



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2017



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***Healthy Competition at
AccessHealth's Community
Challenge Tournament***

***Fort Bend ISD
First in Texas to issue
'green bonds'***



On Saturday, April 22nd, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined more than 100 softball and kickball players who fought hard for championship titles at AccessHealth's 5th Annual **Community Challenge** Tournament. Six softball teams and four kickball teams competed for bragging rights. Taking top honors in their brackets were: The City of Richmond in softball and Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital in kickball.

"Congratulations to Houston Methodist Sugar Land and the City of Richmond," said AccessHealth Chief Development Officer, Cindy Reaves. "Thank you to all who came out for what turned out to be a beautiful day for a little healthy competition!"

The event, held at Missouri City's Community Park, raised funds to provide integrated health services for the low-income and uninsured in Fort Bend County and surrounding areas.

Sponsors included Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital as the "Challenge Champs Underwriter" and the City of Missouri City as the "Grand Slam" Sponsor. Also supporting the event were Community Health Choice as a "Home Run" Sponsor; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Health South Rehabilitation as "Umpire" Sponsors; and Schramme Construction and Frost Bank as "Dugout" Sponsors.

In addition to softball and kickball

As a part of the \$484 million bond package approved by the district's voters in 2014, FBISD will issue "green bonds" to fund environmentally friendly construction of three new schools. The district plans to roll out about \$99 million in bonds this month with about \$52 million designated as "green."

As a part of the program, the three new schools, Donald Leonetti Elementary School in the Sienna Plantation master-planned community, James C. Neill Elementary in the Harvest Green master-planned community and James Patterson Elementary in the Grand Vista subdivision will meet LEED/high-performance standards and obtain LEED certification.



(A rendering of James C. Neill Elementary)

It will be the first time in Texas a school district has issued green bonds. The University of Texas and other higher education institutions have also utilized this relatively new sector of the national municipal bond market to finance LEED-certified buildings. Started in 2007, green bonds make up only about 0.2 percent of the \$100 trillion global debt market. [Reuters reports](#) that, in 2016, the green bond market expanded by \$80 billion to about \$170 billion.

GREEN BONDS
FINANCING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Fort Bend ISD CFO Steve Bassett stated that issuing green bonds and

games, attractions included food trucks and children's



activities. Proceeds will help AccessHealth provide health care to families and individuals who would otherwise likely go without the medical care they need. For more about AccessHealth services or upcoming event sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sharonda DeBose at (281) 633-3144 or sdebose@myaccesshealth.org.

Literacy Council of Fort Bend County, needs you!

The Literacy Council of Fort Bend is looking for people who want to become an essential part of an adult student's life by signing up to be a tutor. Training for tutors will be held on



Monday, **May 8th** from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Through training, volunteers are equipped to teach Basic Literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL), one-on-one tutor sessions to adults. The trainings prepare tutors to organize and compile lesson plans, and to understand the purpose of the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County's programs.

The Literacy Council is especially in need of tutors available as listed below and anyone interested in tutoring, but does not know, right away, what their availability would be:

- **June 5th – July 28th once or twice**

expanding our investor base is a part of FBISDs commitment to fiscal responsibility. Currently, about 74,500 students are enrolled in the district on 75 campuses and approximately 85,000 students are expected to be enrolled by 2026. For More Information and Updates on Fort Bend ISD Click [HERE](#).

FBC Libraries Doubles Up Computer Literacy!

It's never too late to learn about technology, computers and programs! And in the month of May, Fort Bend County Libraries Missouri City Branch as well as the Sienna Branch, will present a variety of free, introductory computer classes.



Classes held at the **Missouri City Branch Library**, located at 1530 Texas Parkway, will consist of a hands-on introduction to basic skills for people who would like to learn more about using these tools. The schedule of classes is as follows:

- **"Computers 101"** -- Tuesday, **May 2nd**, at 7:00 pm. The class will be repeated on Wednesday, **May 3rd**, at 10:00 am. This class presents a basic introduction to using computers.
- **"Hands-On Internet"** -- Tuesday, **May 9th**, at 7:00 pm. The class will be repeated on

- **weekly commitment**
- **1-3 hours per session based on your preference.**
- **ESL Daytime and Evening Tutors – All Proficiency Levels**
- **ESL Group Tutors Daytime or Evenings.**

If you are interested in impacting someone's life by becoming a tutor, please contact Colleen Mayer, Program Director for the Literacy Council at (281) 240-8181 or email: cmayer@ftbendliteracy.org.

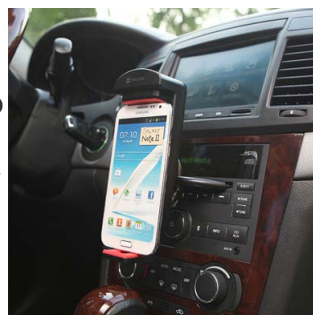
"ARRIVE ALIVE" @ Smart Financial

The Sugar Land Police Department will distribute free hands-free devices during an "Arrive Alive" event on May 6th to educate motorists about the City's new distracted driving law.



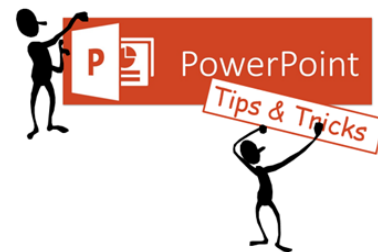
During the educational event at the Smart Financial Center at Sugar Land from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., visitors will have an opportunity to learn different ways to utilize their mobile devices in a hands-free mode while driving.

Representatives from area car dealerships will help participants pair their phones to their vehicles via Bluetooth. This event will also help educate people without Bluetooth capability in their vehicles on other "hands-free" ways to



Wednesday, **May 10th**, at 10:00 am. This class presents an introduction to navigating the World Wide Web.

- **"MS Word Survival Basics"** -- Tuesday, **May 16th**, at 7:00 pm. The class will be repeated on Wednesday, **May 17th**, at 10:00 am. Learn the basics of using this word-processing software program to create letters, resumes, forms, and other types of documents.
- **"MS PowerPoint Survival Basics"** – Tuesday, **May 23rd**, at 7:00 pm. The class will be repeated on Wednesday, **May 24th**, at 10:00 am. Learn the basics of using this slideshow-presentation software program.



The **Sienna Branch Library**, located at 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd, will present a series of classes focused solely on learning PowerPoint using Microsoft PowerPoint 2010. Participants can choose to attend individual sessions or the entire series. The schedule of classes is as follows:

- **"MS PowerPoint Survival Basics,"** will take place on Tuesday, **May 9th**, beginning at 10:00 am, in the Computer Lab. Learn the basics of this slide-presentation software program.
- **"MS PowerPoint: Intermediate,"** will take place on Wednesday, **May 10th**, beginning at 10:00 am, in the Computer Lab. Understand this slide-presentation program even better by learning more advanced functions and

use a mobile device while driving. The "Arrive Alive" event is free to the public, with food and drink available for purchase. For more Information Click [HERE](#).

Fort Bend County Animal Services WARNS of Canine Distemper

Fort Bend County Animal Services is urging the public to be aware of the signs and symptoms of this potentially fatal disease

and what steps you can take to protect your pet. Canine distemper is a contagious and serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems of puppies and dogs.

Puppies and dogs most often become infected through airborne exposure (through sneezing or coughing) to the virus from an infected dog or wild animal. The virus can also be transmitted by shared food and water bowls and equipment. Infected dogs can shed the virus for months, and mother dogs can pass the virus to their puppies.

What are the symptoms of canine distemper? Initially, infected dogs will develop watery to pus-like discharge from their eyes. They then develop fever, nasal discharge, coughing, lethargy, reduced appetite, and vomiting. As the virus attacks the nervous system, infected dogs develop circling behavior, head tilt, muscle twitches, convulsions with jaw chewing movements and salivation ("chewing gum fits"), seizures, and partial or complete paralysis.



- tools.
- "**MS PowerPoint: Advanced**," will take place on Thursday, **May 11th**, beginning at 10:00 am, in the Computer Lab. This class is for experienced PowerPoint users who would like to learn how to enhance documents with new, even more advanced skills, such as images editing, design themes editing, interactive elements, and options for slide organization.



The classes are **FREE** and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Events," select "Missouri City Branch," or "Sienna Branch," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at (281) 238-2900, or by visiting the library.

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



This is your space! We want to hear from you, so send us your news. We may even publish your article in a future newsletter (although we reserve the right to edit for length and content). Try to keep your submissions to 150-200

Veterinarians diagnose canine distemper through clinical appearance and laboratory testing. For all inquiries, please contact the animal shelter at (281) 342-1512 or email barbara.vass@fortbendcountytx.gov.

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