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Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Holiday Season of Giving in Fort Bend County



**East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Building:
425 Stafford Run Rd. Sattford, Texas 77477**

The Holiday Season can be difficult times for residents and their families for a number of reasons. However in Fort Bend County, The East Fort Bend Humans Needs Ministry (EFBHNM) and Second Mile Mission Center try to make the holidays a little less stressful by providing decorated baskets filled with food supplies for a complete holiday dinner, and helping spread Christmas joy through special programs.

County and City Leaders Attend Ground Breaking for Brand Lane



From Left to Right: Precinct 4 Commissioner James Patterson; City of Stafford Engineer Charles Russell; Stafford City Councilman Cecil Willis, Jr.; Precinct 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers; Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage; City of Stafford Mayor Leonard Scarcella; Forner Stafford City Council Woman Felecia Evans-Smith; Fort Bend County Engineer Richard Stolleis; Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Morrison

On Monday, November 10th, Fort Bend County and the City of Stafford leaders attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Brand Lane, held at 4303 S. Main, Stafford, Texas (O'Reilly Auto Parts @ Brand Lane and Hwy. 90 A).

The ground breaking consisted of a short program announcing the plans for improvement of Brand Lane. "This is one of the last projects of the 2007 Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Project. We are excited to finally get this last piece of the puzzle completed. The new road will offer a much safer situation for the residents, businesses, and churches in the Brand



The East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry (EFBHNM) Holiday Food Baskets are distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and include everything needed to cook a traditional holiday meal. Families only need to pre-register/sign up to receive a holiday basket on a specified day and then return to pick up the food basket on a designated day prior to the holiday. Although the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Thanksgiving registration has already passed, there is still time to sign-up for the Christmas Registration period!

Christmas Food Basket Program dates:

Sign-up date/time - Monday, Dec. 1st - 10 am - 1 pm

Pick-up date/time - Monday, Dec. 22nd - 10 am - 1 pm

Since its inception in 1990, East Fort Bend Humans Needs Ministry (EFBHNM) has been serving the basic human needs of families in temporary financial crisis. Services are provided primarily to residents of East Fort Bend County as well as referrals from area congregations and other social agencies.

For more information on the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, contact (281) 261.1006 or visit their website at www.HumanNeeds.org.

Lane area,” said Commissioner Prestage.

The Brand Lane street construction will consist of 4 major improvements:

Update to a three-lane concrete section with a center left turn lane; Install sidewalks and storm sewer; Reconstruct the waterline; Adjust sanitary sewer lines.

Construction of Brand Lane will extend from Avenue E to US Hwy 90 A. The estimated completion date is early 2016 and the total project cost is approximately \$7 million, with the City of Stafford incurring almost \$2.5 million of that total. This project is a joint venture between the City of Stafford and WCID #2.

Motorist traveling down Brand Lane can expect traffic delays during the construction. Digital signs will notify motorists of upcoming changes and detour signs, traffic cones, and barrels will be utilized to control the flow of traffic. Mail service will not be disrupted for the duration of the project.

**Commissioner Prestage Attends
Precinct 2 Veteran's Day
Ceremony**



Commissioner Prestage presenting the Frederick Douglass GAR Post#10 Flag to the PINNACLE Center

On Monday, November 10th, Commissioner Prestage attended the PINNACLE Center Veteran's Day



Second Mile Mission Center: 1135 Highway 90A
Missouri City, Texas 77489

The Second Mile Mission Center is also making a big impact on Fort Bend County residents. Over 100 people visiting Second Mile Mission Center in November received hot Thanksgiving meals. The meals contained sides such as rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more.

For two days in December, Second Mile's clothing room will be transform into a Christmas Toy Store, where pre-registered families can purchase toys for their children at 30 to 80 percent off retail prices. 320 families have registered for this event so far. Also through Second Mile's "Gifts of Love" program, families in need will enjoy a special Christmas celebration hosted by Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

Second Mile began in 1990 when a concerned group of men and women saw the need in the community and felt compelled to respond. Then, in 2002, Second Mile became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit supported by grants, organizations and individuals throughout the area.

For more information on the different holiday programs, contact Second Mile Mission Center at (281) 261.9199 or visit their website at www.SecondMile.org.

Ceremony. This ceremony honored the many brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in protecting our country. Many of the veterans that attended are residents of Fort Bend County and come to the PINNACLE Center on a regular basis. Commissioner Prestage also had the opportunity to present the Frederick Douglass GAR Post#10 flag to the PINNACLE Center. This flag was used by GAR Post#10 in Washington D.C. during the 19th and 20th centuries.

"It is my sincere hope that this flag will serve as a constant reminder of our gratitude for the patriots who have rendered the highest service any American can offer this nation...those who fought for our freedom and stood guard for our security," said Commissioner Prestage.

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