

Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

September 2016



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***Fort Bend County Awarded 2016
 "Workplace Health Assessment
 Wellness Champion" Award!!***

***New Executive Hires Align
 with City's Strategic Goals!***



(Pictured Left to Right: Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct2; Gilbert Jalomo, Purchasing Director; JT Pena, Risk Management Loss Control Manager; County Judge Robert Hebert; Commissioner Richard Morrison, Pct1; Meredith Noonan, American Cancer Society Program Manager; Danielle Garrison, Commissioner Pct4 Executive Assistant; Commissioner James Patterson, Pct4; Commissioner Andy Meyers, Pct3; Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments; Wyatt Scott, Director of Risk Management; Deanna Belto, Risk Management Wellness Coordinator; Katie Herrington, Commissioner Pct2 Staff Director)

On September 13th, 2016, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court was presented with the American Cancer Society's 'Workplace Health Assessment Wellness Champion Award' for providing excellent wellness opportunities for its employees.

The Workplace Health Assessment Tool is a free service through the American Cancer Society that provides companies with customized recommendations based on a 60 question survey. The survey evaluates benefit design, policy, programs, tracking and communication and is conducted by the Cancer Society staff. Companies then receive a customized, action-based report measuring their offerings against national best practices and benchmarks surrounding tobacco control, cancer screening, healthy eating, physical activity and cancer care. Companies then work with Cancer Society staff to design and implement their action plan throughout the year.

Fort Bend County received second place in the nation for providing wellness services such as nicotine cessation programs, exercise programs, wellness classes, and multiple health screenings. Also included in these benefits is an



Since becoming City Manager last December, Anthony J. Snipes has implemented a High Performance Organization framework to introduce all teams to proven management techniques that will result in a work culture based on the decisions and leadership of employees across all levels. As part of this goal, Snipes strategically focused on filling several executive-level vacancies through a nationwide recruitment process.

The latest executive to join the team is Fire & Rescue Services Chief Eugene Campbell, Jr. Before coming to Missouri City, Chief Campbell served as Deputy Chief of Administration—Fire Marshal—Pasadena Fire Department (PFD), Pasadena Calif. He holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Work Force Education from the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. Additionally, he holds an Associate of Arts degree in Fire Service Management and an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN), Las Vegas.



Chief Campbell will oversee a department of 74 public safety officials and staff members, comprised of four divisions: Administration, Operations, Prevention and Training and

employee health clinic providing basic medical care to all that work at the County. This was the first year for the Risk Management Department to participate in the American Cancer Society's survey and officials are pleased to be rated second only to NASA in the Greater Houston Area.

For more information please visit the Fort Bend County Risk Management website at www.fortbendcountytx.gov.

Fort Bend County Libraries Expanding Online services!



Fort Bend County Libraries announces the addition of the new **Flipster®** service and its **3M Cloud Library!** These new services will allow Fort Bend County Library patrons instant access to content from anywhere in the world!

Flipster is a next-generation magazine service that allows people to browse digital versions of the latest issues of popular magazines for adults, teens, and children, courtesy of the Library. *Flipster* magazines are full-print, full-color digital duplicates of the hardcopy print magazine!



The Libraries' collection includes 35 popular titles for adults and 14 titles for youth, including selections such as **Forbes, Essence, Car &**

Education.

"I look forward to serving the City," Chief Campbell said. "I stress collaboration in all areas, and I am determined to always listen, empower and know my staff fully understands our plan of action."

The City hired its first-ever Chief Performance Officer in Kathleen Nowell. Prior to joining the City, Kathleen was the Corporate Communications Manager for the Houston-based national retail chain Francesca's. She has a Master's degree in International Affairs and a focus on policy development and has knowledge and experience in change management, facilitation, strategic planning and workforce development.

Nowell will monitor the implementation of budget projects and coordinate with staff to ensure that projects are completed in a timely manner and in alignment with the Strategic Plan.



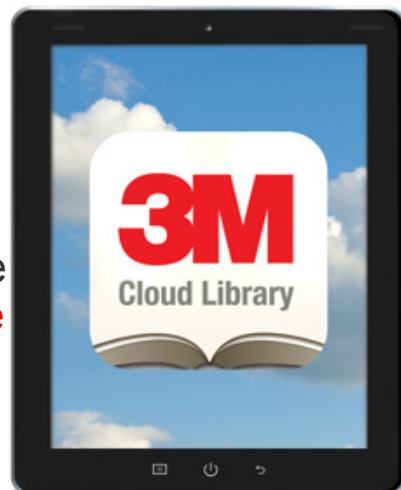
"As a new addition to the City, my immediate goal is to get to know our teams, our strategic partners, and to align with the vision of our leadership. The goal of the Performance Office will be to provide frameworks, resources, and inspiration so that our teams can find and implement innovative solutions to their challenges," Nowell said.

Driver, Highlights, Comics & Gaming Magazine, and much more. An online newsstand provides a carousel of the most recent issues in various categories, and many magazines provide access to back-issues as well.

The collection can be accessed **24/7**, and there is no limit to the number of magazines that can be downloaded. There will never be overdue fines for Flipster magazines because the digital file will automatically disappear after a predetermined length of time. A magazine that is published weekly can be downloaded for 2 days, and a magazine that is published monthly can be downloaded for one week.

Similar to Flipster, the new 3M Cloud Library, is an online collection of digital e-books and e-audiobooks that can be checked out and enjoyed from a variety of mobile devices on the go or from the comfort of home.

The 3M Cloud Library collection, is accessed through a free, easy-to-use app that can be downloaded from the Apple **App** or **Google Play** stores. The app links up with Fort Bend County Libraries patrons' accounts so the items are checked out just like any other library book.



The set-up is simple – download the free app and log in the first time with a Fort Bend County Libraries card. Once patrons enter the library card ID (or barcode) number, they are ready to start browsing the collection's virtual shelves of fiction and nonfiction e-books and e-audiobooks anytime, anywhere.

Up to five titles can be checked out at a time, for a period of 14 days, after which

Three additional new hires include Edena Atmore, Director of Financial Services; Jason Mangum, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services.

It's Hurricane Season; Be Prepared to Weather Any Storm!!



This year, the region has experienced heavy rains and flooding; However, Emergency Management Officials are prepared to respond to any crisis and safeguard families whenever severe weather strikes our area. Officials caution residents to review and update emergency preparation plans, to inspect supply kits and stock up on necessary items such as non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries, radios, first-aid kits, cell phones, chargers, maps and important documents. Officials also stress the importance of keeping a list of emergency resources for reference:

- Police and Fire Departments: 911
- Centerpoint Energy: [713-207-2222](tel:7132072222)
- WQMN – 1690 AM: Missouri City's emergency advisory radio station
- American Red Cross, Fort Bend County Branch: [281-342-9480](tel:2813429480)
- Enable Fort Bend | www.enablefortbend.com | This County agency assists individuals with special needs during an emergency or natural disaster. Staff can be reached at [281-238-3514](tel:2812383514).

the items automatically expire from the account, so there are never any late fees. The items can also be returned early so that new titles can be checked out.

To browse the Flipster collection of magazines, go to FBCL website, www.fortbend.lib.tx.us, click on "Ebooks and Digital Media," and scroll down to Flipster. To browse the 3M Cloud Library collection of e-books and e-audiobooks, click on "Ebooks and Digital Media," and scroll down to 3M Cloud Library.



For more information, visit any of the libraries in the Fort Bend County Library system, or call the library system's Public Information Office at [281-633-4734](tel:281-633-4734).

FBISD Invites Community Members to Submit Names for the District's Newest Schools and Facilities



Fort Bend ISD is seeking community suggestions for the naming of six new campuses and facilities through the use of an online form. The deadline to submit names is **Friday, September 30th, 2016**.

Those who wish to nominate a name must submit a written one or two paragraph statement (no longer than 250 words) containing biographical/historical data and reasons justifying the suggested name. Names nominated shall generally be names for persons or places. If a person, the individual should have attained prominence locally or nationally, and have made a significant contribution to society. If a place, the name should include historical relevance.



Additionally, officials advise that gathering pertinent information will help prepare your family for unpredictable emergencies.

Here are some useful tips:

- Fort Bend County is designated by the state as a pass-through county for evacuees who live along the Gulf Coast. As a municipality in the county, Missouri City would not be under a mandatory evacuation if a hurricane were to hit the region – so it is imperative that residents be prepared to shelter in place.
- Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Understand National Weather Service forecasts, and especially the meaning of hurricane and tornado watches and warnings. **Hurricanes:** For a storm watch in this category, forecasters would report a possibility of winds of 74 mph and higher within 36 hours. For a warning, forecasters would report a possibility of winds at the same speed within 24 hours. **Tornadoes:** A watch is an alert to monitor the skies and a warning signals that a tornado has struck the ground and shelter must be sought immediately.

Hurricane Season runs through Wednesday, Nov. 30. For updates and additional safety information please visit:

fbcoem.org or missouricityready.com and sign up to receive alerts and advisories.

Dance the Night Away at the First Annual Community Night Out!!

In alignment with the City's strategic planning for Parks and Recreation



A naming committee will be formed for each of these facilities to consider the nominations later this fall and a recommendation for each facility will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in December.

The following facilities are available for naming suggestions:

- **Elementary School 48** – located in the Sienna Plantation community
- **Elementary School 49** – located in the Harvest Green community
- **Elementary School 50** – located in the Grand Vista community
- **Middle School 15** – located in the Sienna Plantation community
- **Career and Technical Education Center** – located in the Telfair community
- **Agriculture Barn** – located near Travis High School

Click [HERE](#) to nominate any of the facilities. This link and form will also be provided on the District's website at www.fortbendisd.com.

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



programs, *Missouri City* is proud to host its First Annual Community Night Out on **Saturday, Oct. 1st**, from **6pm - 10pm** at the City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Residents and visitors are invited to dance their way into a fall evening of fun and fellowship at the free special event that will feature live performances by **Jazz Saxophonist Kyle Turner, Jazz Violinist Michael Ward, Jazz Vocalist Pamela Hart**, the band **Mariachi Rebelde**, and singer, songwriter and musician **Enrique Infante**. The celebration is being co-sponsored by Fort Bend County and The Phoenix Design Group, Inc.

Festivities will also include food trucks, bounce houses, a rock climbing wall, face painting, public safety apparatus, event booths highlighting local businesses, and more.

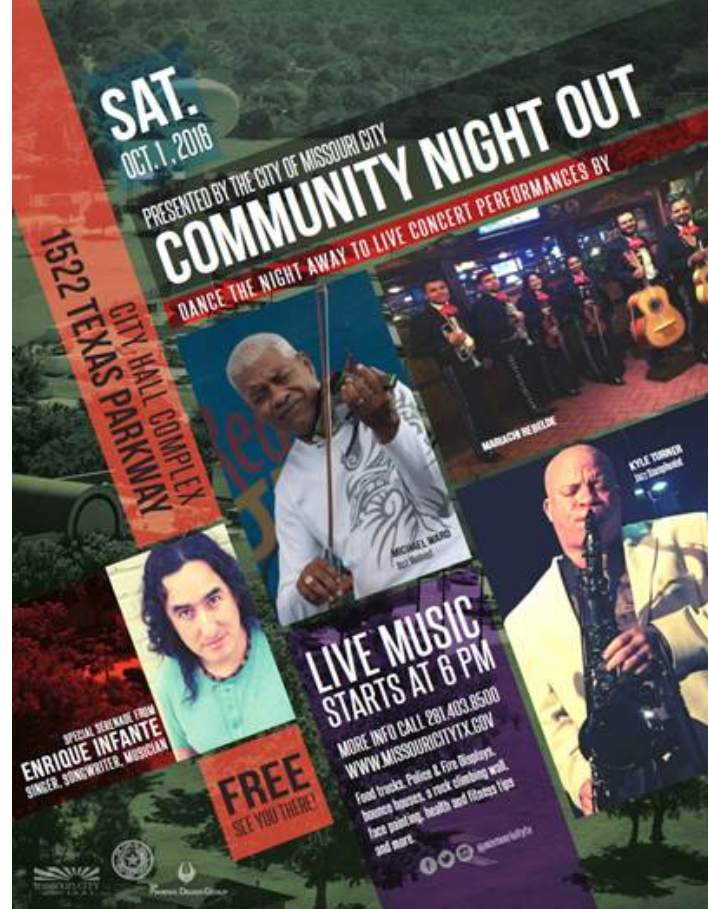
Community Night Out will commence immediately following the pre-National Night Out Kick Off event at the Police Mini-Station on Texas Parkway. For more information, please call [281-403-8500](tel:281-403-8500).

Volunteer opportunities are available for the event; interested individuals may contact Media Relations Specialist Cory Stottlemeyer at [281-403-8532](tel:281-403-8532) or cstottlemeyer@missouricitytx.gov.

For updates, please watch the City website: www.missouricitytx.gov, like us on Facebook - [fb/MissouriCityTX](https://www.facebook.com/MissouriCityTX), follow us on Twitter and Instagram - [@MissouriCityTX](https://www.instagram.com/MissouriCityTX), and watch Missouri City Television. (**Ch. 16 on Comcast and Ch. 99 on AT&T U-verse**)

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Submit articles to:
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