



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

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### ***Commissioner Prestage Host Lunch for Fort Bend County EMS***

Fort Bend County EMS has finally moved into their new space at the county's new Sienna Annex in Missouri City. Located at 5855 Sienna Springs Way, The Sienna Annex offers residents living on the east side of the county the convenience of county services a little closer to home. As an additional bonus, the new space allows EMS more meeting space to hold its bi-Monthly Joint Battalion & Chief Meetings. Commissioner Prestage welcomed our First Responders to their new location by preparing lunch for the first gathering in the new space!



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### ***Commissioner Prestage Fields Questions on Sugar Land 95***

On Saturday June 20th, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined Brentwood Baptist Church as a panelist for the **'Unearthing the Truth: Sugar Land 95 Symposium.'** The symposium was an opportunity for the community to get a deeper understanding of the Convict Leasing System in Texas. How Fort Bend Independent School District discovered the remains of 95 former inmates, and the collaboration between Fort Bend County, FBISD and the City of Sugar Land to ensure that proper care is taken with those remains moving forward.



Guest were welcomed to the symposium by Congressman Al Green who spoke on the importance of this issue and his support for the local leaders and community stakeholders leading the efforts. Commissioner Prestage was joined on the panel by historian Samuel L. Collins III, Board Member of The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Bryan Museum and The Rosenberg Library. Community Activist Reginald Moore also joined the panel to share his story. A former correctional officer for the Texas Department of Corrections, Moore would go on to become the founder of the Convict Leasing and Labor Project to expose the history of the convict leasing system and its connection to modern day prison slavery.



## ***'Fort Bend County Pride' Basketball Tournament Comes to Stafford***

Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage congratulates Constable Daryl Smith Sr. and Sheriff Troy E. Nehls on the Inaugural Fort Bend County Pride Basketball Tournament held at the FB Stafford Club of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston! The tournament, held on Saturday June 20th featured several local basketball teams participating for a chance to be crowned champion. The tournament also included a halftime 3-point shootout contest featuring several county officials and deputies from across the county. Proceeds from the competition were donated to the charity of choice by the winner.



Participants in the shootout included Pct. 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2 Constable Daryl L. Smith Sr., Pct. 2 Chief Deputy Roderick Garner, Pct. 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1 Constable Mark Beard, Pct. 4 Chief Deputy John Hermann, Fort Bend County Sheriff Sgt. Barton and Fort Bend County D.A. Brian M. Middleton. The contest ended in a tie with D.A Middleton and Sgt. Barton both making 2 out of 3 field goals. The Stafford Club of The Boys and Girls Club and Fort Bend PAWS were the recipients of the award.





## ***No Cost Spay & Neuter Program Returns to Fort Bend County!***

Sunday July 21st marked the return of the Spay & Neuter Program in Fort Bend County with new partners Cy-Fair Animal Hospital. Spaying and neutering helps reduce the number of unwanted pets and pet deaths around the county. Each month Cy-Fair Animal Hospital will visit a different location around Fort Bend allowing eligible residents from all over the county an opportunity to participate in this NO Cost Program.

The first stop was held in Missouri City at the East End Annex in Precinct 2. Commissioner Grady Prestage was on hand to welcome Cy-Fair as well as residents to the first event. Commissioner Prestage was joined by county officials, Judge KP George, Health and Human Services Director Dr. Mary DesVignes-Kendrick and Animal Services Director Rene Vasquez. This is an ongoing program! Pets will be fixed at **no cost** to qualifying residents (ID accepted are: TX DL, CIHCP, Free Lunch, HUD, Section 8 Housing, SSI, Major VA Disability, Social Security Disability, SNAP, SSD, WIC, TANF).





## About Our Partners:

[Cy-Fair Animal Hospital](#) is a full-service animal hospital and boarding facility that specializes in today's leading veterinarian techniques. With combined experience of over 22 years, Cy-Fair's team of veterinarians understand that client education and preventative medicine is the basis of companion longevity. If you or someone you know may be interested in the program, please call Fort Bend County Animal Services at 281-342-1512 or [EMAIL](#). You can also visit our website [HERE](#).

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## ***Fort Bend County Tax Office Announces Same-Day Appointments***

Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector Carrie Surratt, has announce same-day appointment scheduling for automobile and property tax transactions. County residents can go to [www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxappointment](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxappointment) via their computers or mobile devices and see current wait times for each tax office, as well as schedule appointments online.

“This new feature is an excellent tool to decrease wait times and increase flexibility for our customer base,” said Ms. Surratt. County residents can view the approximate wait times for each transaction type at a given office and choose the office they wish to visit. They would then enter their cell phone number and select the purpose of their visit. Finally, the Wait Anywhere system will then assign an appointment time and send a confirmation text message.

Instead of sitting in a crowded lobby, customers can run errands and/or grab a

bite to eat while waiting on their appointment time. Once they arrive at the designated tax office, residents will check in at the kiosk with the same phone number they used to schedule the appointment. The next available tax clerk will assist them shortly.

All Fort Bend County residents are encouraged to visit the county website at [www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxappointment](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxappointment) to see the new wait time and online scheduling system in action.



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***Get Set for Back to School  
with Fort Bend County and AccessHealth!***



With summer in full swing, it's time to start thinking about getting ready for Back to

School! To start this school year off right, Fort Bend County along with AccessHealth and its community partners are teaming up to prepare students for a healthy beginning.

The *Community Operation* Health Fairs will be held at 400 Austin Street, Richmond, Texas on **August 3rd, 2019** and at 307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas on **August 10th, 2019** from 9:00 am until noon. Sponsors, vendors and volunteers will join forces to assist parents with the medical and financial demands of preparing their children to return to school.

In addition to the backpack drive, this year's health fairs will also include a shoe drive in collaboration with the Fort Bend Collaborative. *Sister's with Style* is also partnering to provide free haircuts, low cost relaxer service, and basic cornrow braids for students. This addition to the Community Operation- Back to School Fair will be provided on **Sunday, August 11th from 9am-1pm** at the salon located at 2200 FM 1092, Suite D Missouri City, TX 77459. AccessHealth strives to continually add new resources and services for the community every year.

**Parents will need to bring their children's immunization records.** Backpacks will be issued ONLY to children present the day of the fair. All services are provided on first come, first serve basis.



The banner features a dark green background with various logos and text. At the top left is the Seal of the State of Texas, Fort Bend County. To its right is the AccessHealth logo with the tagline 'Your Community Health Center'. Further right is the Missouri City, Texas logo with the slogan 'the show me city'. Below the Texas seal is the Fort Bend County Health & Human Services logo. In the center, a large white stethoscope is positioned behind the text 'COMMUNITY OPERATION', where the 'O' is replaced by a red heart. To the right of 'OPERATION' is a pair of scissors icon. Below this, the text '2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR' is displayed. At the bottom left, the text '9AM - NOON' is shown. At the bottom right, the event details are listed: 'Saturday, Aug. 3rd - 400 Austin St Richmond, TX 77469' and 'Saturday, Aug 10th - 307 Texas Pkwy suite 100, Missouri City, TX 77489'. A small logo for St. John's United Methodist Church is located in the bottom right corner.

**9AM - NOON**

Saturday, Aug. 3rd - 400 Austin St Richmond, TX 77469  
Saturday, Aug 10th - 307 Texas Pkwy suite 100, Missouri City, TX 77489

# Do You Have A Story?

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