



*Commissioner Grady Prestage's*  
**PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

October 2017



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***National Night Out in  
Fort Bend County!***

***Fort Bend County Clerk Opens  
Satellite Office in Sienna  
Plantation!***

On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Commissioner Grady Prestage toured Precinct 2 visiting the neighborhoods hosting festivities for National Night Out. National Night Out is the annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood solidarity to make our neighborhoods safer, stronger and more caring places to live.



During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fort Bend and across the State are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, elected officials, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics.

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## ***Drug Take Back Day Set for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>***

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Missouri City will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration and participate in a National Drug “Take Back” event. The City will be providing residents the opportunity to safely dispose of their unused, expired or unwanted prescription drugs from 10am - 2pm at the Missouri City Police Department, 3849 Cartwright Rd.



The Fort Bend County Clerk has opened the newest satellite office in Sienna Plantation ([Sienna Annex](#)), located at 5855 Sienna Springs Way, Missouri City, TX 77459 for the convenience of customers in the eastern portion of Fort Bend County.

“I am pleased to offer services such as Property and Assumed Name Filing, Birth, Death, and Marriage Records, Research Copies, and payment of court fines for County Court at Law cases,” said Laura Richard, County Clerk.

The Sienna Plantation Annex is formerly the HCC building next to the Sienna Plantation Library. The building has been renovated and includes the county tax office as well. Laura Richard stated, “Particularly in the wake of Harvey, when important documents were lost, this office will be more convenient to those in need of services.”

The County Clerk’s Office is also located at 3 other locations throughout the County. For more information, please visit [www.fortbendcountytexas.gov](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov)

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## ***Disaster Recovery Centers Continue Operations in Fort Bend County***

National Prescription Drug  
**TAKE BACK DAY**  
**DEA.gov**



With the continued misuse of prescription medications, events such as this provide an easy, anonymous way for residents to dispose of drugs. Residents are cautioned against flushing unwanted medications or putting them in the garbage as both methods pose potential safety and health hazards. Flushing drugs may pollute the water supply and throwing prescriptions in the trash makes them accessible to thieves, pets and wildlife, which could result in accidental poisonings and overdoses.

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## ***Willowridge High School Update***



Fort Bend ISD plans to re-open Willowridge High School when students return from Winter Break in January of 2018. Earlier this month, crews completed the mold-remediation process and work is now underway to replace the flooring, ceiling tiles and drywall.

Following the remediation work, contractors conducted an inspection on the HVAC system to determine what may have contributed to the increased humidity over the summer when the



All 3 Disaster Recovery Centers around the County remain open offering in-person support to individuals and businesses under the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods. These centers, located at the ***Fort Bend County Sienna Annex***, 5855 Sienna Spring Way, Missouri City, Texas 77459, ***Simonton Community Church***, 9703 FM 1489 (Simonton Rd.), Simonton TX 77476 and ***Katy Mills Mall***, 5000 Katy Mills Cir, Katy, TX 77494 are operating at Monday – Friday, from 7am. to 7pm.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State and other agencies are on hand to support Fort Bend County residents with the flood assistance process.

As a reminder, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. All eligible residents can register for assistance the following ways:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Phone [800-621-3362](tel:800-621-3362) (voice, 711/VRS-Video Relay Service) (TTY:800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).
- Via the FEMA app, available for

mold growth began. During this inspection, they found that the chillers were not functioning at full capacity, and at least three need to be replaced. Given the extent of the work that is needed, and the slight delay during Hurricane Harvey, the completion timeframe was ultimately pushed back.

To celebrate the re-opening of the school and say “Thank You” to the community for their continuing support, District and school administrators are planning a community ribbon-cutting ceremony that will feature the Willowridge Mighty Eagle Band, cheerleaders, dance team and more. Additional details will be announced as plans are finalized.

## ***Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Cancels Fundraiser***

This year’s “Mad Hatter Adventures Goes Hollywood” fundraiser scheduled for Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. After considering the impact left on the region after Hurricane Harvey, Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Board of Directors and Mad Hatter Honorary Chairs made the decision to cancel the event.

“With many in the community, including our seniors and volunteers, concentrating on recovery from the

devastation and trauma of the last few weeks, we did not think it was appropriate to use the limited resources on producing the event,” said Manuela Arroyos, CEO of the company.”



Apple and Android mobile devices. To download the app, please visit: [fema.gov/mobile-app](http://fema.gov/mobile-app).



## **The DEADLINE to apply for disaster assistance with FEMA has been extended until November 24th, 2017!**

If you have already applied with FEMA and have questions or concerns regarding your application please visit one of the three Disaster Recovery Centers. Disaster Recovery Centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss, and magnifiers for people with vision loss.

Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms. You can also apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by downloading the FEMA app on your mobile device. For more information on getting assistance, please visit <http://www.fortbendrecovers.org/get-help/get-assistance/>

## ***Tax Relief for Victims of Hurricane Harvey***

Following the recent disaster declaration for individual assistance issued by the

Before, during and after Hurricane Harvey, Fort Bend Seniors continued to fulfill its mission of helping seniors remain independent by providing nutritious meals and human contact. "Together, we can ensure that no senior in our community goes hungry," said Arroyos.

If you would like to partner with Fort Bend County Meals on Wheels to advance their mission, individuals can make a financial contribution by visiting [fortbendseniors.org](http://fortbendseniors.org) and clicking on the 'Make a Donation' button.

### **Dozens of FBISD campuses given the 2017 WATCH Healthy Campus Award!**

Dozens of Fort Bend ISD campuses were given the 2017 WATCH Healthy Campus Award, recognized for including wellness as part

of their school culture. The award is given annually by the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), a diverse group of District and community leaders who help foster healthy school environments for FBISD schools. The WATCH Award also ties into the District's *Profile of a Graduate*, stating that students will be equipped with skills for life.

Fort Bend ISD graduates exhibit grit and determination in all aspects of life; respect self and others; *engage in healthy life choices*; are literate and articulate; proficient with technology; and meaningfully and practically apply



Federal Emergency Management Agency, the IRS announced today that affected taxpayers in Texas will receive tax relief.



### **Who's Eligible?**

- Affected taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area as listed in [Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1\(d\)\(1\)](#).
- Taxpayers not in the covered disaster area, but whose records necessary to meet a deadline listed in [Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1\(c\)](#) are in the covered disaster area, are also entitled to relief.
- Relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster area
- Individual(s) visiting the covered disaster area who were killed or injured because of the disaster are entitled to relief.

### **How do I get Relief?**

- The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies automatic filing and payment relief.
- Affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area must call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief.

### **What if I receive a penalty/fee for filing late?**

knowledge in productive ways.

## **2017 WATCH Healthy Campus Award Winners:**

### ***Elementary Schools***

Arizona Fleming Elementary  
Armstrong Elementary  
Barrington Place Elementary  
Brazos Bend Elementary  
Briargate Elementary  
Colony Bend Elementary\*  
Colony Meadows Elementary  
Commonwealth Elementary  
Burton Elementary\*  
Jordan Elementary\*  
Jones Elementary\*  
Hunters Glen Elementary\*  
Lexington Creek  
Lantern Lane Elementary  
Meadows Elementary  
Mission Bend Elementary  
Mission West Elementary  
Oyster Creek Elementary  
Ridgemont Elementary and Early  
Childhood Center  
Drabek Elementary  
Sugar Mill Elementary  
Walker Station Elementary  
Seguin Elementary

### ***Secondary Schools***

Austin High School  
Baines Middle School  
Bush High School  
Dulles Middle School  
First Colony Middle School\*  
Fort Settlement Middle School  
Hodges Bend Middle School\*  
Lake Olympia Middle School  
Missouri City Middle School  
Quail Valley Middle School\*

*\*Campuses that received the award for  
the first time.*

- If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty.



For more information taxpayers may download forms and publications from the official IRS website, [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), or order them by calling [800-829-3676](tel:800-829-3676). The IRS toll-free number for general tax questions is [800-829-1040](tel:800-829-1040).

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