



Commissioner Grady Prestage's PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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'The Grid' Breaks Ground in Stafford



On Monday, September 24th, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined Stafford Mayor Leonard Scarcella, Dallas-based StreetLevel Investments and partner Provident Realty Advisors Inc. in Stafford to break ground on 'The Grid,' a new mixed-use project formerly home to Texas Instruments Inc.

Superstars Zapp, Cupid, Tucka Headline 2018 Community Night Out Festival

The musical stars will shine in Missouri City at the Third Annual Community Night Out festival on **Saturday, Oct. 6th** from 4pm to 10pm at the City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Legendary funk band, Zapp, will headline live concert performances with classic hits like "More Bounce to the Ounce" and other dance favorites.



Also taking the stage will be: Cupid



Located at 12201 Southwest Freeway at the intersection of U.S. 69 and West Airport Boulevard, The Grid is a multiphase, \$500 million project on 192 acres with the first phase scheduled to open in 2019. In total, the mixed-use project will have 350,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 2,400 residential units, several hotels, a premier health club and luxury cinema. The project also calls for a food hall and community gathering area called The Lawn, a public space with live music, events, movie nights and art exhibits.



Developer Adam Schiller considers this a “billboard location” along the heavily traveled U.S. 69 corridor. “Everyone has to drive by this site to get to the Galleria, to see the Astros, the museums,” said Schiller, managing principal of StreetLevel Investments. “Now we’re going to give them a reason to stop, come in and spend their dollars.”

AccessHealth Opens New Clinic in East Fort Bend



Commissioner Grady Prestage joined AccessHealth, elected officials, Board Members and well-wishers attending the ribbon cutting for AccessHealth’s new east Fort Bend County location.

The new mobile unit will serve patients at the Fort Bend Community Church in a partnership that will further the Access Health mission to provide quality and affordable healthcare to all. Access Health is a not-for-profit Community Health Center with 16 locations across Fort Bend County, Waller County and surrounding areas.

(singing his double-platinum single Cupid Shuffle), Tucka, “the King of Swing”, who will harmonize his chart-topping soulful love songs; and jazz greats Kyle Turner, Mark Dini and Paula Atherton.

The jazz showcase will kick-off at 4pm on the City’s new outdoor Community Center Performance Plaza and run until 6pm. Zapp, Cupid and Tucka are scheduled for the main stage showcase from 6:30pm to 10pm.

“This is a lineup you don’t want to miss!” said City Manager Anthony Snipes, who launched the festival in 2016 to expand tourism in the area and further market the City Hall Complex as a premier events venue. “This year’s event will be a star-studded evening of superstar performances. Not only will guests be serenaded by artists who are among the best in the business, they will also be able to take part in a health fair, enjoy family-friendly activities, eat great food and fellowship with friends and neighbors.”

The free festivities will also include a health fair, food trucks, bounce houses, a rock climbing wall, public safety apparatus, face painting and event booths. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on-site.

To reserve an event booth space or be a food truck vendor, contact Tourism Manager Sade McCallan at [281-403-8646](tel:281-403-8646) or [EMAIL](#). Volunteer opportunities are still available; to share your time and talents at the event, please [EMAIL](#) or apply here: <http://bit.ly/2B0meNI>.

West Nile Virus Found in Mosquito Traps in Stafford

Fort Bend County Health & Human Services has confirmed the presence of West Nile virus in a sample of trapped mosquitoes located near Staffordshire Road and 5th Street in Stafford, TX.



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Fort Bend County Road & Bridge was notified of one sample of trapped mosquitoes that tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). Standard response to prevent mosquito breeding in an area with a positive sample of mosquitoes consists of increased spraying and larviciding in the area until trapped mosquitoes test negative for the virus.

West Nile Virus can cause a potentially serious illness that spreads when infected mosquitoes bite humans and other animals. Symptoms include high fever, headaches, neck stiffness, nausea, and

Fort Bend ISD to Host Annual Listening and Literacy Tour



The Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees will host its annual Listening and Literacy Tour event for the 2018-19 school year. The tour allows Board members to hear from parents and community members, as they hold their monthly board workshops on campuses. Each event begins at 5 p.m.

This year's **Listening Tour** stop is on **Monday, October 8th, 2018** at Dulles High School (550 Dulles Avenue, Sugar Land 77478). Roundtable discussions will begin at 5pm, and parents are invited to ask questions of Board members and District leaders. Attendees are also welcomed to stay for the Board's monthly workshop, which begins at 6 p.m.

This year's **Literacy Tour** stop will be at Briargate Elementary (15817 Blue Ridge Road, Missouri City 77489) on **Monday, February 11th, 2019**. Board members will begin the evening by reading to students and taking their questions. Students will also receive a free book and families can enjoy educational games, as well as refreshments. If time permits, the Board will also speak with parents and community members afterward. Again, attendees are welcome to stay for the night's workshop, starting at 6pm.

Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management Wants YOU!

In the event of an area wide disaster, critical infrastructure and emergency services will be impacted. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains residents to prepare for and respond to life-threatening events in their community.



Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has its own organized CERT program. CERT members prepare, organize and work together as a team to provide essential services to their community during and after a disaster. CERTs' strengthen neighborhood resiliency and play a vital

vomiting. It is important to note that 80% of people infected with WNV will show no symptoms at all, and only 1 in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe symptoms. Severe symptoms include fever, and may include unusually intense headaches or confusion. If these symptoms develop, seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms will appear 3-14 days after an infected mosquito has bitten a person.

“All residents, regardless of their location, should protect themselves and their families against mosquito bites. Mosquitoes carry many diseases that can cause serious illnesses,” said Dr. desVignes-Kendrick, Local Health Authority and Director of Health & Human Services.

All county residents are encouraged to practice the 4D's:

- **DUSK/DAWN** are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants when you are outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.
- **DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions, and always wear repellent when outdoors. Reapply as you would with sunscreen, after sweating and swimming.
- **DRAIN** standing water in your backyard and neighborhood – old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito-breeding sites.



Fort Bend County Road and Bridge will continue to monitor mosquito samples for the presence of mosquito-borne diseases and provide control methods when they are found.

For more information, visit <http://www.fbchealth.org/west-nile-virus/>

Fort Bend County District Clerk to Host Passport Fair

role in their City's disaster response efforts. Some of the skills taught include organizing resources, medical operations, basic search and rescue, how to use a fire extinguisher and damage assessment.

The CERT training program is offered in Fort Bend County and rotate throughout the year, with the next class beginning in October! If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fort Bend County CERT, you can register for next month's training [HERE](#). A full CERT training schedule can be found [HERE](#). *For more information or questions, contact Kaila Williams at 281-238-3428 or [EMAIL](#).*

Do You Have A Story? We'd Like to Hear from You!



This is your space! We want to hear from you, so send us your news. We may even publish your article in a future newsletter (although we reserve the right to edit for length and content).

Submit articles to:
commpct2@fortbendcountytexas.gov
Write away!



Interested in getting your Passport? The District Clerk's Office is hosting a passport fair **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. This will give everyone an opportunity to obtain a passport book and/or passport card. Tell your family, friends and neighbors.

**Fort Bend County Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
Richmond, Texas 77469
Saturday, October 20th, 2018**

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**Saturday, November 3rd, 2018
From 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment, please contact the District Clerk's Office at [281-633-7630](tel:281-633-7630).

****A limited number of appointments are available.***

For more information, visit the Fort Bend County District Clerk's Website [HERE](#).

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