



# FORT BEND FORWARD

STORIES. NEWS. & UPDATES.

From the Desk of Fort Bend County Judge KP George  
April 2025 | Fort Bend County | [www.FortBendCountyTX.Gov](http://www.FortBendCountyTX.Gov)

## The Fort Bend County Judge's Office Celebrated International Women's Day

In partnership with the UNA USA Houston Chapter, Fort Bend County hosted a powerful International Women's Day celebration on March 27 at HCC Stafford. The event brought together local leaders, community advocates, and changemakers to champion gender equity and honor the resilience, achievements, and voices of women across all sectors. This year's theme focused on breaking barriers and advancing rights for women and girls in leadership, education, business, and beyond.

**Click to watch the full recap video here:** [https://youtu.be/m\\_bZ58V3ToA?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/m_bZ58V3ToA?feature=shared)



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County Judge  
KP George**



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Emergency  
Management**



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County Elected  
Officials**



## FORT BEND COUNTY HONORS CHILDREN AND RAISES AWARENESS DURING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

On March 31, Judge KP George led a moving dedication ceremony on the historic courthouse lawn, recognizing the 2,075 children served by Child Advocates of Fort Bend in 2024.

In partnership with the Exchange Club, law enforcement, and community leaders, the event featured a field of 2,075 blue-ribboned white stakes and the official proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month—underscoring the County’s ongoing commitment to protecting its most vulnerable residents.



## Fort Bend County Breaks Ground on Barbara Jordan Park, Investing in Community and Connection

On April 5, the Fort Bend County Judge’s Office joined Commissioner Grady Prestage, local leaders, and residents to celebrate the groundbreaking of Barbara Jordan Park—a major step forward in creating inclusive, accessible, and vibrant spaces for all.

The project, led by Fort Bend County Parks and Recreation and C.A. Walker Construction, highlights the County’s commitment to health, community engagement, and sustainable development. “We are not just building structures; we are building community,” said Judge George.

# PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY UPDATES



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## Fort Bend County Confirms First Case of Measles, Urges Vaccination and Vigilance

Fort Bend County Health & Human Services has confirmed the County's first-ever case of measles in an adult female with recent international travel. Judge KP George assured residents that public health officials are actively investigating the case and conducting contact tracing. "Your safety and well-being remain my top priority," said Judge George. Residents are urged to check immunization records, get vaccinated if needed, and remain alert for symptoms. The MMR vaccine remains the best defense against this highly contagious disease.

For general public health questions, please call 281-238-3500.

For 24/7 public health reportable diseases, please call 832-612-7761

For medical emergencies contact 911.

## FORT BEND READY – Be Prepared, Stay Prepared



The Fort Bend County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management is committed to protecting lives and property through preparedness, response, and recovery. By fostering collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, we strive to create a disaster-resilient community built on integrity, respect, and professionalism. Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay safe. Click here for the Public Dashboard: [Fort Bend County Emergency Operations](#)

# MEASLES FACT SHEET



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## MEASLES

Measles is a highly contagious rash illness caused by a virus. Measles is usually thought of as a childhood disease, but people of any age can get it.

### How is it spread?

Measles is spread from person-to-person by airborne droplets and direct contact with infected nose and throat secretions. The virus can remain contagious on surfaces for up to 2 hours. A person can spread measles for 4 days before and 4 days after the rash develops. Anyone with measles should not attend childcare, school, work, or other public places until they are no longer contagious.

### Treatments

There is no specific treatment for measles. Care of patients with measles consists mainly of providing good nutrition and fluids. Antibiotics may be prescribed for treating eye or ear infections, and acetaminophen for fever.

### Prevention

Measles can be prevented with a measles vaccine. 2 doses of measles vaccine are recommended for children starting at 12 to 15 months of age. The vaccine is given as part of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. A second dose of the measles vaccine can be given at any age, but at least 4 weeks after the first dose.

**People who think they have measles should call their Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Local Health Department (LHD) for further guidance.**

**Fort Bend County Clinical Health 281-342-6414**

### Symptoms

- Rash on the face and neck and then spreads
- High fever
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Cough
- Small red spots with blue and white centers inside the mouth

Symptoms may occur within 8 to 12 days after exposure. Rash develops within 7-18 days after exposure.

If you have concerns about Measles, contact your healthcare provider.

**Call your local health department at 281-342-6414**

Visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



## MOVING FORT BEND FORWARD

Pathway to College:  
Navigating Admissions &  
Preparing for Success

**Event date:**  
Postponed

**Venue:**  
**Harmony Science  
Academy**  
13415 W Bellfort  
Sugar Land, TX 77478



### Featuring:

University of Houston  
Wharton County Junior College  
Houston Community College  
Texas State Technical College

Register Here:  
Scan the QR Code



**Join the Fort Bend County Judge's Office for "Moving Fort Bend Forward: Pathway to College"** — a free town hall on college admissions and success preparation!

EVENT POSTPONED

Harmony Science Academy, 13415 W. Bellfort, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Hear from college experts and get the tools to plan your future.

**READY  
FORT BEND**



**EXPO**

**ARE YOU READY?**

**MAY 3, 2025**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**FORT BEND COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS, BUILDING C**

# PECAN TREE GRAFTING CLINIC

TEXAS A&M  
**AGRILIFE**  
EXTENSION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN!**

## LOCATION: TBD

Location will be in Fort Bend County and determined on class size.  
Location address will be sent out the Monday prior to the class to those  
that pre-registered and paid.

**COST PER PERSON: \$25**  
(Lunch included)

**Pre-Registration Required by  
noon, April 21st!**

To register scan the QR code or visit:  
[https://graftingclinic2025\\_04.eventbrite.com](https://graftingclinic2025_04.eventbrite.com)  
(A processing fee will be incurred with credit card  
payments.)



**Or, stop by our office prior to April 21 to pay in  
person by check or exact cash. No walk-ins or  
late entries accepted.**

Grafting techniques instructor:  
Dr. Monte Nesbitt  
Indoor instructor with outdoor  
hands-on demonstrations

Questions?  
Call 281-342-3034

[https://fortbend.agrilife.org/event/  
pecan-tree-grafting-clinic/](https://fortbend.agrilife.org/event/pecan-tree-grafting-clinic/)



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**SAVE  
THE DATE**

# BACK TO SCHOOL ✓ BIRTH CERTIFICATES SATURDAY EVENT

No appointment necessary!



**Laura Richard**  
Fort Bend County Clerk



**Birth  
Certificates**

## REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL?

Complete, detailed birth certificates for individuals born in Fort Bend County and short-form birth certificates for those born outside Fort Bend County, but in Texas.

For qualified applicants with a valid form of ID.



**SATURDAY, April 26, 2025**

**9AM - NOON**

**KATY ANNEX -**

22333 Grand Corner Drive, #104



**SATURDAY, July 19, 2025**

**9AM - NOON**

**TRAVIS BUILDING -**

301 Jackson Street, #136

County Clerk  
Vital Records



Visit our website

**[fbctx.gov/countyclerk](http://fbctx.gov/countyclerk)**



# 2025 SOUTH TEXAS AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office  
1402 Band Road, Ste 100, Rosenberg, TX 77471**

Join us for this half-day agricultural symposium featuring short, impactful presentations from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - South Texas Based Specialists! (Speakers will be live streamed to our office location.)

Attendees can start the day by networking and engaging in discussion over a meet-and-greet breakfast at 8am with our Horticulture Agent, Joseph (Jody) Taylor.

Cost: \$15.00 per person



Pre-Registration required.  
Register by April 25 noon at:  
<https://aggsymposium2025.eventbrite.com> or scan the QR code. Stop by our office to pay by exact cash or check.

Questions? Call 281-342-3034

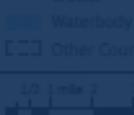
### Topics:

- Small Acreage Opportunities
- The Relevance of Income Diversification in Farm Production
- Parasite Control in Goats and Sheep
- Knowing Your Plants: Creating a Farm/Ranch Herbarium
- Managing to Maximize Rainfall Infiltration
- Things to Watch Out for with Generic Herbicides
- Increasing Your Cowherd's Profitability with a Controlled Breeding Season
- What Mineral Supplement(s) Does My Cowherd Need?
- Vultures: Love Them or Hate Them?
- Using Drones on Ranches
- What's That Fungus?
- The Challenges of Growing Citrus
- The Corn-Leaf Hopper
- The Economics of Grain Storage Decisions
- Watering and Fertilizing Fruit Trees

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**Join us for these and other important events:**  
[Welcome to Fort Bend County | Fort Bend County](#)



# URBAN PARTNERSHIPS

## Synergy Symposium

WEST HOUSTON INSTITUTE - HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
2811 HAYES ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77082 (ON THE HCC-ALIEF CAMPUS)

**Let's connect!**

**An event to build partnerships and create synergy!**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

9 am - 4 pm

**Community Partnerships**

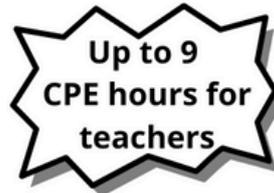
**Agenda**

\*Showcase of successful partnerships

*Lunch provided*

*Keynote Speaker*

\*Large and small group discussions to spark potential partnerships



**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

9 am - 4 pm

**School Partnerships**

**Agenda**

\*Showcase of school partnerships

\*Large and Small group discussions to spark successful partnerships in schools

*Lunch provided*

*Keynote Speaker*

\*WHI IdeaStudio Makerspace Showcase with Concurrent Sessions

Makerspace

Overview:

- How to establish and utilize a Makerspace

Makerspace

workshops:

- Cricut Maker 3
  - Micro:Bit
  - 3D Printing,
  - Laser Cutting
- (Choose 1; space limited, additional fee required)

### Registration required

<https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/urbn-ev-032>

**\$40 per day; \$65 for both days**

Optional Makerspace Workshops on Wednesday: \$10  
lunch included, free parking

Questions? Contact Karen Santos: 281-342-3034 or  
[Karen.Santos@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Karen.Santos@ag.tamu.edu)



# COMMISSIONERS COURT



## Fort Bend County Commissioners Court Recap – March 25, 2025

During the March 25, 2025, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court meeting, several key actions were unanimously approved, including scheduling a public hearing on community development, appointing a new interim purchasing agent, approving temporary road closures for mobility and street dedication projects, and enforcing no-parking zones along the Grand Parkway Toll Road. The Court also addressed important legislative matters, supporting and opposing various state bills impacting public health, food safety, and voter accessibility. Two workshops provided updates on constituent services and behavioral health initiatives. Additionally, the Court issued proclamations recognizing Harmony Public Schools' 25th anniversary and Fort Bend County EMS's deployment of its 100th unit in the Whole Blood Initiative, highlighting ongoing community impact and innovation.

**Watch video recaps here:** [Fort Bend County News & Updates](#)

**For The Full Meetings, Click Here:** [Commissioners Court Online | Fort Bend County](#)



## **HOMETOWN HERO SPOTLIGHT**

### **Honoring Jill Curtis as a Hometown Hero in the Fight Against Child Abuse**

Fort Bend County is proud to recognize Jill Curtis, Board Chair of Child Advocates of Fort Bend, as a hometown hero for her tireless dedication to preventing child abuse and supporting survivors. Working alongside local law enforcement and organizations, Jill exemplifies compassion, strength, and determination in her leadership. Her efforts continue to inspire our community to stand united in protecting our most vulnerable children.

#### **Hometown Hero Disclaimer**

The Hometown Hero recognition is awarded to individuals or organizations selected from a pool of nominees who have demonstrated a significant and positive impact on the Fort Bend County community. Honorees are chosen based on their contributions to the well-being, development, and enrichment of the county at large. This recognition does not imply endorsement of any specific individual, organization, or initiative but serves to highlight outstanding efforts in service, advocacy, and community engagement.

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