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Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

"Commissioner's Corner" (January Edition)



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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-0rQQJ8gbg>



The PINNACLE Center Officially Open!



The PINNACLE Center

Fort Bend County leaders are inviting residents to the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new PINNACLE Senior Center, 5525#C Hobby Road, Houston, Texas 77053 [located across from Christie McAuliffe Middle School], at 10a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014.

This state-of-the-art facility is the County's first LEED certified building and is a joint project between the City of Houston and Fort Bend County. The center is located in the portion of the county that is within the Houston city limits. This facility is a symbol of progress, growth and concern among city and county leadership for the areas aging population.

The City of Houston Health and Human Services Department will provide Public Health Nursing, Wellness, and Dental

Fort Bend County Social Services Enriching Lives



Throughout all counties in Texas, Social Services play an important role in finding successful solutions to problems that arise for residents. Fort Bend County Social Services Department offers many services to the community and residents of Fort Bend County. Their purpose is to provide short-term assistance for emergency needs such as utilities, groceries, medications, and rental/mortgage assistance.

In keeping with their mission of providing short-term assistance to county residents by enabling them to avoid an immediate crisis; Fort Bend Social Services seeks to enrich lives of residents by providing an array of effective and caring services:

- **Emergency Food Assistance-** Food vouchers are provided to those that are in need.
- **Medication Assistance-** Assist residents with purchasing prescription medications for emergency and non-emergency situations.
- **Bereavement Services-** Assist with

Services. The PINNACLE Center is a facility that offers amenities and services such as:

- A Wi-Fi Internet Café/Library
- Fitness Center
- Fitness Classes – Tai Chi, Weight Training, Zumba, and Yoga
- Dance Classes – Line Dancing, Two Stepping and Swing Out
- ESL Classes through the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County
- Veterans Assistance & Social Service Assistance
- 1st Fridays with a Financial Planner
- Breakfast w/a Broker on 3rd Mondays of each month
- Podiatry Day on 4th Mondays of each month
- Knowledge is POWER DAY.

“We are delighted about the completion of this long awaited facility where we can provide a place that area seniors will be proud to visit”, said County Commissioner Grady Prestage. “This facility along with the available programs and services will assist our seniors in maintaining their independence, health and quality of life. I am particularly pleased with the partnership with the City of Houston and how we are addressing the needs of our shared constituency,” said Commissioner Prestage.

The PINNACLE Center is currently open and free for use to Fort Bend-Houston residents ages 50 and above. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 7:30A.M. – 4:30P.M.

For more information, please contact

cremations or burials to families without adequate resources.

- **Utility Assistance-** Assist residents who are facing harsh ships with utility bills.
- **Rent/Mortgage Assistance-** Help residents with rent, mortgage, or emergency shelter needs.
- **Benefits Assistance-** Assistance with completing applications for **SNAP**, **Medicaid**, **CHIP**, and **TANF** benefits.

To be eligible for these services, residents must be able to provide photo identification; Social Security Cards for all household members; proof of income and/or benefits for the past 30 days; proof of expenditures for past 30 days; and proof of emergency or crisis. Residents can access services at any of the three Fort Bend County Social Services locations:

- **Rosenberg Office:** 4520 Reading Rd., Suite A-99, Rosenberg, TX 77471
- Phone: 281.238.3502
- **Missouri City Office:** 307 Texas Parkway, Ste 235, Missouri City, TX 77459
- Phone: 281.403.8050
- **Katy Office:** 22333 Grand Corner Drive, Katy, TX 77494
- Phone: 281.238.1412

The City of Kendleton's Rich Culture

Facilities & Programs Manager Sonya Santee at 832.816.9540 or email her at sonya.santee@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

Save the Date

**Fort Bend County and City of Houston
Officials are inviting the community to
join in celebrating a**

**Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony**

The PINNACLE Senior Center of Fort Bend County

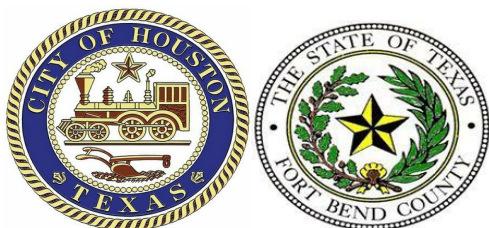
(Across from Christa McAuliffe Middle School)

5525-C Hobby Road, Houston TX 77053

Friday February 14, 2014

10:00-11:30 a.m.

*R.S.V.P. to 281-403-8000 or
Christopher.Harvey@fortbendcountytexas.gov*



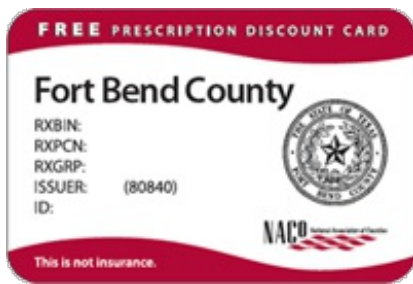
As we approach Black History Month, we want to cast a light on the importance of African American contributions to Fort Bend County's rich history. One such area of focus with rich history is Kendleton, Texas. In 1869 William E. Kendall, an Anglo lawyer from Richmond, Texas subdivided his plantation into 100-acre farm tracts. He sold the land exclusively to Freedmen and by the 1880's; a distinctly African American community named Kendleton had developed in the post reconstruction era.

In 1890 local A.M.E. churches built three one-room schools to form Common School District No. 4, an all-African American district which included the original land grant of Elizabeth Powell.

Tellie B. Mitchell, a Kendleton native and graduate of Wiley College (1903), returned to Kendleton and established Powell Point School in 1904 in a two-room schoolhouse. The school prospered and in 1918 graduated six students, five of whom went on to college and became educators.

In 1923 Mitchell persuaded the Rosenwald Foundation to grant funds to build a new Powell Point facility in Kendleton with six classrooms, a library, and an auditorium. The school became a model institution and entry into its student body was an advantage sought by African

Reminder! NACo Prescription Drug Card Program



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 Prestage is reminding all residents of Fort Bend County to take advantage of this great program!

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

...day was an advantage sought by African Americans throughout southeast Texas.

Tellie B. Mitchell served as school principal until 1954.

Powell Point, today an elementary school, is a locally revered institution which symbolizes Kendleton's unique cultural heritage and promise for the future. For more information about Powell Point and Kendleton's rich history, we encourage county residents to visit the Fort Bend County Heritage Unlimited Museum located at 630 Charlie Roberts Lane, Kendleton, TX 77451. The museum focuses on the lives of African Americans in the surrounding area and consist of permanent exhibits depicting the lifestyles of African American settlers and residents from 1865-1965. The museum is free of charge.

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