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Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Commissioner Attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For
The Ibn Sina Foundation Post Oak Clinic



On May 3, 2013, Commissioner Prestage helped celebrate the Fort Bend County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Ibn Sina Foundation's Community Clinic in Fort Bend County. The clinic located at 16345 S. Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas 77053, is in the portion of Fort Bend County located in the city of Houston. It was designed specifically for community residents who are uninsured and/or underinsured.

"This clinic is a welcomed service in this area of the county. Families who are unable to afford healthcare now have a viable option to receive quality care from experienced medical professionals", stated Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage as he spoke to the crowd gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Ibn Sina Foundation was established in 2001 by a coalition of local physicians, business and healthcare professionals who wanted to make an impact in their communities. Their vision is to bridge the growing gap between the health care needs of a rapidly expanding population, and offer quality care to low income and indigent families who have no access to health care and cannot afford expensive health related services.

Services offered at the IBN Sina Community Clinic consist of:

- **Medical Services** (School physicals, medical consultation, minor procedures).
- **Dental Services** (Teeth whitening, crowns, scaling and deep cleaning, and enamel colored fillings).
- **Specialty Services** (Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Pediatrics, Family Counseling).
- **Diagnostic and Imaging Services** (Stress tests, digital x-rays, ultrasound, MRI's).

For more information about this clinic, you can visit their website at ibnsinafoundation.org or call [281.438.7462](tel:2814387462)

Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program

Are you in need of home repair? Fort

Fort Bend County Kitty Hollow Bark Park Receives Donation from Raising Cane's

Bend County Community Development Department administers the Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This program assists low to moderate income families by allowing them to make much needed repairs to their homes and make sure they are up to specific codes according to the Fort Bend County Local Housing Standards, the Southern Building Code and the Council of American Building Officials One and Two Family Dwelling Code.

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department was created by the Commissioners Court in 1992 to implement the Community Development Block Grant (A program that provides an annual grant to the county to carry out a wide range of community development activities) and other federal housing programs for the county. The Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program provides financial assistance in the form of a rehabilitation deferred loan. The maximum amount of the deferred loan is \$35,000, or the assessed value of the property, whichever is less. To get more information about the assessed value of your home contact the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.

Any person wishing to apply for housing rehabilitation assistance or looking for information about the process of securing financial assistance should meet the following requirements:



(Pictured Left to Right: Rick Ellstrom, General Manager of Missouri City Raising Cane's; Mike Davis, Fort Bend County Parks Director)

Kitty Hollow Bark Park –the County's first off-leash Park built exclusively for dogs- officially opened for business on March 23rd to an eager group of dog owners, local veterinarians, and county officials. The Bark Park has been a welcomed addition to area, and in April we welcomed another addition, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers to the neighborhood. In an effort to be a good neighbor, Raising Cane's is investing their resources in support of the Kitty Hollow Bark Park.

On Friday, April 12th, Rick Ellstrom (General Manager of the Missouri City location) and about 40 crewmembers volunteered their time and energy at the Kitty Hollow Bark Park in Missouri City, where they installed new agility equipment for the dogs to enjoy. Active community involvement and supporting communities that support them is a large part of the vision of Raising Cane's. A little known fact is that Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers is named after the founder and owner Todd Graves' dog, Raising Cane.

- Low & moderate income families who qualify on the basis of the most current HUD Section 8 Housing Program Income Limits ([click here for Income Limits](#))
- Must be owner or occupants of the property
- Must be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien
- Must exhibit the ability to pay for monthly housing expenses (mortgages, utility bills, etc.)
- Must reside in either unincorporated areas or incorporated areas of these cities in Fort Bend County: Arcola, Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Stafford and Thompsons.

For more information on eligibility requirements and to complete the housing rehab assistance application you can follow the links provided: [Eligibility Requirements](#) [Application](#).

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department is located at 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602, Richmond, TX 77469.

For more information regarding this and other programs, call [281.341.4410](tel:281.341.4410), or visit their website [Community Development Department](#).



Agility Section at Bark Park

Raising Cane's has five focus areas in community relations, with one being pet-welfare, which is why Raising Cane's partnership with the dog community should not come as a surprise. Continuing under Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers mantra of "ensuring each Raising Cane's gives back to the communities they're located in", on April 23rd, Raising Cane's Missouri City location also held a promotional fundraiser to raise money for a future project at the Kitty Hollow Dog Park. Raising Cane's distributed flyers throughout the community inviting patrons to redeem the flyers to receive a free meal. Patrons enjoying the free meal had the option of donating to the Kitty Hollow Dog Park if they desired.

Through this effort the new Missouri City location raised \$500.00 from patron donations, which Raising Canes matched bringing the total amount raised from the fundraiser to \$1,000. "We're very excited about this partnership with Raising Cane's," said Mike Davis, Fort Bend County Parks Director. "Any contribution or time invested in making Kitty Hollow Bark Park a better environment for dogs and their owners is always welcomed."

The Kitty Hollow Bark Park is located inside of Kitty Hollow Park (across from Sienna Plantation), located at 9555 Highway 6, Missouri City, Texas 77459.

For more information about the Dog Park and other Park amenities, contact Fort Bend County Parks Department at [281.835.9419](tel:281.835.9419).

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