



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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***County Commissioners
Celebrate Jones Creek
Ranch Park Grand***

***Missouri City
Host 15th Annual***

Opening

On May 12th, 2017, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court to celebrate the Official Grand Opening of the Jones Creek Ranch Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Fort Bend County acquired Jones Creek Ranch Park, formerly Gordon Ranch, through generous contributions from The George Foundation, The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, and Harrison Interests, Ltd. Since the time of acquisition, Fort Bend County has updated the park's existing facilities and utilities and recently completed the addition of a new administration building located in the front of the park to facilitate easy access for citizens interested in park information.

Judge Bob Hebert said, "This is a beautiful addition to Fort Bend County parks. The financial support of the two foundations and Harrison Interests gave us the park; and our own Parks Department with the help of our Road & Bridge and Facilities Departments, plus the Drainage District, have brought the park to life. Let's use it!"

Juneteenth Celebration

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation's (MCJCF) annual weeklong celebration from June 12th – 18th, will once again recognize community leaders who go above and beyond to give back to the "Show Me City" and all Fort Bend communities.

During the fall of 2002, District B Councilmember Don Smith organized residents, business owners, and stakeholders within Missouri City to launch the annual Juneteenth tradition. As a result of their collaboration, a family-driven, four-day celebration of purpose and substance was launched.



Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Learn more about the history of the Juneteenth celebration on the MCJCF website: <http://bit.ly/2rsEhTw>.

Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament

The annual MCJCF Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, June 12th**, at the Quail Valley Golf



For more information, please visit Jones Creek Ranch Park at www.fortbendcountytexas.gov under Departments, County Services.

TX Lawmakers Finally Agree to Ban Texting while Driving

A statewide ban on texting while driving is headed to the Governor's desk, after being defeated repeatedly over the last



decade. First approved by the House in March, the Senate version pre-empted local texting bans yet allowed the use of satellite navigation systems. This month, House lawmakers voted to accept those changes.

The bill would ban drivers from texting while in a moving vehicle, making it a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine ranging from \$25 to \$99, with penalties up to \$200 for repeat offenders. Texas is one of only four states that don't have complete bans on texting while driving. The state bans drivers who are in school zones, those who are under the age of 18 and bus drivers with minors on board from using phones while driving.

Course, 2880 La Quinta Dr. The tournament will begin at **8 a.m.** This is a time for all golfers to enjoy a round of golf, win prizes and awards. All funds raised help provide scholarships for deserving Fort Bend County students. The admission is \$100 for individuals and \$400 for a team of four.

Thursday, June 15th Annual Community Service Awards Gala

The Annual Community Service Awards Gala will be held at the City Centre at Quail Valley, 2880 La Quinta Dr. from **7 – 9:30 p.m.** This event will recognize outstanding individuals within the Missouri City/Fort Bend County area. This year's Keynote Speaker is Texas Southern University President Dr. Austin Lane. Tickets are \$100 for individual seats and \$1,000 for a table.

Friday, June 16th Family Funday in the Park

"Funday in the Park" begins at **4 p.m.** and is a **"FREE"** event open to the general public at **Hunters Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd.** The event will include activities for all including carnival-themed games, bounce houses, face painting, crafts tables and more; the event will also include specialized food vendors. At dusk, Houston Community College will present a family-friendly movie on a giant screen. The film will be announced at a later date.

'Super Sunday' June 17th "One Mile of Smiles" Parade



Texas previously passed a texting while driving law in 2011, but it was vetoed by then-Gov. Rick Perry believing it to be the government's attempt to micromanage the behavior of adults. More than 95 cities in Texas have passed local ordinances banning some form of cellphone use while driving to fill the legislative gaps. Gov. Greg Abbott appears to be undecided on whether he will sign the bill, but is looking forward to digging into the details now that it's arrived on his desk.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Fort Bend County hold Senior Health & Safety Day



On Wednesday, May 3rd, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Fort Bend County held the Fort Bend County Senior Health & Safety Day Event. The event was held at the Fort Bend County Fair Grounds. The health fair was specially designed to promote the health and well-being of Fort Bend County Senior

The MCJCF presents the “One Mile of Smiles” Parade once again along Texas Parkway (FM 2234) at Court Road beginning at **7 p.m.** The parkway will be closed for the parade beginning at **5:30 p.m.** until the parade is over. This is another “**FREE**” event and is open to the general public. There will be local marching bands, civic groups, corporations, floats, dignitaries and much more celebrating Juneteenth. If you would like to participate in the parade, see the parade route map, or see the parade staging site map, visit www.mcjcf.com.

High School Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands will begin right after the “One Mile of Smiles” Parade. The competition will be held at **Hunters Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd.** This is a friendly competition giving each winner bragging rights. Be sure to make plans to attend this “**FREE**” event. It is open to the general public.

Community Art Exhibit: “It Takes a Village”

The Community Art Exhibit “It Takes a Village” event will be curated by fabric artist Carolyn Crump at the **Missouri City Community Center** in the **City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy.** from **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** The art exhibit is open to the general public and admission is “**FREE**”.

“Festival Under the Stars”

MCJCF is bringing it back with Legendary R&B Funk Band “Lakeside” in concert along with soul-jazz flutist Althea Rene. The festival will be held at **Hunters Glen Park, 1340**

Citizens. Senior citizens from across the county were invited to come out for a day of education to improve their health and wellbeing and enjoy the festivities.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Fort Bend County works with a variety of partners, individuals, businesses, private-sector clubs and organizations, and other government agencies to bring educational opportunities to the people of Fort Bend County. Approximately 125 seniors were able to receive health screenings and blood pressure checks along with many other services.

Participants

were treated to educational

presentations that would help improve their

quality of life. The Presentations offered were: Controlling Your Blood Pressure, Meditation in the Morning and Breakfast on The Go.



There were also more than 30 vendors present for the health fair, offering a variety of different services and information such as, medication reviews, foot exams, nutritional information, bone density scans, cholesterol testing, vision analysis, general health screenings, immunizations, mobility, & safety among other things. The event concluded with several games of BINGO and prizes for the seniors.

Missouri City to Host First Annual Job Fair & Career Development Forum

In line with City Council and City Management initiatives to foster community business development and

Independence Blvd. from 4 – 11 p.m. Bring the family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy an evening under the stars. This is a **“FREE”** event and is open to the general public.

Sunday, June 18th Father’s Day Cookout

For the first time, the MCJCF will host a Father’s Day cook-out with a full day of events and activities for the family at **Hunter’s Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd.** beginning at **1 p.m.**; a carnival will later begin at **4 p.m.** This new event is open to the general public and is a **“FREE”** event.

For more information about this year’s events, visit www.mcjcf.com or call **281-816-6441**.

Residents interested in volunteering for this year’s Juneteenth events, please contact Missouri City Media Relations Specialist, Cory Stottlemeyer at **281-403-8532** or by email at cstottlemeyer@missouricitytx.gov.

For more information about Missouri City, 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 at [@MissouriCityTX](https://twitter.com/MissouriCityTX); and watch **Missouri City Television** (Ch. 16 on Comcast and Ch. 99 on AT&T U-verse).

Fort Bend 4-H Summer Camps!

Fort Bend 4-H is inviting the community to join them for two awesome new summer camps this year! The two camps, the Clover Kids Camp and the Music Camp are for local youth to have fun, learn and make friends in a safe space.

economic growth, the “Show Me City” will host its First Annual Job Fair & Career Development Forum on Wednesday, June 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Centre at Quail Valley, 2880 La Quinta Dr.



To provide assistance to job candidates in advance, staff will host two preparation workshops on the following dates/times: Wednesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Old Municipal Courtroom in the City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Dr. Edward Williams, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development stated, “This strategic event will include partnerships from regional businesses and stakeholders to promote community unity by engaging citizens and providing networking opportunities for those seeking employment in the Fort Bend County area.” Williams included that the Job Fair and Career Development Forum will feature a resume-writing workshop, health and wellness booths, a small business workshop, career counseling and more. To register for this event, please [click here](#).



The Clover Kids Camp will be an experience packed with hands-on fun for kids entering K-2nd grade. Youth will get an intro to 4-H yoga, robotics, animals and cooking on **Friday, July 14th, 2017** from **9am-12pm** at the **Fort Bend County Fairgrounds** (4310 TX-36, Rosenberg, TX 77471). The camp is **FREE** for all, please RSVP at agrilife.org/ftbend4h/camps/.



Next up will be our Music Camp, made possible through a partnership with Sound Foundation Academy. Learn music fundamentals and discover the world of 4-H performance arts on **Monday, July 24th** through **Thursday, July 27th, 2017** from **9am-12pm** at the **Fort Bend County Fairgrounds**. Entering 1st-5th graders will explore instruments, read music and develop rhythm through games, crafts, songs, dancing, and more! Register at soundfoundationacademy.com.

4-H is a national youth development organization with local roots, present in every state of the U.S. and in every county of Texas. In 4-H, young kids develop leadership, communication, citizenship and responsibility, growing life skills through hands-on learning in clubs in their community.

For more information, visit our website at <http://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/> or contact us at **281-342-3034**.

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We'd Like to Hear
from You!***



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