



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

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### **SPARK comes to Ridgemont Elementary!**

### **Missouri City Council Approves Strategic Code Enforcement Improvements**

Missouri City Council Members  
unanimously approved two ordinances



With the help of County and City Officials the SPARK School Park Program dedicated one of its newest parks at Ridgemont Elementary School. The park marks the first partnership between FBISD and SPARK Park. The SPARK School Program works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on public school grounds.

The SPARK School Program was founded in 1983, by then Houston Council Member Eleanor Tinsley, to address recommendations by the Green Ribbon Committee. In the past 30 years, SPARK has built over 200+ community parks throughout the Houston/Harris County area. Each park is unique, with its design based on ideas and needs of the school and surrounding neighborhoods.

Ridgemont, at 4910 Raven Ridge Drive in Houston, is in the center of single-family homes built in the 1970s. The school opened in 1973 and an Early Childhood Center opened adjacent to the school in 2010. About 700 students are enrolled at the campus, and 180 are enrolled at the Early Childhood Center. Ridgemont's Spark Park will provide an upgrade to the existing outdoor facilities, and features a concrete walking track, a junior-sized soccer field with permanent goals, a sitting area, two basketball goals (one 8ft and one 10ft), a hopscotch and a four-square area. SPARK Parks are available for community use after the end of the school

related to Code Enforcement policies and procedures; the actions are aimed at assisting officers in the field and streamlining the violation reporting process.

The first ordinance gives Code Enforcement Officers the ability to wear body cameras and to issue a notice to appear in Missouri City Municipal Court to any person who violates a City ordinance. This notice will require recipients to appear on the date indicated, and recipients will be asked to provide personal identifiers such as name, address, date of birth and a driver's license. In the event an individual fails to appear in court, a warrant can be secured for his or her arrest. Now that Code Enforcement Officers are able to issue Notices to Appear, the City insists that body-worn cameras will be used to promote safety, recording for whom the notice is written, and providing further identification in the field.



The second ordinance establishes graduated minimum penalties for certain violations, such as high grass, building code violations, solid waste and recycling receptacle screening and junked vehicles. The approved violations are as follows:

**Chapter 14 International Code violations (i.e. Building Code) and environmental nuisances (i.e. high grass):**

day, including after-school programs, and on weekends.



Financial support for the new SPARK Park at Ridgemont came from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, SPARK Park School Program, Fort Bend Independent School District ( FBISD), Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage, City of Houston Council Member Larry Green, and the Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union. The Ridgemont community's penny drive raised nearly \$3,000 for the park, and two FBISD campuses, Scanlan Oaks Elementary and Sienna Crossing Elementary also contributed to the project. The total cost of the project \$ 138,300.00.

### **Libraries Extend Technology Capability with 3D Printing!**

With the addition of four new 3D printers, Fort Bend County Libraries continues to stay on the forefront of implementing innovative technology for the citizens of Fort Bend County. 3D printing is the process of making an actual physical object from a 3-dimensional digital design. The libraries' PolyPrinter 229 3D printers use PLA (polylactic acid) thermoplastic filament, which is a non-toxic biodegradable material.

1. A minimum fine of \$100 for a first conviction;
2. \$250 for the second conviction;
3. \$500 for three or more convictions.

### **Chapter 30 Junked Vehicles violation:**

1. A minimum fine of \$100 for a first conviction;
2. \$125 for the second conviction;
3. \$150 for three or more convictions.

### **Solid Waste Receptacle Placement:**

1. A minimum fine of \$50 for a first conviction;
2. \$250 for the second conviction;
3. \$500 for three or more convictions.

These ordinances were passed based on recommendations from the newly created Nuisance Abatement Team, which consists of members of Code Enforcement, the Police Department, Development Services, the City Manager's Office and the Legal Department. The committee is charged with developing the philosophy, processes, communications and means to measure the outcomes and reporting out on code enforcement initiatives.

The program will be on-going and the group will be providing recommendations for consideration. For more information, [Download Here](#).

Residents wishing to report Code Enforcement violations may do so by downloading the iReport app on a smart phone or tablet device. Residents may also report violations directly on the SeeClickFix website: <http://www.seeclickfix.com/missouri-city/>.

The new 3D-printers yield many benefits to the community, such as providing opportunities for children to experiment with new high-tech tools, encouraging new technology-based innovation in small business, and helping people of all ages build cutting-edge skills for the evolution of the digital age.



Some 3D-design software options that people can use to design objects include Tinkercad, Blender, SketchUp, and AutoDesk 123d – Catch or Design. Design resources also include websites like Thingiverse, YouImagine, and My Mini Factory. Patrons can bring print files in .stl format on a flash drive to the library but Library staff will be the ones to actually print the object. A fee of \$0.20 per gram of filament used will be charged, with a \$1.00 minimum.



Small items can take as little as 20 minutes to print, while other items can take much longer. Projects printed at the libraries have a 5-hour print time maximum. The 3D printers can print objects up to 8" wide x 8" high x 8" deep. Designs must be copyright-free or the patron must have license authorization.

The PolyPrinter 229 3D printers are available for use TODAY and may be used

## **Symphony Orchestra Brings 'Deck the Halls' to Stafford!**

The Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra's (FBSO) most popular concert of the year, Deck the Halls, will visit the Stafford Centre Sunday, December 4th, at 2 pm. Patrons are encouraged to plan early to obtain the best seats. The afternoon is a Christmas stocking full of holiday music, shopping opportunities and special surprises for the little ones at the Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road.

Traditional pieces include White Christmas, We Need a Little Christmas, Sleigh Ride and of course, We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The Mayor of Stafford will join FBSO as the narrator for the beloved story poem, The Night Before Christmas.

The newly-formed FBSO Chorus joins the orchestra for A Christmas Festival, a medley of well-loved holiday standards; the hauntingly beautiful Oh, Night Divine, and a sentimental Home for the Holidays. The concert is rounded out with selections from Home Alone; the Catalonian carol Fum, Fum, Fum; Gustav Holtz' Christmas Day and The Festive Sounds of Hanukkah.

For ticket information, click [HERE](#).

***Do You Have A Story?  
We'd Like to Hear  
from You!***



This is your space! We want to hear

by anyone with a valid Fort Bend County Libraries card or a valid government-issued photo ID. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when submitting a 3D print request.

For more information on how to get started, call George Memorial Library (281-342-4455), the Cinco Ranch Branch Library (281-395-1311), the Mamie George Branch Library (281-238-2880), the Sienna Branch Library (281-238-2900), or the library system's Public Information Office (281-633-4734).

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