



**November 2018** 

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#### New Council Members Sworn-In as City Prepares for Run-Off

At their **Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**, Regular Meeting, Missouri City Councilmembers administered an oath of office to Vashaundra Edwards & Reginald Pearson. Edwards was sworn in as the new At-Large Position 1 Councilmember after ousting former Councilmember Jerry Wyatt, who was recognized for his 33 years of service.



Pearson was sworn in as the new District A Councilmember replacing Yolanda Ford, who is in a runoff election for Mayor against Allen Owen. The council

# New SPARK Park unveiled at Mission West Elementary!



On **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, Mission West Elementary celebrated the official opening of their new SPARK Park with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. The dedication is a part of the SPARK School Park Program, which works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on school grounds.

Each park is unique, with designs based on ideas and needs of the school and surrounding neighborhoods. Mission West's park includes a concrete trail, benches and soccer field with new goals. interviewed six candidates during a special meeting prior to the regular session.



The 2018 Runoff election is on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Early voting began on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Mayor, City Council At-Large Position #2 is on the ballot with candidates Chris Preston and Susan Soto.

Registered voters in Missouri City subdivisions located in Fort Bend and Harris counties are eligible to vote in the runoff election. Additional details may be found on the runoff election <u>HERE</u>.

## Stafford Voters Pass All 13 Amendments to City Charter

On **Tuesday**, **Nov.** 6<sup>th</sup>, voters in the City of Stafford overwhelming approved all of the 13 amendments to the Stafford city charter. The



changes affect term limits for the mayor and the city council and fair market compensation for the elected city officials.

Collecting the most votes with 85 percent in favor was Amendment K, which changed the city charter to provide that the person "receiving the majority of votes cast for an office of the city subject to election shall be declared by the city council elected." Which means 50 percent plus one.

Additional amendments addressed expectations of when the mayor would submit a budget and when a council member could expect an item to be placed on the meeting agenda. For full election results on amendments A-M <u>CLICK</u> HERE.

## PerryLee Home Health Care Hosting Annual Bike Giveaway



There is also a reading nook decorated with tiles painted by MWE students, parents and staff. In addition, Commissioner Grady Prestage along with Fort Bend County Parks contributed \$9,000 for padded column covers on the shaded structure and four benches.



Among the attendees were representatives for numerous city and county officials, Executive Director of the SPARK Program, Kathleen Ownby, and members of FBISD's leadership team including FBISD Board President Jason Burdine, FBISD Chief of Schools Dr. Joe Rodriguez and MWE's Assistant Superintendent Carmela Levy-David.

The Bush High School JROTC did the Presentation of Colors, while MWE's Boys to Men Club and Student Council members led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Wildcat Pledge. The MWE Choir finished things off with a performance of the song "All in This Together." This is Fort Bend ISD's second SPARK Park with the first park being unveiled at Ridgemont Elementary.

### Missouri City Set to host Annual Snowfest Festival



Continuing 35 years of holiday tradition, Missouri City is preparing to host its annual Snowfest Festival, Santa Shuffle and Parade. The two-day event will kick-off with the Snowfest Festival on Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Parkway. Pre-event entertainment featuring dance performances and an honor choir will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a tree lighting ceremony and fireworks show afterward. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., guests are invited to enjoy various event activities such as moonwalks, photos with Santa, the famous three-lane snow hill, wandering performers and more.



Its that time of the year again! On **Dec.**18th, Commissioner Grady Prestage will join PerryLee Home Health Care Services, Inc. as they host their Annual Bike Giveaway at its Stafford location at 2227 South Main, Stafford, TX. The event will start promptly at 10 a.m. and will continue until all bikes are gone. This is an extremely popular event, early arrival is advised! All are welcome. Only one bike will be given per vehicle.

# FBCL Plans Special Activities for Holiday Season

Looking for something fun for the kids to do while they're home for the winter break? Families with children of all ages are invited to take a break during the holidays with special activities at Fort Bend County Libraries. Unwind and have fun at the library during the break from the regular school routine with these free activities. CLICK HERE FOR FULL LIST OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

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Then on **Saturday**, **Dec.** 8<sup>th</sup> the staff will host the annual Snowfest Shuffle at 8:15 a.m. at the Recreation and Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Drive. Runners of all levels and ages are invited to participate. To enter, runners must donate an unwrapped toy for the Police Department's Blue Santa Toy Drive; the race will end at the Recreation and Tennis Center where participants will enjoy a special celebration.



Following the Shuffle, the Snowfest Parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Public Safety Headquarters located at 3849 Cartwright Rd. The two-mile long convoy will feature floats decorated in holiday themes, various organizations on foot and a special appearance by Santa. Roads will close at 7:30 a.m. along the route. If you would like to register for the parade, please email <a href="mailto:kfrye@missouricitytx.gov">kfrye@missouricitytx.gov</a>. The deadline to register is <a href="mailto:Dec.3">Dec. 3"d</a>.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Residents who would like to join the Municipal Volunteer Program may email <a href="mailto:volunteer@missouricitytx.gov">volunteer@missouricitytx.gov</a> or call 281-403-8530.

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