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*Commissioner Grady Prestage's*  
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Four Commissioners, each elected from a

## **Commissioner Prestage Attends 31st Annual National Night Out Activities**



From Left to Right: Missouri City Parks Board Chairman Llarance Turner; Missouri City Assistant Public Works Director Sharon Valiante; Commissioner Pct. 2 Grady Prestage; Missouri City District A Council Member Yolanda Ford; Missouri City City Manager Edward Broussard

County Commissioner Grady Prestage joined residents and other local elected officials to participate in the "31st Annual National Night Out" on October 7, 2014.

National Night Out, a year-long

quarter of the county's population, serve along with the County Judge on the Commissioners Court. Many people know that the Commissioners Court is responsible for building and maintaining the roads and bridges of the county.

The Commissioners Court also has the responsibility to adopt the budget and tax rate that is sufficient to fund the personnel, equipment and infrastructure necessary to deliver the services provided by the county. However, the Commissioners Court does much more than maintain roads and adopt a budget and a tax rate.

County government's operations are often tailored to meet the needs and resources of the community, so the programs overseen by the Commissioners Court may vary from county to county. In a typical county, the Commissioners Court also establishes precinct boundaries for Commissioners and Justices of the Peace, determine the number and type of county employees and their compensation, acquire property for rights of way or other public uses, adopt and enforce subdivision regulations, provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection, and supervises and controls the county courthouse and other county buildings and facilities.

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court generally meets in Regular Session on the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. In order for a matter or issue to appear as an agenda item on the Agenda of any Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court, a request must be filed with and approved by at least the County Judge or one Commissioner by 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately preceding the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court.

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community building campaign is 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

Commissioner Prestage had the opportunity to attend a few National Night Out block parties in Precinct 2 (City of Missouri City Target Store Block Party, Meadow Creek, and Creekmont) to meet with residents and hear about their successes and concerns. "Bringing people together to find ways to make their neighborhood safer and promoting crime prevention is always a wonderful opportunity and I look forward to attending the National Night activities every year," said Commissioner Prestage.

Since the inception of the first National Night Out Program on Tuesday, August 7, 1984, the program has grown from 2.5 million participants across 400 communities in 23 states. Today National Night Out involves over 37 million people and 15,000 communities 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 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.

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