



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

This month Commissioner Prestage tells us about the completion of Sugar Land-Howell Rd. Part of the 2013 mobility bond, this project will greatly increase safety for Mission Bend residents. Please LIKE, SHARE & SUBSCRIBE to keep up with all the great things happening in and around Fort Bend County, Precinct 2!



WATCH

Ribbon-Cutting Marks Completion of Sugar Land Howell Road



On Wednesday, February 27th, 2019, Commissioner Grady Prestage and Fort Bend County officials gathered in Precinct 2 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the Sugarland Howell Road from Old Richmond to Bissonnet Street.

The previous roadway consisted of a 2-lane asphalt pavement with open roadside ditches. The road improvements consist of a 3-lane concrete section 38-foot wide face to face, six-foot sidewalks on both sides, curb inlets and storm sewer. The

project also includes the widening of the existing bridge at Keegans Bayou from 30 ft wide to 42 ft wide and a traffic signal warrant at Old Richmond Road.

The limits of the project stretch from the south side of Old Richmond Road to the north side of Bissonnet Street; a distance of approximately 3,500 feet. The total project cost approximately \$3.4 million, budgeted from the 2013 mobility bond.

Pictured Left to Right: Brent Lapsley, Paradigm Consultants, Inc; Felecia Evans-Smith, Fort Bend County Precinct 2; Don Durgin, RPS; KP George, Fort Bend County Judge; Phillip Gardovsky, Fort Bend County Engineering; Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 2; Jesus Olivia, HR Green; Frank Olshefski, HR Green; Gabriel Oderman, RPS; Amanda Bronsell, Fort Bend County, Precinct 1; Richard Stolleis, Fort Bend County Engineering



Mission Bend Branch Library

Now Open!

FORT BEND COUNTY - PCT. 2

On Saturday, February 9th, Fort Bend County Libraries' celebrated the Grand Opening of its **Mission Bend Branch Library** with a huge welcome from the community!

Located in Fort Bend County Precinct 2 on Addicks Clodine Road, near the intersection of Wildwood Lake Road in Houston. The new library, designed by AUTOARCH Architects LLC of Houston, is a one-story building of 23,779 square feet, making it the fifth largest library in the system, which now includes 11 libraries and management of the Law Library.



Officiating the grand opening was Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage, who was joined by County Judge KP George, Precinct 2 Constable Daryl L. Smith, Sr., Library Director Clara Russell, Precinct 4 Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, and members of the Library Advisory Board.

With Commissioner Prestage and Judge George and checking out the first books at the new branch library, a line soon formed with dozens of people eager to sign up for a library card. More than 165 people registered for a FBCL library card on opening day alone! Library patrons have the option to check out their own materials on self-check machines, while library staff are available to provide individual assistance.



Members of the NJROTC from Stephen F. Austin High School presented the flags for the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Prestage recognized key individuals who were instrumental in making the long-awaited Mission Bend Branch Library a reality for the community.

Musical entertainment for the event was provided by jazz musician RodeRick Davenport and by members of the symphony orchestra at George Bush High School.



The library is equipped with the latest in computer and telecommunications technology, including WiFi, 3D printing, and RFID capabilities. Demonstrations of the 3D printer took place throughout the day.

Natural light from a series of glazed openings that frame views of the neighborhood lends a warm and inviting atmosphere to the library. The main reading area features collections for children, middle grades, young adults, and adults. Comfortable seating, computer stations, and study tables are spaced throughout the library, with some reading areas focused along the north windows to take advantage of the natural lighting. Project Manager Dana Hall gave tours and answered questions about many of the amenities of the library.

A wide variety of books for



children and adults are available for recreational reading and research. Magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials are also on hand. The library offers ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and music that can be downloaded from home, as well as a generous assortment of databases that patrons may access in the library or from home.

The hours of operation for the new branch library will be as follows: Monday, 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The library will be closed on Sundays.

FORT BEND COUNTY FAMILIES INVITED TO FBISD SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

2019 SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR



Fort Bend ISD's Special Education Department is collaborating with area businesses to present a Summer Resource Fair on Saturday, March 2ND for Fort Bend County families of children with disabilities. The free event will take place at Clements High School (4200 Elkins Dr., Sugar Land 77479), from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summer vacation often poses a challenge for parents of children with special needs.

To support families, FBISD is collaborating with The Arc of Fort Bend, Hope for Three, and Gigi's Play House Sugar Land to bring together local businesses and organizations that provide engaging and enriching summer environments for children with special needs. The goal is to connect parents to resources, programs, camps, daycare services, transportation and activities they can take advantage of during the summer.

Childcare services and an "Under the Sea Carnival" for students with special needs and their siblings will be available, while parents take part in the resource fair. Childcare services are limited to 30 students per session and families are required to [register](#) in advance.

Families may choose to attend one of two sessions:


- **Session 1: 9 am - 10:30 am**
- **Session 2: 10:30 am - 12 pm**

TGLO LAUNCHES HOMEOWNER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

On Thursday, February 28th, the Texas General Land Office will be launching their Homeowner Reimbursement Program for residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. This program can allow homeowners to be reimbursed for certain *out-of-pocket* expenses incurred for repairs to their primary home including reconstruction, rehabilitation, or mitigation up to \$50,000. Residents will need to present receipts in order to be reimbursed.

This Homeowner Reimbursement Program is administered by the General Land Office and provides reimbursement for:

- Removal of Construction Debris
- Structural Repairs
- Essential appliances: HVAC, Refrigerator, Stove / Oven, Dishwasher, Water Heater
- Utility Connections: Plumbing, Electrical & Gas Systems
- Septic or Sewer System Repair
- Well or Water System Repair



HURRICANE HARVEY
HOMEOWNER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

To be eligible for this program, the home must be the owner's primary residence and eligible repairs must have been completed prior to the application launch date of Feb. 28, 2019. Applications are anticipated to outNUMBER available funds, so apply quickly!

APPLICATION DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- ❑ VALID PHOTO I.D.
- ❑ INCOME INFORMATION FOR ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (18+)
- ❑ PROOF OF OWNERSHIP
- ❑ PROOF OF PRIMARY RESIDENCY/OCCUPANCY
- ❑ ITEMS BY PROGRAMS
 - Photos showing damage to the home as a result of Hurricane Harvey
 - Receipts or invoices for the home repairs that have been made to the damage property as a result of Hurricane Harvey
 - Bank account statement or credit card statement used for the repair/replacement of the damage to the home
 - Documentation that work was performed: photos, contractor work, completion documentation, and certificate of occupancy, if applicable
- ❑ DISASTER ASSISTANCE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED
 - If a homeowner received Harvey-related assistance for damage from the storm from any source, he/she should provide documentation and information about the amount received, homeowner name, damaged residence address, and the use of those funds.

Typical sources include:

- FEMA Award Letter
- SBA Award Letter
- Insurance (obtain a copy of the Claim Summary outlining structural payments v.s. contents)
- Any other sources of funds or assistance provided to repair the home
- If you are in a floodplain, you may be asked for flood insurance coverage even if claims have not yet been paid out.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$100 million in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDRG) DRP funds to reimburse homeowners for up to \$50,000 in eligible out-of-pocket expenses to repair their Hurricane Harvey-damaged homes.

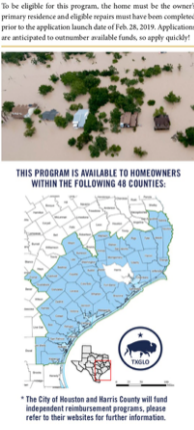
HOMEOWNERS WILL BE ASKED TO:

- Submit receipts or invoices for all repairs made on the home and detail what work was performed.
- Submit financial documentation, bank account or credit card statements regarding the source of payment for repairs.
- Certify any, and all disaster assistance received following Hurricane Harvey, and
- Submit photo documentation indicating that damages were caused by Hurricane Harvey.


THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY ALSO BE NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM:

- Proof of Current Flood Insurance (applicants in Flood Zone)

Translation services will be available upon request. After your initial application is submitted, a housing counselor will advise you of any additional required documentation.



THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING 48 COUNTIES:




*The City of Houston and Harris County will fund independent reimbursement programs, please refer to their websites for further information.

APPLY TODAY BY VISITING
WWW.RECOVERY.TEXAS.GOV/HRP

QUESTIONS?

- ✉ Email cdr@recovery.texas.gov
- ☎ Call 1-844-893-8937
- 🌐 www.recovery.texas.gov/HRP



HOMEOWNER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Residents can apply online, fill out a paper application and mail it or drop it off at a regional office, or visit a homeowner reimbursement program regional office for an application and assistance with the application process. The local regional office for this program is located in Sugar Land at **1 Sugar Creek Center Boulevard, Suite 200, Sugar Land TX 77478**. For more information about the program and to check the status of your application, click [HERE](#).

For additional assistance please email cdr@recovery.texas.gov or call 1-844-893-8937.

Celebrate Youth Art Month at the DeWalt Heritage Center

The DeWalt Heritage Center invites you to join them for its annual Youth Art Month exhibit featuring the work of local kindergarten through 12th grade FBISD students.

Residents are encouraged to bring friends and family to enjoy a no-cost self-guided tour of displays throughout the historic DeWalt Heritage Center. The exhibit is open from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. on ***Saturday, March 23rd*** and ***Sunday, March 24th***.

The DeWalt Heritage Center is located in Kitty Hollow Park, 9555 Highway 6, Missouri City.



Missouri City FAQs:

Municipal Solid Waste Program

With Spring cleaning ahead, City officials and staff have received a number of inquiries regarding the Municipal Solid Waste Program that provides regular and recycling pickup

Missouri City Residents

Encouraged To Serve on Boards, Committees And Commissions

Missouri City Council and Staff value the input and feedback from its citizens and are seeking applicants for all boards, committees and commissions. While serving the

services to citizens through a contract partnership with WCA. The FAQs address the most recent solid waste questions being asked in the community

City, residents will have a very unique opportunity to participate in the governing process and to provide ideas and suggestions on public policy.

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March 7, 2019
9 a.m. until noon
The Target on S. Highway 6, Missouri City

CHOOSE CAR SEAT:
BY AGE & SIZE

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
WHO THINK
THEY HAVE
THEIR CHILD
IN THE RIGHT
SEAT.

THE ONES
WHO ACTUALLY DO.

KNOW FOR SURE
IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT.

Ad Council VISIT SAFERCAR.GOV/THERIGHTSEAT NHTSA Child Car Safety

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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