



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2016



***County and City Officials
 Attend Brand Lane
 Ribbon Cutting***

***AccessHealth's
 4th Annual Community
 Challenge Tournament a
 Success!***



(L-R: Babu Patel, BAPS; Pinakin Jaradi, BAPS; Ashwin Dave, BAPS; Wesley Crawford, FBC Engineering; ; Haresh Patel, BAPS; Kyle Kaspar, Jones and Carter; Jack Belt, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council; Cecil Willis, Stafford City Council; James Patterson, Commissioner Precinct 4; Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2; Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert; Hector Acevedo, Quail Valley Municipal Utility District; Leonard Scarcella, Mayor of Stafford; John Ferro, President Ferro Land Investments, Virginia Rosas, Stafford City Council; Michael Boenig Allgood Construction; Ken Matthews, Stafford City Council; Sydney Austin, Austin-Reed Engineers, Felecia Evans-Smith; Epi Salazar, SES Horizon; Michael Salazar, SES Horizon; Sam Moore, Contractor, Allgood Construction; Local resident)

On Thursday April 14th, Commissioner Prestage, County Officials, Water Control & Improvement District #2, City of Stafford Officials and BAPS Temple attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Brand Lane, held at the intersection of Ludwig & Brand Lane.

The ribbon cutting signified the completion of one of the last remaining projects from 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 Lane area," said Commissioner Prestage.

The 1.25 mile project consisted of several improvements: an upgrade to a two-lane concrete road with a center left turn lane; Installation of sidewalks and a storm sewer; Reconstruction of the waterline and an adjustment to sanitary sewer lines. The street construction of Brand Lane, a joint venture between Fort Bend County, City of Stafford and WCID #2 cost approximately \$7 million and now extends from Avenue E to US Hwy 90A.



Saturday, April 9 at the Missouri City Community Park, Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage threw out the first pitch to kick off AccessHealth's 4th Annual *Community Challenge* Tournament. The event raised over \$25,000 to provide health care services for the low-income and uninsured in Fort Bend County and the surrounding areas.

Fort Bend Businesses teamed up to sponsor and compete at softball, volleyball and kickball in a bracket style, fun-filled event for all ages. Attractions included food trucks, raffles, a rock climbing wall, bouncy house and other children's activities. All proceeds will help AccessHealth provide health care to families and individuals who would otherwise likely go without the medical care they need.



AccessHealth is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides primary health care services for the low-income and uninsured in Fort Bend and Waller Counties. Serving a vulnerable population, AccessHealth meets otherwise unmet health care needs, and offers continuity of care throughout all life cycle stages. Ninety-nine

**Cinco De Mayo
Celebration to Benefit
Fort Bend Seniors for
11TH Year in a Row!**



La Cocina Mexican Restaurant and Catering is proud to host its 11th Annual Cinco de Mayo fundraising event which will benefit Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS). The event will be held at La Cocina on Saturday, May, 7th from 5pm - 10:30 pm. Activities will include a live band, live and silent auctions, raffle drawings, drink specials and great Tex-Mex cuisine. Everyone is invited to join the fun and support a worthy cause.

“For the past ten years, the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser has contributed more than \$250,000 towards feeding and caring for our seniors. Fort Bend Seniors is able to feed an abundance of senior citizens in need each year with the help of La Cocina Restaurant and its owners, Andres and Rachel Novoa” said Manuela Arroyos, Fort Bend Seniors CEO.

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels provides more than 1,300 hot, nutritious, home-delivered meals to seniors who typically live alone and are unable to prepare their own meals. In addition, Fort Bend Seniors

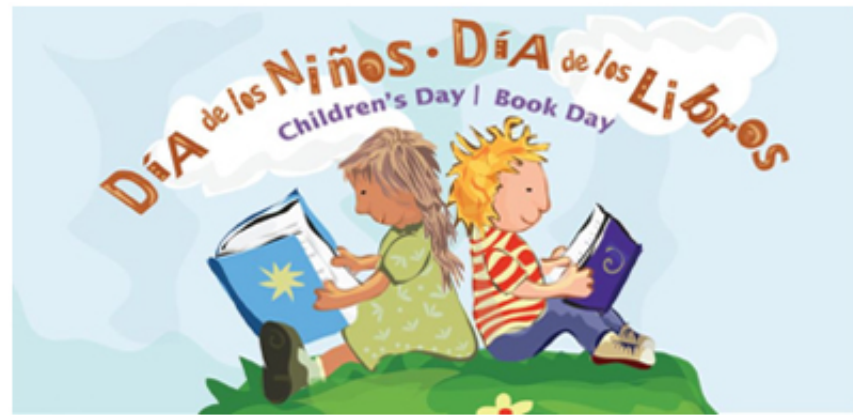


percent of AccessHealth’s patients have a family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. AccessHealth is a United Way agency.

For information on the *Community Challenge* Tournament or AccessHealth, please contact Cindy Reaves at (281) 633-3169 or creaves@myaccesshealth.org.

**All are Invited to Celebrate
“El Día de los Niños!”**

Fort Bend County Libraries’ Missouri City Branch Library is inviting you to come celebrate El Día de los Niños – Day of the Children on **Wednesday, April 27th** at 6:30 pm, in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 1530 Texas Parkway.



El Día de los Niños, commonly known as DÍ, is a special day set aside to recognize the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. The common goals of all Día programming are to: Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories and libraries; Introduce families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies; Nurture cognitive and literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child’s home language and culture; and Recognize and respect culture, heritage and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities.

offers older adults congregate meals from eleven site locations, transportation to and from the center, health screenings, recreational activities, and other health-giving programs.

If you are unable to attend the event, contributions and donations are still welcomed. For VIP tickets, table purchases, or direct donations, visit: www.fortbendseniors.org.

Come Enjoy Live Music at Library's Jazz Appreciation Day

In recognition of Jazz Appreciation Month, **Saturday, April 30th**, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the Missouri City Branch Library presents "Jazz with a Touch of Gospel." The library will present a brief talk on the history of jazz music followed by a performance by Adrian Berry and the Songbirdz. The Songbirdz, a local a cappella group, will sing a selection of songs that pay homage to the richness of the jazz experience.



Jazz Appreciation Month

Berry is a recording artist, songwriter, and vocal arranger. She has a bachelor's degree in humanities, with emphasis in music, from the University of Houston-Downtown, and currently teaches music technology.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Missouri City Branch Library at 281-238-2100 or the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

::Special Announcements::

Members of the Youth Services department will present a special "Fiesta del Día de los Niños," with books, songs, and treats. Library staff will demonstrate how to make two traditional Mexican drinks, 'Agua de Jamaica' and 'horchata', that families can make at home. Bring the whole family for an evening celebration of children and the Hispanic culture!

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Missouri City Branch Library at 281-238-2100 or the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

Fort Bend Hispanic Heritage Forum Announces 'Dollars for Scholars'

The Fort Bend Hispanic Heritage Forum (FBHFF), is a non-profit organization established in 2005 specifically to provide recognition and financial assistance for higher education students in Fort Bend County. In keeping with its purpose to 'Promote and Support Higher Education', FBHFF is proud to announce its newest campaign entitled 'Dollars for Scholars'. The new campaign hopes to frame support for a stronger, 'college-going' culture, that encourages the whole community to invest and commit toward.

The 'Dollars for Scholars' campaign will host and/or participate in a variety of annual events; Family BINGO, Rosenberg's Family Fourth Celebration, Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Community Leadership banquet and Hispanic Heritage Month. Funds raised through these events will further expand the goal of supporting Fort Bend youth through college.

**'DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS'
FAMILY BINGO**

SUNDAY - MAY 15, 2016

2:00 to 5:00

Doors Open at 1:00 ** Games starts Promptly at 2:00

25 GAMES -- \$20.00 (3 CARDS)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Family Life Center
(1600 Avenue D -- Rosenberg, Tx)



Hosted by Ft. Bend Hispanic Heritage Forum
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

Proceeds Support Scholarship Awards -- June 9, 2016

Info: Linda (832-922-5903) or Janie (281-239-5236)
Attention High School Students -- Earn Volunteer Service Hours



Monday, May 9, 2016

9 AM - 1 PM

George R. Brown Convention Center

Exhibit Hall B-3

1001 Avenida De Las Americas

Houston, TX 77010

Register Online At:

www.secondchancejobfair.com

For More Information Call 832-393-3001

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Fort Bend Hispanic Heritage is all about higher education and with the support from Community Partners and a strong network of volunteers, FBHHF has awarded \$91,000 in scholarships to more than 150 students and remains committed to the investment of higher education. The FBHHF is accepting applications for its 2016 Scholarship Program from now through **May 14th, 2016**. Applications can be downloaded at www.hispanicheritageforum.org.

For additional information, contact Joe Vera (713-557-1112); Lupe A. Cabello (281-413-8617) or Janie G. Warstler (281-239-5236)

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We'd Like to Hear from
You!***



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Write away!