

## Commissioner Prestage Join State Rep. for Town Hall In Fort Bend-Houston





On Saturday, April 6th, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined State Representative Ron Reynolds for a Town Hall at Impact Church of Houston. The Town Hall, addressing the State's Housing Tax Credit Program (HTC), served as an opportunity for residents to voice concerns and get answers as to what it means for their community. Representatives from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and several Developers who hope to land those tax credits also joined the Town Hall to field questions.

## What IS the Housing Tax Credit Program?

The Housing Tax Credit program, administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), strives to help Texans attain an improved quality of life through the development of better communities. The tax credit program is meant to boost the state's supply of quality, affordable housing. Having access to affordable housing can help reduce the use of substandard housing in Texas communities, and provide a stable housing base from which working families can improve their quality of life.

The target audience for tax credit properties are working individuals and families, people on fixed incomes, and other people you may encounter on a daily basis. These include citizens working in retail, daycares, restaurants, schools, hospitals and various government jobs.



They often don't generate enough income to buy a single-family home, but the tax credit program makes decent, safe housing within their reach. According to a TDHCA survey of housing tax credit developments, most families who live in tax credit developments come from the community where the property is located. More than 80% of the residents surveyed were either from the same zip code, one zip code away or within the metro area of the development.





Tax credit developments are often referred to as "public housing", not because they are government-owned developments, but because tax credits are a federal resource,

used to attract private capital to develop affordable housing. Tax credit developments are privately owned, managed and maintained. They must be able to meet their operating expenses through traditional means like rent collections and exterior sales, such as laundry and vending. How well they attract qualified, paying renters is central to their ability to operate successfully, just like a conventional property. For more information about TDHCA housing tax credit program developments, public forums, board meetings, trainings <u>CLICK HERE</u>

# Commissioner Prestage Visits with Missouri City AARP - Chapter 3081



Commissioner Prestage was honored to join Chapter 3081 for their annual monthly meeting and field questions on various topics concerning seniors, and Fort Bend County as a whole. If you would like a visit from the Commissioner at your HOA, Civic Club or Organizations function, please contact us!

## Commissioner Prestage Joins Bush High School in Support of Autism Awareness Month

On Friday, April 15th, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined Bush High School's ISS (I'm Still Succeeding) student group as it hosted a community walk in support of Autism Awareness Month. Joining the students were District and School administrators, including BHS Associate Principal Paul Wells and District Social Worker Dr. Janice Little, teachers, parents and other area business owners.



Along the walk, the group stopped by businesses of campus partners to thank and

present them with gifts. This event is one of many in which ISS students participate. Throughout the year, they've served as virtual mentors to middle school students, led the National Anti-Bullying Showcase at BHS.









# April is national autism awareness month



# Did you know?

Every 20 minutes someone is diagnosed with autism

Autistic individuals (speaking and non-speaking) may use a variety of different and unique ways to communicate

Many individuals on the spectrum stay in school until they are 21

People with autism have very special gifts and talents!

The Autism Society has a resource for support called Autism Source.

To reach us call: 800-3Autism

**#AutismFriendly #NAAM16** 



## Drug Take-Back Day Returns to Missouri City



On Saturday, April 27th the City of Missouri City will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration for "Drug Take Back Day." From 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Missouri City residents will have an opportunity this month to safely dispose of their expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs at the Missouri City Police Department, 3849 Cartwright Rd.

As the misuse of prescription medications continues to rise, 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.

Locally and nationally, the program has successfully helped to promote community awareness of the issue, to combat illegal use of prescription drugs and to provide a place for proper disposal of medications.

If individuals are unable to participate in the April 27, 2019 event, they may dispose of prescriptions in the "Drug Drop Box" in the Police Department Lobby. The box is accessible to residents year-round.

For more information about Missouri City, please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.



saturday, may 4 community park 1700 glenn lakes lane 11 am - 2 pm

Enjoy free entertainment, performances and games. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Family-friendly fun for all ages!



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## Missouri City Green Paper Shrédding Event

Saturday, April 27 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Public Safety Headquarters** 3849 Cartwright Road or until the truck is full | No shredding fees - DONATIONS WELCOME

## Acceptable Items

- Confidential documents only (legal docs, bank & credit card statements, check books, tax & medical records, etc.)
- Documents with staples, paper clips & binder clips
- Credit cards, CDs, & floppy disks

ProShred personnel will remove documents from vehicles for secure onsite recycling. All shredded documents will be recycled locally.

For more information, visit www.missouricitygreen.org

## Unacceptable Items

- Non-confidential documents, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, & flyers
- Electronics

## Limit 2 boxes per household (no businesses)



Meet Mycle Recycle, Missouri City Green's mascot at the event!



This event is funded by your donations made at previous Missouri City Green recycling events.



## 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). Try to keep your submissions to 150-200 words. Submit Story Below

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