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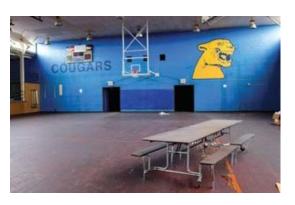
Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium Renovation Project Fort Bend Parkway
Overpass Now Open!



Do you have old yearbooks, pictures or memorabilia from the old Missouri City High/Middle School?

Fort Bend County Pct. 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage is calling on the community to help with the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium Renovation Project. The building was acquired by the County from Fort Bend ISD and the Commissioner plans to completely restore the building and transform it into a center for the community to use and enjoy. He also plans to include a small museum to house the history of the building and its place in the community.

The Commissioner would like to use photographs of the building from past years as the decorative theme for the renovated building and small museum. County libraries in Missouri City and Richmond will be the drop-off point for any items you would like to lend to the County to be scanned by professional staff. Once the process is completed, staff will contact lenders to pick up their materials. The Library is also offering lenders an opportunity to receive their own digitized copy of the photographs, upon request.





On Monday, March 6th, Missouri City Councilmembers and staff joined Commissioner Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County Officials and Toll Road Authority officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Fort Bend Parkway overpass project over Highway 6. The 1.2-mile project is the final segment of the 10 miles from Sienna Parkway to U.S. 90A/South Main. The overpass includes entrance and exit ramps, as well as U-turn lanes located on either side of Highway 6. There is no additional toll required to use the bridge/overpass.

(Pictured Left to Right: Jimmie F. Jenkins, Toll Brothers, Inc.; Wilson Wong, WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff; Osama Ali, WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff; Murad Mohammad, WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff; Richard Stolleis, Fort Bend County Engineer; Mike Stone, Mike Stone Associates, Inc.; Floyd Emery, Missouri City Councilmember; Scott Elmer, Missouri City Assistant City Manager; Grady Prestage, County Commissioner Precinct 2; James Patterson, County Commissioner Precinct 4; Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert; Jim Condrey, FBCTRA Chairman; Andy Meyers, County Commissioner Precinct 3; Vincent Morales, County Commissioner Precinct 1; Dean Hrbacek, FBCTRA; Anthony Maroulis, Missouri City Councilmember; Anthony Snipes, Missouri City Manager; Nick Dayal, HVJ Associates; Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen; Chief Arnold, Constable Office Precinct 2)

#### Fort Bend Seniors Celebrates 'A New Era of Serving Seniors'

Copies will be kept at the George Memorial Library's Genealogy and Local History Department for researchers to use far into the future. Those willing to share images and/or information will contribute greatly to future generations; it is vital to the success of saving the history of this building and this community, which belongs to you.

Items can be dropped off at Missouri
City Branch Library, 1530 Texas
Parkway in Missouri City, during business
hours (M 12-9; Tu, W 10-9; Th10-6; F 125; Sa 10-5) or to the Genealogy
Department at George Memorial
Library at 1001 Golfview in Richmond
(M-Th 9-9; Sa 9-5; Su 1-5.)

Commissioner Prestage would like to thank you in advance for joining us in this preservation project. For more information or to ask questions, please call Brenda Patton or Maurice Lewis at 281-403-8000.

## Missouri City to Host First Annual 'MCTX Fest'

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Missouri City will host the First Annual MCTX FEST. A new Parks & Recreation initiative that will feature an exciting day full of live music, art, and food for residents and visitors.





On Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Fort Bend Seniors (FBS) held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony to celebrate the Capital Campaign Building Dedication, Bud O'Shieles Community Center Renovation, a new Meals on Wheels Distribution Kitchen and Administration Building in Rosenburg, TX.

Commissioner Grady Prestage joined the County Judge and other Fort Bend County Officials, community partners and event volunteers to tour the facility and hear about what's in store for Fort Bend's seniors. Some of the new and enhanced activities for seniors include:

- The Fred and Mabel R. Parks
   Foundation Family Room &
   Library: With over 400 large print
   books and 4 computer stations; this
   spacious area provides a
   comfortable and relaxing spot to
   read, watch TV, play games, surf
   the internet or just catch up with
   friends.
- The Respite Care Center: This
   room offers respite to caregivers
   and loved ones of seniors with
   early to mid-stages of dementia or
   Alzheimer's. Twice per week fun
   and engaging social activities are
   offered to clients while caregivers
   have some personal time.
- The La Cocina Mexican
   Restaurant & Catering Arts &
   Crafts Room: A room where
   imagination and memories meld
   together into beautiful handcrafted

The festival of fun will be held from noon to 9 p.m. at 5855 Sienna Springs Way. This first-of-its-kind celebration will allow guests to try food from local restaurants such as Brandani's and Soto's Kitchen, and stroll through an art market, showcasing creations of local artisans. Guests will also be able to enjoy live music by festival headliner Blue Water Highway and dance the day away to other musicians such as Griffin House.

The all-day, premier music festival is part of City Manager Anthony Snipes mission to promote Missouri City as a prime tourism and entertainment destination. "We are excited to share the great combination of food, music and art with the public in an exciting and groundbreaking way for the Show Me City." Snipes said.

Additional food vendors include Old Hickory Inn Barbecue, Off the Vine Bistro, Ula's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, Hoggs N' Chicks, Red Oak Grill and refreshments from B's Wine Bar. More than 20 vendors including Linda Wagner, Tim Herschbach and Heather Chappelear will also have art and goods displayed for attendees to enjoy when they're not dancing to the day's live music acts.

Entry for the festival is free, though food and beverages will be available for purchase. The full list of musical artists includes:

- Blue Water Highway
- Griffin House
- A. Sinclair
- Cari Q
- Bourbon Street Band
- Campfire Soul

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- works of art. Participants also use their creativity to prepare for holiday celebrations by making decorations and centerpieces.
- The Fitness Center: State of the art equipment includes weight machines and cardio equipment specially designed for seniors.
   Daily group exercise classes will also be offered.
- The OCuSOFT Multipurpose
   Education Room/Computer Lab:
   With 12 computer stations,
   computer classes meet weekly and are led by a core group of
   volunteers using a computer
   training program provided by the
   Fort Bend County Libraries.
   Seniors learn basic word
   processing skills as well as e-mail etiquette.



Fort Bend Seniors (FBS) is one of Fort non-profit County's oldest Bend organizations and was born in 1974 by community leaders. Through the years, Fort Bend Seniors has evolved and now provides Meals on Wheels services to over 1,000 seniors daily from six site locations throughout Fort Bend County and a site in Waller County. Today, FBS provides comprehensive services and programs including Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, transportation, case management, health screenings, services. information and referral and more. For More recreation Information Click HERE.

#### AccessHealth Announces

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

On April 26th, 6:30pm, all are invited to join the Fort Bend County Boys & Girls Clubs cheer on the Sugarland Skeeters as a part of 'Family Night' at Constellation Field! There will also be a Special Tribute to celebrate our own Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage for his outstanding work with the Fort Bend, Stafford and Richmond-Rosenberg Boys & Girls Clubs! For more information please contact Nick Cantu at ncantu@bgcgh.org.



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



This is your space! We want to hear from

### Change in Leadership

AccessHealth's Board of Directors has officially announced the retirement of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Carol V. Edwards. After 16 years of service, including the last six years as CEO, to the nonprofit health center, Edwards has decided she would like to spend more time with her husband and family. The Board thanks her for her many years of contributions and service.



During her tenure, Mrs. Edwards implemented AccessHealth's Compliance Program, Dental Program and Behavioral Health Program. Under her direction, AccessHealth's Richmond Center earned Patient Centered Medical Home Level 3 Recognition. With this growth, AccessHealth is poised to develop into a regional health system and to provide care for more vulnerable families.

The agency's Chief Financial Officer, Michael R. Dotson, CPA, has assumed duties as Interim CEO while the Board conducts a search for the next full time CEO. Dotson's prior experience includes six years as a chief executive and eight years (most recently in a senior managerial role) providing audit. assurance, M&A due diligence, and consulting services as an advisor to all areas of the health care industry to include: community health centers, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, government-based entities, healthcare foundations continuing and care retirement facilities.

AccessHealth provides integrated health care services without regard to income

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or circumstance to improve the quality of life in Fort Bend County. AccessHealth is a United Way agency, and the main Center in Richmond is recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality For Assurance. more about AccessHealth, please contact Cindy 281-633-3169 Reaves at creaves@myaccesshealth.org

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