



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2017



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***Fort Bend County, Astros
and MLB renovate Stafford
Boys and Girls Club post***

***Phase One of Westpark
Tollway Extension
Complete!***

Harvey!



On October 27th 2017, with the World Series in town, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined the Astros and Major League Baseball for a dedication ceremony to reveal renovations made to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston's Stafford, TX Club.



Like many of the surrounding Houston area, Stafford was greatly affected by Hurricane Harvey in late August. About 200 kids were displaced from the Club's facility after sustaining serious damage during the storm.

With the help Fort Bend County, the MLB and the Astros, the club is currently operating at 75 percent of its capacity before the storm. The Astros and Major League Baseball contributed \$70,000 to fund the renovations and provide some operating funds to the club.



On November 3rd, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court and the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the FM 1093/Westpark Tollway Extension.

Phase One of the extension stretches four miles from the Grand Parkway to FM 1463, connecting Fulshear to the Southwest Freeway in Houston. Phase two will run from FM 1463 to James Road in Fulshear.

Missouri City Parks Foundation approve Veterans Memorial

As the nation acknowledged our service men and women for their invaluable contributions this Veterans Day, Missouri City officials announced that the 501c3 Missouri City Parks Foundation is moving forward with its first strategic priority, the future Veterans Memorial. As part of the City Hall placemaking initiative the Memorial is slated for construction in the City Hall Complex.



In addition, the national office of the Boys and Girls Clubs and Fort Bend County contributed labor to complete the renovation. Improvements included installation of new floors, paint jobs and new consoles and supplies for the game and education rooms.



“It is incumbent upon us to find ways to prevent future events like Harvey,” County Commissioner Prestage said. “We have to study this issue holistically. It’s not just this local area, but it’s the entire county, and areas outside the county that affect the county. What happens upstream on the Brazos River affects us. We need to analyze this event and see what we can do to avoid flooding damage like this in the future.”

FBISD Board of Trustees Approve Reappraisal of Homes and Businesses Damaged During Harvey

During its November 13th Board Meeting, the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution to request a reappraisal of



The Veterans Memorial was designed by Lloyd Lentz, a Principal with LMA Design Houston, the son of a World War II and Korean War Veteran, the grandson of two World War I veterans and the brother of a Vietnam Veteran. Mr. Lentz’s concept honors America’s brave soldiers who have valiantly served our country, and it features a five-point star with an eternal flame and fountain in its center and is surrounded by arched columns.

“We are thankful that the Parks Foundation saw fit to allow the Veterans Memorial to be the signature and kickoff project for our City Hall placemaking initiative. Efforts are under way now to engage private citizens, foundations and corporate partners to help us achieve our \$1.5 million dollar goal,” said City Manager Anthony J. Snipes. “The venture will be done in two phases and each will have a project cost of \$750,000. Our goal is to complete fundraising by June, 2018.”

The final memorial design will include:

- Landscape, sculpture, lighting and architectural and artistic design elements;
- Space and infrastructure that will accommodate parking, sound systems, podium placement, power and an area with chairs and standing room for guests; and
- Eco-friendly materials that are “native” to Texas and that can withstand inclement weather

homes and businesses located within Fort Bend ISD that were damaged during Hurricane Harvey. FBISD joins other Fort Bend County taxing entities in authorizing reappraisals that would give qualified residents and business owners some tax relief for certain months of the 2017 tax year.



“Fort Bend ISD’s action means that taxpayers impacted by Hurricane Harvey will be able to have their property reappraised, and they will receive prorated taxes on the property for this tax year,” said Steve Bassett, Fort Bend ISD’s Chief Financial Officer. “The application of the reduced value is only for the days following the damage of the disaster, but this will still result in approximately four months of a reduced value for our taxpayers.”

Under the tax code, the governing body of a taxing unit located partly or entirely inside an area declared to be a disaster area by the Governor of Texas may authorize the reappraisal of all property damaged in the disaster at its market value immediately after the disaster.



Based on the information presented by the Central Appraisal District, FBISD

conditions and have limited maintenance and repair requirements

For more information about Missouri City, please visit the website @ www.missouricitytx.gov, For sponsorship details, view this MCPF website link: <http://bit.ly/2iJQ256> or call 281-403-8500.

The George Foundation to Match Fort Bend Forward Harvey Donations!

Fort Bend County experienced devastating floods with 22 percent of the county impacted by high water and 200,000 residents forced to evacuate. The George Foundation is providing a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$100,000, for donations to the Fort Bend Forward Harvey Recovery Fund through April 1st, 2018.



Fort Bend Forward, a 501©3 charitable organization under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, established the Fort Bend Forward Harvey Recovery Fund in order to assist with the recovery effort.

Since 2016, The George Foundation has granted more than \$2 million to support

has calculated that the benefit to approximately 4,300 Harvey-impacted taxpayers (representing an estimated market value of \$1,462,000,000) would amount to an estimated \$348 in relief for the tax year. However, those who are over 65 who have value frozen at a set ceiling may not achieve tax relief because their value is higher than the cap and the reappraisal may not dip below the set ceiling.

Record-breaking Support for AccessHealth's 4th Annual Heart of Fort Bend



Nearly 400 community members gathered at the Safari Texas Ranch for AccessHealth's 4th Annual *Heart of Fort Bend*. This year's event surpassed each of the three previous years in funds raised. As the Presenting Sponsor, Frost Bank helped to ensure it was a truly special evening. Funds raised will provide high quality, comprehensive healthcare for low-income, uninsured and underinsured families in Fort Bend County.

For months, co-chairs, Holly Kaminga and Beth Wolf worked alongside a dedicated committee to plan the event which honored Fort Bend philanthropists, Bob and Carole Brown. State Representative John Zerwas, M.D. served as the emcee while County Commissioner James Patterson served as auctioneer with assistance from Gary Pearson. Community leaders John Null

local recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and previous disasters that devastated members of our community. The match funds will be directly granted to nonprofit organizations supporting disaster relief in Fort Bend County.



The mission of the Fort Bend Harvey Recovery Fund is to raise financial resources to disburse to nonprofit organizations serving flood victims in our local community. Funds will be disbursed based on input from the Fort Bend Recovers network of nonprofit organizations and diverse community leaders with no overhead or administrative fees.

All donations received will have a direct impact on the community and donors may request that their individual contribution be directed to a specific city within Fort Bend County, if desired.

If you would like to contribute to the Fort Bend Forward Harvey Recovery Found, donations can be made online here at YouCaring.com/Fortbendharveyrecovery

and Bill Jameson joined Commissioner Patterson on stage to recognize honorees Bob and Carole Brown for their many contributions to the community.

“We are grateful and appreciative of our sponsors, donors and community members who so generously support AccessHealth,” said AccessHealth CEO, Mike Dotson. “I am honored and thankful that this community makes access to quality, affordable healthcare a high priority.”

AccessHealth is a private, not-for-profit community health center that serves Fort Bend County and the surrounding areas. Dedicated to providing integrated health care services, it aims to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves without regard to income or circumstance. AccessHealth is a United Way Agency, recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

For additional information about AccessHealth or the *Heart of Fort Bend*, please contact Cindy Reaves at 281-633-3169, creaves@myaccesshealth.org or visit AccessHealth’s website at www.myaccesshealth.org.

City of Meadows Place

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Friday, Dec. 8 @ 6pm

Come enjoy the fun at this FREE community event in McGrath Park.
Please bring a can good for our local food pantry or a toy for Toys 4 Tots.

*MPPL Baseball, Meadows Marlins Swim Team & Boy Scouts will be selling concessions.

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



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