



## *Commissioner Grady Prestage's* **PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

July 2016



***Commissioner Prestage joins  
City of Meadows Place Annual  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!***

***Fort Bend County  
Introduces New App!***

Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage joined Mayor Charles Jessup and other Elected Officials from Meadows Place and Fort Bend County to celebrate our Nations independence. This year's Parade Marshal was Craig Hlavaty from "Between the Lines" on NewsFix Channel 39 who also did a short piece on the parade, which is available to see on their website.



Truly a small town parade, participants included lots of red, white and blue, youth floats and tons of bikes & kids. There was also a yard decorating contest for homes along the route and surrounding neighborhood. The St. Thomas Alumni Pipe Band & The Patriotic Brass Ensemble provided music, while Jurassic Extreme Dinosaurs & Swatson from the Skeeters provided entertainment.



Floats from youth organizations such as Meadows Marlins Swim Team, Meadows Place PONY Baseball, Meadows Place Book Worm Club, Cub Scout Packs 301 and 1115 also joined the parade. Nearby businesses and residents such as Stafford Fire trucks, Meadows Place Police Department, Fort Bend County Constables & Fort Bend County



Fort Bend County I.T. has partnered with PublicStuff to create a mobile app to better interface with residents and allow individuals to clearly and directly communicate specific problems within the County.

*Connect with Fort Bend* provides another option for residents to submit, track and view nearby non-emergency service requests through their smartphones and online. By simply snapping a picture, damaged or downed street signs, potholes, drainage problems and similar issues can be reported and routed to the appropriate department. Once requests are submitted, the relevant staff redirects and responds to requests through a customized workflow management system. Residents can also use the in-app widgets to find information about events, public facilities and polling locations, as well as receive alerts of emergencies and County activities.

In a time when most people live in the world of apps, citizens will be able to quickly reach out to County staff about a particular problem or issue they might have. *Connect with Fort Bend* will transform the relationship with residents through technology.



Ambulances entered as well. Approximately 40 Jeeps from the Tx4WD Sugar Land Jeep club joined the parade and also had a Jeep stacking demonstration at the end of the parade in the park. Sugar Grove Church of Christ was on hand to pass out water & freeze pops at the end of the parade.

### ***Sienna Branch Library Providing Tips on Creating a Business Plan!***



Anyone who is considering starting a new business is encouraged to attend a hands-on workshop on how to create a business plan at Fort Bend County Sienna Branch Library on **Saturday, August 6th**, from **10:30am to 12:30pm**, in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd. in Missouri City.

Having such a plan is an important asset when seeking funding for a new business. This EzyBizPlan training workshop will explain the 12 critical elements of every business plan, beginning with creating a customized model, assessing the competitive quality of that model, and converting worksheet data into a professional business plan that financial lenders will appreciate. The workshop includes workbooks and hands-on assistance for creating a real and relevant outline that can be used to launch a business.

The workshop is presented by SCORE mentor Mathew Fitzgerald, who began his career as a CPA with Ernst & Young before moving into executive-finance roles with Baker Hughes, BJ Services Co., Veritas DGC, and Grant Prideco Inc.



The app is available for download from [Apple](#) and [Google](#) Play.

### ***Opportunity Fair for Women Enhancing Healthcare, Career & Civic Engagement***

Women's Voice for Better America, a network of diverse women, is proud to invite women from all walks of life to attend the Opportunity Fair on **Saturday, August 27th, 2016** from **1:00pm to 4:00pm** at Star Learning, 3528 Texas 6, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Women's Voice for Better America has designed the Opportunity Fair to increase women's access to quality healthcare, job pursuits, small business start-up assistance, wealth management, civic participation and voting. The Opportunity Fair is a free event providing



More recently, he has started several different business ventures, including a restaurant, real-estate rentals, and a cell-phone retail store. He also serves on the Board of Directors for two energy companies.



This Program is presented in partnership with SCORE, the non-profit mentoring arm of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Those attending will learn about resources that are available through SCORE and how to draw on the experience of other SCORE members.

The program is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Sienna Branch Library at [281-238-2900](tel:281-238-2900) or the library system's Public Information Office at [281-633-4734](tel:281-633-4734).

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## ***Missouri City Expands Volunteer Program***

Now in its second full year, the Missouri City Municipal Volunteer Program (MVP) has grown exponentially. In the first five months of 2016, more than 60 volunteers were added to the program's roster, and more than 2,000 volunteer hours were recorded. Missouri City's staff values the many citizen partnerships that have allowed MVP to grow and contribute to municipal operations. MVP exists not only as a way for residents to volunteer with city staff in existing programs but also as a way to facilitate new initiatives and implement creative resident ideas.

Successes are evident throughout the initiative. In the Animal Shelter, the program has grown to the point where at least one volunteer is able to assist city staff on a daily basis to help socialize

services for women through a variety of resources.

MD Anderson will provide sessions that highlight cancer prevention diets, nutrition, health related activities and information. Memorial Hermann-Southwest will highlight women's access to healthcare and Ibn Sina Community Medical Center will provide Well-Women exams. In addition, Golden Years will introduce personal service assistance programs and medical provider information for women.

For women seeking jobs, Workforce Solutions will be available to offer sessions on job applications, resume writing, cover letters, interview techniques and making network connections. SCORE Houston will provide information and consultation for women seeking help to start up small businesses. New York Life Insurance and Wealth Development Strategies will also be on hand to provide strategies for investment and financial management.

To ensure women's progress in voting and civic participation, The League of Women Voters will conduct voter registration. They will also provide valuable insight about the benefits of voting as well as the processes that open doors to citizenship.

Star Learning, located near 99 Ranch Market on TX Hwy 6 between Williams Trace Blvd and Settlers Way in Sugar Land, has graciously offered their venue. The event will have free parking, raffles and refreshments.



shelter dogs and cats, which has led to happier, better adjusted animals, who are then easier to adopt. Volunteers in the shelter have partnered regularly with outside organizations to adopt pets in the shelter and can be frequently seen at many City and community events.

**Opportunities to serve in the program, include:**

- **Leadership Luncheon:** A volunteer is needed to assist the city's Communications Department staff with room setup and event coverage of the monthly Leadership Luncheon series. Held the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the City Centre at Quail Valley, 2880 La Quinta Dr., luncheons are occasionally held off-site.
- **Comprehensive Plan Survey:** Resident input is needed for the Missouri City Comprehensive Plan Update. Available at [ShowMeCity.com](http://ShowMeCity.com), the survey will assist City staff and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) members as they update the plan, which is updated every five years and is a roadmap for future development and success for the city.
- **Finance Department:** A volunteer is needed to assist the city's Finance Department at City Hall with clerical work such as data input, filing and other office-type duties. Staff members are especially looking for a volunteer who already has experience working in an office environment.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Throughout the year, Parks and Recreation hosts multiple large-scale events for the public as well as weekly and monthly programs. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing and as-



Women's Voice for Better America is eager to involve more women for societal and individual advancement. To join the network or to pre-register for the Opportunity fair, please contact Neeta Sane at [832-279-8601](tel:832-279-8601) or Fheryl Prestage at [713-562-4387](tel:713-562-4387). More information about this initiative is on [www.NeetaSane.com/OpportunityFair](http://www.NeetaSane.com/OpportunityFair)



(From left to Right, Tramaine Chatman-Rose, Ritu Raju, Maleeha Samee, To Nhu Huynh, Christina Lafuente, Neeta Sane, Nargis Ahmed, Ling Luo, Shefali Patel, Clara Kuaiwa, Farida Abjani, Rita Talwar of Women's Voice for Better America, with Tarik Celik of Star Learning.)

***AccessHealth prepares for Annual Back-to-School Health Fairs In Fort Bend County***

AccessHealth has partnered with Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County, the City of Missouri City, Houston Methodist Sugar Land and Community Health Choice to bring two FREE, fun-filled, healthy events to the

needed basis for the many programs offered by the department.

- **Public Safety:** The Missouri City Police Department Volunteer In Police (VIP) program is still accepting new applicants. Volunteer opportunities include a range of administrative and public safety duties. Additional background checks will be required.
- **Animal Shelter:** Volunteers 18 or older are needed to assist Animal Shelter staff with daily and monthly chores and events. Volunteer opportunities range from socializing shelter cats and dogs, cleaning shelter cages, assisting with adoption events and coordinating adoptions with outside agencies.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for many of the Parks & Recreation events. Residents who would like to offer their volunteer services can contact Media Relations Specialist Cory Stottlemeyer at [cstottlemeyer@missouricitytx.gov](mailto:cstottlemeyer@missouricitytx.gov) or at 281-403-8532.

## ***Stafford MSD Starts New Tradition!***

Stafford MSD Proud Month is a month where we recognize and celebrate the numerous accomplishments of our school district. You are cordially invited to a free event, SMSD Proud Month Celebration from **4 - 8pm. August 18th**, at Stafford High.

communities of Richmond and Missouri City. Constable Rueben Davis's office will be providing free hot dogs and snow cones (at the Missouri City location), and several community partners including St. John's United Methodist Church, CenterPoint Energy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, NRG, Senator Rodney Ellis SD 13, and Schramme Construction Company have joined AccessHealth in providing backpacks filled with school supplies.

This year's health fairs will be held at 400 Austin Street, Richmond, Texas on **August 6th, 2016** and at the Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex at 307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas on **August 13th, 2016**. Both fairs will be held from **9:00am** until noon.

The two fairs will be open to the public and offer FREE immunizations, dental screenings, vision screenings, speech-language screenings, backpacks, school supplies, free haircuts (Missouri City only) and over 20 information booths.

**Parents will need to bring their children's immunization records** and come prepared for activities and snacks. Backpacks will be issued only to children present the day of the fair.

AccessHealth is a private, not-for-profit community health center that serves Fort Bend County and the surrounding areas, dedicated to providing integrated health care services to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves without regard to income or circumstance. AccessHealth is a United Way Agency.

If you would like to join in this community event contact Sharonda DeBose, Marketing and Development Coordinator at [281-633-3144](tel:281-633-3144) or [sdebose@myaccesshealth.org](mailto:sdebose@myaccesshealth.org). Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available.



Celebrate SMUSD Academics,  
Extracurriculars & Athletics!

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**STAFFORD  
PROUD**  
*34 years strong*

**4-8 PM  
Thursday, Aug. 18  
Stadium Lot**

Food, Music, Prizes and Giveaways,  
including Backpacks and School Supplies  
Campus Tours throughout the event

CITY OF HOUSTON



MAYOR'S OFFICE

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016  
Fort Bend Houston  
Town Hall Meeting**

Attend this informative town hall meeting to meet & greet  
Mayor Sylvester Turner, City of Houston department heads,  
and designated departmental representatives.  
Mayor Turner will facilitate this community town hall and address  
some of the on-going challenges affecting the Fort Bend Houston  
community.

**Willowridge High School  
(Ronald McNair Auditorium)  
16301 Chimney Rock Rd.  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Lynn Phan by phone at 832-393-1012.

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**Community Operation**

2016 Back-to-School Health Fairs



**Child must be present to receive a backpack.**  
El niño debe estar presente para recibir una mochila.

**FREE  
GRATIS**

**August 6, 2016**  
400 Austin Street, Richmond TX

**August 13, 2016**  
307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City TX



**Immunizations/ Vacunas**  
(Bring shot records)  
(Traer el registro de vacunas)

**Vision Screenings/ Exámenes de la vista**

**Dental Screenings/ Exámenes dentales**

**Hair Cuts/ Cortes de pelo**

**Food & Activities/ Alimentación y Actividades**

**Speech & Language Screenings/ Exámenes del Habla y Lenguaje**

**School Supplies & Backpacks/ Suministros escolares y Mochilas**

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