Bend County Transportation Department continues to operate, the impact of the reduced eligibility will erode the current level of programs and services provided, therefore preventing future growth.

Fort Bend County's Commissioner's Court has been vigilant in reaching out to our congressional representatives to encourage them to take action on revising the language that is adversely

that they may have a healthy school start.

Commissioner Prestage and other elected officials are teaming with AccessHealth to host the **Community Operation Back to School Health Fair on August 3, 2013 from 9 am until Noon, at the Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex located at 307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX 77489.** We invite you to come out and meet your neighbors, enjoy great music, fun activities, and delicious food as we commune in the name of health!

In addition to providing free health care, information, and school supplies, residents have an opportunity to learn more about the different programs & services the County provides to its residents. "The Community Operation Back to School Health Fair increases health awareness by providing health screenings, activities, materials, demonstrations and information that motivates participants to make positive healthy choices," says County Commissioner Grady Prestage.

During the 2012 Back to School Health Fair, over 125 volunteers, staff, and elected officials were involved. We issued over 1300 backpacks, provided over 160 immunizations, and conducted over 180 dental screenings.

"We are truly "A Community Operation" and a healthy community is a productive community," says Carol Edwards, CEO of AccessHealth.

Please come out and enjoy **FREE:**

affecting transit operations. "We would definitely encourage residents of Fort Bend County to call their members of Congress to urge them to do what they can to assist the county's transit system in this effort," says Paulette Shelton, Fort Bend County Transportation Director.

For more information, contact the Fort Bend County Transportation Department at [281.633.7433](tel:281.633.7433).

PINNACLE Senior Center of Fort Bend County Update



Current view of the PINNACLE Center (July 2013)

We are extremely delighted that the construction of the much awaited Senior Community Center in Fort Bend County is near completion! After a slight construction delay, the scheduled completion date has been moved to the month of October 2013.

If you are interested in volunteering, offering a class/presentation/workshop, or have a suggestion for a program you would like to see offered at the center, please contact Sonya Santee @ 832-816-9540 or sonya.santee@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

- Immunizations
- Dental Screenings
- Vision Screenings
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Backpacks & School Supplies
- Food & Activities

Children must accompany parent in order to receive the backpacks and school supplies. For more information on the Community Operation Back to School Health Fair, contact Christopher Harvey at [281.403.8004](tel:281.403.8004).

Walk With Pride Now Accepting Applications



Pictured Left to Right: Commissioner Precinct 2 Grady Prestage and Earl White, III.

Fort Bend County Social Services will host their annual "Walk with Pride Shoe Program" on August 18th. Each year before school begins, children of low income families can register to receive a free pair of shoes from select Payless Shoe stores. Last year, 1,100 children received a new pair of shoes.

To determine eligibility, the following information must be provided:

- Identification for Parents that show proof of Fort Bend County residency (I.D. Card or Driver License AND Social Security Card)
- Proof of Income

Applications for the program can be picked up and submitted at the Social Service office located at:

**Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex
307 Texas Parkway, Ste 235
Missouri City, Texas 77459**

The deadline for application submission is August 2, 2013. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, contact Fort Bend County Social Services at [281.403.8050](tel:281.403.8050).

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