



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
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***County Officials Hold
Ribbon-Cutting
Ceremony for
Bellaire Boulevard***

Commissioner Grady Prestage and Fort Bend County officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Thursday, April 12th** to celebrate the completion of a 3500-foot addition to Bellaire Boulevard in north Fort Bend County.



The project connects two previously separate sections of Bellaire Boulevard between FM 1464 and San Pablo Drive, improving east-west traffic in Precinct 2 with a new four-lane concrete boulevard. Gordon Partners was a contributing partner to the \$5,600,000 project made

***Fort Bend County to
Study Improvements to
Barker Reservoir***

On **Tuesday, April 24th**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court unanimously authorized the county engineer to retain AECOM Technical Services Inc.



to conduct a high-level study evaluating the feasibility and potential cost of enclosing the back-side of the Barker Reservoir with a levee system.

The approval comes on the heels of months soliciting informal input about the concept with the Harris County Flood Control District, Chief Resilience Officer of the City of Houston Stephen Costello, numerous engineering firms, and directors and legal counsel from the Willow Fork Drainage District.

With the agreement stipulating the cost of the study to not exceed \$67,200, the money was transferred from the

possible through a 2013 Mobility Bond.

Officials believe this is a vital connection in Mission Bend and the increased traffic should provide an economic boost to all commercial properties along Bellaire.

'Men For Change' Award Scholarships to Six Fort Bend Area Students

Men for Change, Inc. (MFC), hosted its Annual Scholarship Awards Gala this month at the Quail Valley City Centre. The event serves as a platform to grant scholarships to enable high school graduates to pursue their academic successes, while helping families reduce financial burdens.



FBISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Dupre served as guest speaker at the event. He inspired students by sharing his background and educational journey that led to him becoming superintendent. He also reminded the students of the unlimited possibilities they can realize with diligence, commitment, steadfast purpose and hard work.

This year MFC awarded six (6) scholarships, totaling \$2,000 each, to deserving Fort Bend ISD and Stafford Municipal School District students. The scholarship awards were possible through the generous donations of MFC benefactors and sponsors.

In addition to providing annual scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors, MFC also supports schools in providing school supplies for children of economically disadvantaged families. Men for Change, Inc. strives to expand its outreach and support of Fort Bend County youth. Its mission, *Uplifting Youth through Education*, is the guiding force behind the organization's commitment to providing services and opportunities to youth. MFC relies on the generosity of individuals to accomplish their goals each year.

The 2018 MFC scholarship recipients include: **Toni Ajala**, Dulles HS; **Sidney Brigance**, Elkins HS; **Louisa Idah-Oze**, Marshall HS; **Treveen J. Wigrys**, Hightower HS; **Aumari Wilson**, Willowridge HS; and **Jalon Jackson**, Stafford HS.

Missouri City Invites Residents to Second Annual Mother's Day

Commissioners Court Projects into an Engineering Project Account. Slated to end no later than Sept. 30, 2019, commissioners want the 90-day study to determine the cost of stopping the backside outflow that flooded thousands of homes following Hurricane Harvey. The study will also review the possibility of pumping water that leaves the reservoir back into the U.S. government-controlled property to contain the flood pool within the reservoir during extreme rain events.



Upon completion and review, local leaders will analyze the next steps in partnership with the community and other government entities. There are 20 levee systems guarding thousands of lives and many billions of dollars in private property and infrastructure in Fort Bend County.

AECOM Technical Services Inc. was ranked #1 in Engineering News-Record's 'Top 500 Design Firms' for eight consecutive years and has been named as one of Fortune magazine's 'World's Most Admired Companies' for four consecutive years.

FREE Social Security & Medicare Workshop Coming to Fort Bend Libraries

Metropolitan Public Affairs Specialist Andrew Hardwick, of the Social Security Administration, will lead the **"Social Security/Medicare Workshop"** on **Monday, May 7th**, from **6 pm - 8 pm**, in the Meeting Room at the **Sugar Land Branch Library**.



Hardwick will provide an overview of the Social Security program. Learn how and when to apply for retirement benefits and Medicare, and the differences between Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. He will also discuss survivor and disability benefits and retirement planning. Learn how early retirement affects one's benefits and how to get the most from one's benefits. Hardwick will also demonstrate online tools that are available on the Social Security Administration's website.

Attendees are encouraged to set up a "my Social Security" account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and print a Social Security Statement before arriving at the class so that Hardwick may address any questions they have.

