



*Commissioner Grady Prestage's*  
**PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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## **COMMISSIONER'S CORNER**

This month Commissioner Prestage talks about what happens should the County Judge have to miss a meeting of the Commissioner's Court. Please LIKE, SHARE & SUBSCRIBE to keep up with all the great things happening in and around Fort Bend County, Precinct 2!



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## ***Fort Bend County Libraries Announces Grand Opening of Mission Bend Library!***



The Grand-Opening Ceremony of Fort Bend County Libraries' new **Mission Bend Branch Library** will take place on Saturday, February 9th, beginning at 10:00 am, at the new library, located at 8421 Addicks Clodine Road in Houston.

The grand opening will be officiated by Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage, who will be joined by other county and local officials. All area residents are invited to come out and take part in the grand-opening reception.

The library is located in Fort Bend County Precinct 2 on Addicks Clodine Road, near the intersection of Wildwood Lake Road, in Southwest Houston. The new library,

designed by AUTOARCH Architects LLC of Houston, is a one-story rectangular structure 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.

The building is designed to blend the best of traditional library services with a wide range of electronic resources. The library is equipped with the latest in computer and telecommunications technology, including WiFi, 3D printing, and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) capabilities.

The library will offer introductory computer classes for adults. Patrons may learn computer basics such as how to use a computer, how to search the Internet, how to use Microsoft Office programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and how to find or create designs for the 3D printer.

## ***Hope NOW Community Event***

Still struggling after Harvey? Hope NOW is putting on an event on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** from 10am-1pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond.

The event is open to all affected by Hurricane Harvey, and will help connect Harvey-impacted homeowners with a variety of service providers assisting with long-term recovery. This includes Housing Counselors, Mortgage Servicers, Healthcare Providers, Legal Aid Services, Texas Department of Insurance, and more.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Family Life Center) is located at 507 South 4th St., Richmond, TX 77469.



**HOPE FOR TEXAS HOMEOWNERS**

Still struggling from Hurricane Harvey?

Mortgage companies, HUD-approved non-profit housing counselors & local partners are coming together to **lead families down the road to recovery.**

Families attending this event will be able to:

- Connect with valuable local non-profit resources
- Meet with a HUD-approved, non-profit housing counselor
- Meet with local experts that can assist with healthcare questions
- Education to avoid scams
- Affordable loans for fuel efficient and reliable cars
- Legal services

**You're not alone  
We're here to help**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Family Life Center  
507 South 4th St.  
Richmond, TX 77469**

**February 2nd 2019  
10am-1pm**

Questions - Please call 1-855-230-8161

What to Bring:  
\*Photo ID \*Information about your mortgage \*Documentation of all income \*All property insurance documents

Logos: HOPE NOW, Navicore, Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, TDI, Rio Texas, American Red Cross, ON THE ROAD LENDING, LONE STAR LEGAL AID, CAROL CRUTCHER

This Hurricane Harvey recovery project is funded in part by the American Red Cross

***BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER HOUSTON  
ANNOUNCE 2019 YOUTH OF THE YEAR!***



Cort Keener, a member of the Johnny Mitchell Boys & Girls Club for four years, was announced as the 2019.

At a young age, Cort devastatingly lost his mother from cancer and moved in with his grandmother. Within a year, his grandmother also passed away. Around this same time, Cort was bullied for having autism and not fitting in at school.

He was labeled as a troublemaker and an outcast. Having no where to go, Cort's aunt and uncle took him in when he was just ten years old, and cared for him through these struggles, challenges and obstacles. Cort began attending a Boys & Girls Club when he was living with his aunt and uncle and immediately felt understood and accepted.

Upon joining the Club, he took on leadership positions as a junior staff member and an assistant coach, and met new friends with similar interests as him like art and video games. He had a purpose and a role at the Boys & Girls Club and learned to look beyond his circumstances and give back to others through the Club.



# MCTX 5th Annual Black History Month Celebrations Feature:

**Youth Poetry Slam, Artists Ted Ellis & Amy Cassidy,  
Comedians Ali Siddiq & Lil Darrel, Cultural Food and Music**

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**Continuing its tradition of celebrating culture and diversity in the community, the “Show Me City” will host its Fifth Annual Black History Month Celebrations on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, and Saturday, Feb. 16th.**

**“We’re proud to see our Black History Month tradition continue to recognize African-American culture and accomplishments showcasing the tremendous historical contributions of local legends, including our area youth,” said City Manager Anthony J. Snipes. “This year’s events will be top-notch and we look forward to hosting residents and stakeholders from across the region.”**



# MISSOURI CITY 5TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

REMEMBERING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE

**CELEBRATION OF ART & ARTISTS** **13**  
COMMUNITY CENTER 6-9 P.M. FEBRUARY

**15** **BHM CELEBRATION GALA**  
FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CENTER 6:30 P.M.

**BHM CELEBRATION** **16**  
COMMUNITY CENTER 11 A.M. FEBRUARY

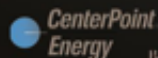


FEATURING  
POETRY SLAM & COMEDY SHOWCASE WITH  
LIL DARREL THE COMEDIAN & ALI SIDDIQ

LIL DARREL THE COMEDIAN



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## ***MCTX Welcomes New Financial Services Director Allena Portis***

Allena J. Portis, a fiscal veteran with more than 22 years' experience implementing sound financial procedures and strategies, is Missouri City's new Director of Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer.

Portis, who is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Master of Public Administration Degree, joined the "Show Me City" on Monday, Jan. 7. Prior to this role, she was the Director of Finance for League City.



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### ***Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees Call Special Election to fill Position 5 Vacancy***

***Position 5 vacant due to  
resignation of former trustee  
KP George.***

The Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees has called a Special Election for May 4, 2019 to fill the vacancy in Trustee, Position 5 for the unexpired term. The position will be added to the ballot (along with positions 3 and 7) for the May 4, 2019 election.

Position 5 was formerly held by KP George, who resigned his position to serve as Fort Bend County Judge this past year. The remaining term for Position 5 expires May of 2020.

The period for candidates to file an application for the special election on May 4, 2019, opens January 29, 2019 and closes March 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who reside on the District's east side are welcome to apply.

Information about Board elections can be found on the [Fort Bend ISD website](#).



## **Free Income-Tax Help at FBCL**

Fort Bend County Libraries will host representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), who will provide free income-tax-preparation assistance for low-income taxpayers at several locations in the Fort Bend County library system from **February 1st through April 15th**.

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## **African-Drum Performance at Sienna Branch Library**

In recognition of African-American History Month in February, the **Sienna Branch Library** will present a special, free musical performance of “**African Hand-Drumming**” on **Saturday, February 9th**, beginning at **2:00 pm**, in the Meeting Room of the library.

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# NEWS

**A NEW EXHIBIT AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM**

Celebrate the churches that made an impact on  
African American history in Fort Bend County

## **EXHIBIT OPENING**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**  
**3-5 P.M. • FREE • ALL ARE WELCOME**



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