



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

### ***Missouri City Branch Library Host Grand Re-Opening!***

On Saturday, June 1st, Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage officiated the Grand Re-opening ceremony of Fort Bend County Libraries' Missouri City Branch Library. County Judge KP George, Commissioner Vincent Morales, Commissioner Andy Meyers, Library Director Clara Russell, Assistant Director Joanne Downing, and other county and local officials were in attendance to mark the occasion.

The Missouri City Branch Library originally opened on June 1, 1992, with 18,458-square feet. In the 2015 bond election, voters approved funding for the renovation and expansion of the existing building. A 3-story, 11,009-square-foot addition was included to provide more space for meetings, study, and computers.



With a new total of 29,467 square feet, the Missouri City Branch Library is now the fifth largest library in the Fort Bend County library system, which includes 11 libraries and management of the Fort Bend County Law Library.

Designed by Merriman Holt Powell Architects of Houston, the building blends 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 and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) capabilities.



The library has self-check machines so that library patrons can check out their own materials, facilitating quick and efficient library service.

The library includes community meeting rooms, study rooms, a puppet theater, and a computer lab for technology classes and general public use. Additional computers are available for public use outside of the computer lab. The library also includes a special-event space on the top floor of the addition. This area is available for public use as well as library events.



Visitors to the Missouri City Branch Library will be treated to a special Everbright light feature inside the library. This interactive light wall consists of a huge grid of hundreds of adjustable color dials that rotate. The dials change in hue as they are twisted, offering almost unlimited color possibilities when creating designs.



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.

“When the library was first built, it was designed to meet the needs of the community at that time. No one could have imagined how much the digital age would change all of our lives,” says Library Director Clara Russell. “Use of electronic resources – such as computers, and circulation of digital ebooks and audiobooks – have all shown increases, so the additional space will definitely help us meet those needs of our library patrons.”

The summer hours of operation for the Missouri City Branch Library will be as follows: Monday, 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. The library will be closed on Sundays.



## ***Alpha Academy Graduation and Promotional Ceremony!***



Commissioner Grady Prestage would like to congratulate and welcome the 2019 Alpha Academy graduates as well as the newly promoted honorees of Fort Bend County EMS.

On May 30th, Commissioner Grady Prestage joined EMS Chief Greg Temple in the Sienna Annex of Fort Bend County Precinct 2 for the 2019 Alpha Academy Graduation and Promotional Ceremony. Commissioner Prestage was honored to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and congratulates all the graduates and honorees.

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***City of Missouri City Ready for Annual Juneteenth Celebration!***

# ★ MISSOURI CITY ★ JUNETEENTH *Celebration!* CELEBRATING FAMILY VALUES

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (MCJCF) will celebrate its 17th annual festivities by hosting five days of fun-filled activities from June 17th–23rd, 2019. This annual celebration is a family oriented, educational and a cultural experience that will include art exhibits, a movie in the park, the annual “One Mile of Smiles” parade and live music entertainment.

The mission of MCJCF is to bring positive attention to the African-American community while celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth commemorates the date in 1865 when African Americans in Texas learned of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. The announcement in Texas came more than two years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, which become official Jan. 1, 1863. Juneteenth now commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following celebrations:

## ***MONDAY, JUNE 17th: Scholarship Golf Tournament***

The 17th Annual Juneteenth Celebration will kick off Monday, June 17, with the

Scholarship Golf Tournament at Quail Valley Golf Course, 2880 La Quinta Drive. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Individual entry is \$125 with a team of four entry at \$500.

The funds raised in the MCJCF Scholarship Golf Tournament provide scholarships for deserving Missouri City/Fort Bend County students.



### ***THURSDAY, JUNE 20th: Community Service Awards Gala***

The Community Service Awards Gala is set to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 20th, at City Centre at Quail Valley, 2880 La Quinta Dr. The gala kicks off at 7 p.m.

This year's host, State Rep. Ron Reynolds, who serves as Honorary Chair for the MCJCF gala, will recognize the Community Service Honorees. MCJCF will recognize District Attorney Brian M. Middleton, Judge Teana Watson and Judge Toni Wallace. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ruth J. Simmons, president of Prairie View A&M University.

Admission for an individual seat is \$100 with a table of 10 available for \$1,000.

### ***FRIDAY, JUNE 21st: Family Fun Day in the Park***



Family Fun Day in the Park will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Hunters Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd. The featured film "Black Panther" will be shown at dusk. Family Fun Day in the Park is a free event.

### ***SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd: MCJCF "One Mile of Smiles" Parade***

The "One Mile of Smiles" Parade is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22, along Texas Parkway (FM 2234) from Court Road to Lexington Boulevard turning

right on Pine Hollow ending at Hunters Glen Park. The parade will feature local marching bands, civic groups, corporations, floats, dignitaries and much more.

### ***Festival Under the Stars***

Plan to enjoy singers Keith Washington and Cherelle who will perform at this year's Festival Under the Stars. The show is scheduled for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Hunters Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd. All of Saturday's festivities are free event open to the general public.



### ***SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd: "It Takes A Village" Art Project***

Curated by Code Blahk Entertainment, the "It Takes A Village" Community Art Exhibit will be on display when the doors open at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23rd, at the Community Center in the City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy. The Art Exhibit will showcase the work of artists from all over the region. The exhibits will be for all ages to enjoy!

For more information, and to register for any of this year's events please log on to [www.mcjcf.com](http://www.mcjcf.com).



## **Announcing Our New Intern: Welcome Corey Glover!**

This month we're excited to welcome Corey Glover to the team as our new Precinct 2 Intern.

Corey Glover is a Political Science major at Houston Community College where he is very active around campus and the community.

Corey is the Student Government Association President for Houston Community College - Southwest, Vice President of the Houston Community College United Student Council, and the Parliamentarian Representative for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Region Five.

Upon completing his studies at HCC, Corey plans to enroll at Texas A&M University and obtain a Bachelor's in Political Science. Corey also aspires to obtain his Master of



Public Service & Administration degree and work in local government as a City Administrator or City Manager to make a difference in his community.

He'll be with us through the summer semester and you can reach him on Twitter [@CoreyGLover\\_01](https://twitter.com/CoreyGLover_01).

Welcome to the team, Corey!

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## ***Fort Bend County and AccessHealth Prepare for Annual Health Fair***

It's summer now, but school season will be here before we know it! We're ready to help all school-aged children be prepared for another school year. AccessHealth will hold the 2019 Community Operations Back-to-School Health Fair with the support of other businesses and Community Organizations. These events will offer FREE health screenings, haircut vouchers, fun activities, backpacks, school supplies and much more! There will also be several vendor booths providing assistance and education about additional services available in our community.

To register for shoes visit one of the following locations:

**Fort Bend Social Services:** 4520 Reading Rd Suite A-900 Rosenberg 77471 East

**Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry:** 435 Stafford Run Rd, Stafford, TX 77477

**Second Mile:** 1135 US-90 ALT, Missouri City, TX 77489

**Katy Christian Ministries:** 23232 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494 AccessHealth

**All Clinics:** Visit [myaccesshealth.org](http://myaccesshealth.org) for locations.

Sponsorships are available! For more information about this event or how to become involved please contact Sharonda DeBose at [sdebose@myaccesshealth.org](mailto:sdebose@myaccesshealth.org) or (281)633-3144.



# COMMUNITY OPERATION

2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR



9AM - NOON

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



Please join us for our  
**Farmers Market Partners-Missouri City**  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, June 29th at 9am  
at

**Fort Bend Annex**  
5855 Sienna Springs Way  
Missouri City, TX 77459

Thomasine Johnson  
(832) 347-3811



# FBISD Auxiliary Job Fair

Fort Bend ISD is looking for qualified individuals who love working with children for their Child Nutrition, Facilities, Transportation and Extended Learning departments. Available positions include custodial staff, bus drivers, cafeteria specialists, Extended Learning group leaders and many more.



**Thursday, June 20, 2019 • 4 – 7 p.m.**

FBISD Annex Main Auditorium  
3119 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Registration closes June 16, 2019.**

**For more information, visit [www.fortbendisd.com/careers](http://www.fortbendisd.com/careers).**



## CHILD NUTRITION

The Child Nutrition Department is committed to working closely with schools to provide an overall school environment with nutritious foods that promote good health for students.

### Positions include:

- Cafeteria Specialists
- Substitute Cafeteria Specialists
- Cashiers



## FACILITIES

The Facilities Department exists to inspire and equip all students to pursue futures beyond what they can imagine. We will accomplish this by providing a clean, comfortable, and safe working environment for our students and staff.

Facilities operates four core disciplines: Maintenance and Custodial, Grounds and Pest Management, Auxiliary Support, and Energy Efficiency.

### Positions include:

- Custodians
- Assistant and Lead Custodians
- HVAC
- Mechanics
- Master Plumber
- Maintenance support



## EXTENDED LEARNING

The Extended Learning Department operates before- and after-school programs, and a summer program, for elementary and middle school students. Extended Learning programs keep children engaged through homework time, clubs, SPARK Curriculum, outdoor/gym, activity centers, computer time and field trips.

### Positions include:

- Group Leaders
- Assistant Site Coordinators
- Site Coordinators



## TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department provides safe, efficient and reliable transportation to 30,000 students daily so that they may access the educational and cultural opportunities provided by the District.

### Positions include:

- Full-time and part-time Bus Drivers (paid training to obtain CDL)
- Bus Monitors
- Bus Vehicle Serviceman and Mechanics



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MISSOURI CITY  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**

★ ★ ★ **BUFFALO RUN PARK** ★ ★ ★  
**1122 BUFFALO RUN BLVD**

FOOD & FREE ENTERTAINMENT  
AVAILABLE FROM 6:00-9:00PM

**FIREWORKS @ 9:15PM**

Seating is available in Thurgood Marshall High School stadium.

FREE shuttles will be provided by METRO from the Missouri City Park & Ride location (Beltway 8 & Fondren) throughout the event.



# 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

Write away!

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