



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

"Commissioner's Corner" (July Edition)



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Thomas Taylor Parkway Ribbon Cutting

State Highway 6 Overpass Project



Bend Parkway Highway 6 Overpass – drill shaft foundation installation

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Members of the community and family members of Thomas Taylor join City staff and elected officials at a ribbon cutting on the Parkway named after Mr. Taylor.

On Thursday, July 9, Missouri City staff, elected officials and residents held a special ribbon cutting ceremony for Thomas Taylor Parkway, an approximately \$2.5 million, Fort Bend County-funded extension of Lexington Boulevard from Texas Parkway to Scanlin Road south of the City Hall complex. The project includes a new traffic signal at Texas Parkway and the Thomas Taylor Parkway/Lexington Boulevard intersection.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor Allen Owen welcomed members of the community, including Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage, who was instrumental in the completion of the County project. The new extension is intended as an additional east-west corridor for area citizens and allows convenient access for motorists traveling through the Hunters Glen subdivisions to the western portion of Missouri City and Stafford.

The new road is named after Thomas Taylor, the first African-American Fort Bend County Commissioner who served during Reconstruction. Members of Mr. Taylor's family, including Fort Bend County Sgt. Eurel Taylor, were present at the ribbon cutting.

Thomas Lane Taylor was a history maker who left a legacy in area communities of a man "who will protect, preserve and promote our heritage." A pioneer and a family man, he summoned bravery and courage to forge a political foundation for African-Americans during Reconstruction, when he was elected and served honorably as the first black, Fort Bend County Commissioner for Precinct 2, from 1878-1882.

Commissioner Taylor's public service is extraordinary as he became an elected official during a tumultuous time following the Civil War. In Fort Bend County, the period was marked by conflicts such as the Jaybird-Woodpecker War in which two Democratic Party blocs vied for control. A heated debate during the struggle was whether African-Americans, such as Mr. Taylor, ought to have an opportunity to participate in politics.

The extension of Lexington Boulevard includes a bicycle lane, unrolled as part of the City's overall Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan. Unanimously passed in 2013 by City Council, the Plan was designed to address the diversifying needs of the Show Me City's growing community. Following the guidelines of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the initiative promotes mobility safety, healthy lifestyles, connectivity of citywide trails and a detailed plan for diversifying the City's mobility infrastructure.

"The vision of the plan is to create a safe and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment in the City that encourages people of

Fort Bend County and the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority always strives to give its citizens the best living experience possible. Construction of an overpass of the Fort Bend Parkway Tollroad at Hwy. 6 is a much needed and anticipated improvement.

Construction on the \$30.3 million State Highway 6 Overpass project with Williams Brothers Construction began February 2015. When complete the new bridge will connect the old Fort Bend Parkway mainlanes north of Trammell Fresno to the recently constructed main lanes south of Knight Road. The Highway 6 overpass will be a half-mile long bridge that takes the four mainlanes of Fort Bend Parkway over Highway 6 and Knight Road. The project will also install new entrance and exit ramps as well u-turn lanes at the Highway 6 signalized intersection.

When completed this project will allow traffic on the Fort Bend Parkway going to and from Sienna Parkway to avoid going through the light. This will remove approximately 10,000 vehicles per day from the intersection improving the flow of traffic in the intersection. Ultimately the Fort Bend Parkway will be extended beyond Sienna Parkway and will cross the Brazos River providing a connection to the west side of Fort Bend County.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016, weather permitting and if all utilities are relocated in a timely fashion. Upon completion, the Fort Bend Parkway will provide non-stop, highway travel from Sienna Parkway in Fort Bend County to US-90A in Harris County. The Fort Bend Parkway will remain open to the traveling public at all times during the construction of this project.

There will be no additional tolls for motorists who choose to use the overpass once it is completed. Please use caution and be aware of your surroundings when navigating through the construction zones and heed all warnings and cautionary signs.

all ages to walk and bike for everyday transportation and enjoyment," Mayor Owen said. "Providing a bicycle lane allows less experienced cyclists additional comfort of not having to share a lane with a vehicle, allows the cyclist to ride at a comfortable speed and encourages a position within the roadway where cyclists are more likely to be seen by motorists."



Commissioner Thomas Taylor

Fort Bend County Emergency Medical Service Medic 3 Has a New Location!



Fort Bend County EMS Medic 3's new location in the City of Meadows Place at the Stafford Fire Station #3

On June 30, 2015, Fort Bend County Emergency Medical Service's (FBCEMS) Medic 3 relocated from the existing Williams Trace Boulevard location to the City of Meadows Place in the Stafford Fire Station #3 at 11803-B Kirkwood Drive. This move is a result of Fort Bend County EMS reassessing service area needs and being committed to providing excellent pre-hospital emergency care to the growing county.

In this new location, Medic 3 is able to respond to calls more efficiently in Fort Bend County; while not having to first drive through Sugar Land to reach the response area. "The move to the City of Meadows Place is very much a strategic win for FBCEMS," states Graig Temple, Fort Bend County EMS Director. Medic 3 is closer to the eastern district of Medic 7 as well as Medic 10 and is considered the second due MICU for these busy locations. Medic 3 was the last Fort Bend County MICU remaining in the City of Sugar Land after Sugar Land Fire Department established their own EMS Service. Medic 7 which was moved previously, will be moving into a new station along with the North East Fire Department off of Clodine Rd. later this year.

For the month of July (June 30-July 29) in District 3 (Medic 3's primary response area) there have been 64 calls with a median response time of 04:36. Year to date, Medic 3 has handled 784 responses with 293 being in District 3, 172 in District 7 and 101 in District 10. As stated Medic 3 has been covering calls in these districts all year and

Additional information or updates on this project can be found on the Authorities website at www.fbctra.com.

Lets Get Ready To Go Back To School!

For the past four years Commissioner Prestage has teamed up with Access Health and other elected officials to host an Annual Back To School Health Fair at the Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex, 307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77459 .

Come out and Join us on August 8th to make sure our kids have what they need to start a healthy school year.

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- Free Vision Screenings
- Free Dental Screenings
- Free Speech and Language Screenings
- Free School Supplies and Backpacks
- Free Food and Activities
- Free Hot Dogs (Missouri City)
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due to the call volume it was the right move and will help decrease response times overall.

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