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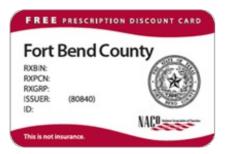
# "Commissioner's Corner" (October Edition)



Click the link to watch the October edition of Commissioner's Corner: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZz66zMqKeg</u>



## Fort Bend County Prescription Drug Discount Card



Americans are paying more for prescription drugs than ever before. Without prescription coverage, staying healthy can come at a high price. As a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo), Fort Bend County is able to provide the Discount Prescription Drug Card to residents at no cost.

Commissioner Grady Prestage as the National Association of Counties (NACo) representative for Fort Bend County initiated the push to implement the Discount Prescription Drug Card for Fort Bend residents. The cards were made available to residents on August 11, 2009, and offers an average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly, prescribed drugs.

The Discount Prescription Drug Card may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. Approximately 100+ pharmacies in the county will accept the NACo Discount Card, and more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide

## Commissioner Prestage Attends 30th Annual National Night Out Activities



Commissioner Prestage and City of Meadows Place Mayor Charles Jessup attending a National Night Out block party.

County Commissioner Grady Prestage joined residents and other local elected officials to participate in the "30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" program on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. While National Night Out is celebrated in the month of August in other states, Texas celebrates in the month of October. National Night Out is a year-long community building campaign designed to:

- Heighten awareness about crime prevention
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

### will honor it.

"In light of all the recent discussion about healthcare and prescription drugs, it is imperative that our citizens who are uninsured take advantage of every program designed to help contain cost. The NACo Prescription Drug Card program has been available in Fort Bend County since 2009 and we have saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in cost for prescription drugs", says Commissioner Grady Prestage.

The NACo Prescription Discount Card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county. Although you may have insurance with prescription coverage, you can still benefit from the discount card since it may save you money on prescriptions your existing plan does not cover. There is no enrollment form, no membership form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Residents can also use the card for pet medications.

Commissioner Prestage is encouraging all residents of Fort Bend County to take advantage of this great program! The card is easy to use and has been a huge benefit to hundreds of residents since it was introduced in 2009. The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

For more information about the discount card program and locations where you can pick up a card, follow this link to <u>NACo</u> <u>Prescription Discount Card Program</u> or contact Brenda Patton @ 281-403-8001.



Commissioner Prestage at the Quail Run National Night Out block party.

Commissioner Prestage had the opportunity to visit several National Night Out block parties in Precinct 2 (City of Missouri City Target Store Block Party, City of Meadows Place, Arcott Place, Promenade, and Quail Run) to meet with residents and hear about their successes and concerns. "Bringing people together to find ways to make their neighborhoods safer and promote crime prevention is always a wonderful opportunity and I look forward to attending the National Night Out activities every year," said Commissioner Prestage.

Since the inception of the first National Night Out Program on Tuesday, August 7th 1984, the program has grown from 2.5 million participants across 400 communities in 23 states; to over 37 million participants and 15,000 communities. Today National Night Out involves participation from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

The traditional "lights on" campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various

#### \*Save the Date

# Medicare Part D Seminar

Come join us for a Medicare Part D and Social Security

Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:00 AM The Alpha Center 7031 West Fugue Dr Missouri City TX 77489

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Xi Kappa Lambda Educational Foundation 501(c)3 will conduct a Medicare Part D and Social Security Seminar on **November 9**, 2013 for 10am at the Alpha Center, 7031 West Fuqua Drive, Missouri City, Texas 77489.

Residents are enocuraged to come out and attend this free seminar!

# DIAL 911!

Fort Bend County residents who live within the City of Houston with the zip code of 77489:

When Calling 911, please state that you reside within the City of Houston [not Missouri City]. For more information, contact the Houston Emergency Center at 713.884.3611.

events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, all in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.

# UPDATE PINNACLE Senior Center of Fort Bend County



Current view of the PINNACLE Center (October 2013)

We are extremely delighted that the progress of the much awaited Senior Community Center in Fort Bend County is going smoothly and is scheduled to be opened before the end of the year!





Newly installed fitness equipment at the PINNACLE Center (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@fortbendcountytx.gov.

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