





December 2017



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Precinct 2 Host Annual Cajun Creole Holiday Party! Perrylee Annual Bike Giveaway Grows in Stafford!



Every year, on the first week of December, Fort Bend County Officials of Precinct 2 host one of the most anticipated events of the year. The Cajun Creole Holiday Party. On Friday, December 1st, Commissioner Grady Prestage, along with Constable Gary Majors & Judge Joel Clouser hosted the annual holiday party, with much help from and several departments around the county at Fifth Street Community Center in Stafford, Texas.

The annual event, organized by Commissioner Prestage is a family-style celebration that kicks off the holiday season with



great food, music and holiday cheer. Community Residents, stakeholders and Fort Bend employees alike are invited to enjoy the creole favorites like seafood gumbo, etouffee, jambalaya, fried fish, and other delectable southern favorites.



On December 21st Commissioner Prestage and staff returned to join Marion Tresvant of Perrylee Home Healthcare Services for its Annual Community Bike Give Away. Every year, Tresvant partners with Fort Bend County, Mr. Daryl Martin of KWWJ -1360AM, Tugaloo College and several former players from the Houston Texans that attended surrounding colleges for the event. This year Tresvant and her team gave away about 400 bikes to the community and she hopes to give away even more next year.



Marion Tresvant, the CEO and President of Perrylee Home Healthcare Services, credits Commissioner Grady Prestage with helping to bring Perrylee to Stafford. "Commissioner Prestage was very involved from Day One!" Tresvant stated. "He helped guide me through the ins-andouts of permitting and expanding into Stafford, and he said if I ever needed him just to give him a call and he's been there



The true star of the party is always Commissioner Prestage's 60+ lb roasted pig! The Holiday Party, which served about 530 guest and wouldn't be possible without the efforts of county volunteers and our talented staff members. Commissioner thanked everyone who played a part in making the event possible and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

Fort Bend County Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



The annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse took place December 5th, immediately following Commissioners Court. Members of the Lamar Consolidated High School Varsity Choir sang Christmas carols in the rotunda to a group of county employees and attendees of Commissioners Court. Employees participated in an annual

ever since!"



PerryLee Home Healthcare has been proudly serving Texas since 1995, specializing in areas such as Adaptive Aides, Massage Therapy Occupational Therapy, Personal Assistance Service (PAS) and Physical Therapy. For more information on provided services or if you have any questions, please click <u>HERE</u>.

Fort Bend County Libraries Offering FREE Income-Tax Help

Fort Bend County Libraries will again host representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), who will provide free income-taxpreparation assistance for low-income taxpayers at several locations in the Fort Bend County library system from February 1 through April 17.

Income-tax forms will no longer be available at the libraries, but patrons may use the libraries' computers and printers to download and print out the forms from the IRS website, <u>www.irs.gov</u>, during regular library hours. A library card is needed to use the printers, and the cost to print is 10¢ per black-and-white page. ornament design event in which each department was asked to submit an ornament that represented their department and the work they do for the citizens of Fort Bend County. Along with the admired tree in the Historic Courthouse rotunda, a special tree in the Mamie George Community Room holds the handmade ornaments.



Fort Bend ISD Educational Futures Conference Set for January 2018

Fort Bend ISD is inviting the public to participate in a community engagement opportunity by attending an Educational Futures Conference scheduled for January 16th and January 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Educational Futures Conference will provide an opportunity to engage in a visionary and strategic conversation about how the District can plan effectively for current and future FBISD students.

Discussions will be held concerning the global, national and local factors affecting education and, most importantly, students in FBISD. Topics will include strategies that high-performing schools use to ensure high achievement for all students, innovative approaches to meeting the needs of students, and many other topics concerning public education. The Educational Futures Conference will



Patrons should bring the following information to the session if possible: a photo ID; Social Security card(s) for self, spouse, and all dependents; last year's tax return; W-2, 1099s, and any other compensation received in 2017; unemployment compensation statements; and any other documents that are necessary to complete your return.

February's schedules are as follows:

 Houston Community College (HCC) Southwest-Missouri City
 Campus, 1600 Texas Parkway, Missouri
 City; Room 118:

(Alternative to Missouri City Branch Library, which is closed for renovations) Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27; 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22; 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

• **Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library**, 8100 FM 359 South, Fulshear; Meeting Room: Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23; 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

• **Cinco Ranch Branch Library**, 2620 Commercial Center Boulevard, Katy; Meeting Room 1: Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26; 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

• **First Colony Branch Library**, 2121 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land; Conference Room:

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

enable community members to have a voice in the educational and facility planning process, and will also serve as a launch of FBISD's Facilities Master Planning process, updating the work that began in 2013.

"Our efforts to plan for the future of Fort Bend ISD will only be successful with the support and participation of the community," said Beth Martinez, Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning.

"We invite the community to join in this important work. Through the community's partnership, we will be able to ensure that Fort Bend ISD truly is providing an educational system that prepares each student with the attributes of the Profile of a Graduate," said Martinez.

January 16th

FBISD Administrative Annex 3119 Sweetwater Boulevard Sugar Land, TX 77479

January 18th

Kempner High School 14777 Voss Road Sugar Land, TX 77478

Fort Bend County Fire Marshall's Fireworks Safety Reminder!!

Now that Christmas is over, people are looking forward to New Year's Eve and Fireworks. We encourage everyone to be cautious and responsible when it comes to fireworks. However, consumers need to be careful about where they buy their fireworks. Stands selling fireworks in Fort Bend County are required to have a current permit from the Fire Marshal's office. Fire Marshal's Office and the Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview, Richmond:
Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22; 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24; 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Sugar Land Branch Library, 550
Eldridge; Meeting Room:
Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26; 1:00 to
4:00 pm
Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22; 1:00 to
4:00 pm.

• University Branch Library, 14010 University Blvd, Sugar Land; Conference Room 1:

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The income-tax-preparation assistance is free and open to the public on a firstcome, first-served basis. For more information, call the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

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

National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFS) recommends that you only buy consumer fireworks from a licensed store or stand. Never buy fireworks from an individual's house or from someone on the street. Such devices are likely illegal explosives or professional fireworks that can seriously injure you.

Fireworks are legal in unincorporated Fort Bend County, and a Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office or County Fire Marshal *CANNOT* instruct your neighbor to stop discharging fireworks since it is a legal activity. Also, neighborhood or HOA deed restrictions are not enforceable by law enforcement. Keep in mind that you need to be responsible for shooting off fireworks. It is against the law to explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of any church, a hospital other than a veterinary hospital, an asylum, a licensed childcare center, or a public or private primary or secondary school or institution of higher education unless the person receives authorization writing from that in organization.

submissions to 150-200 words.

Submit articles to: <u>commpct2@fortbendcountytx.gov</u> Write away!



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