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Fort Bend County Pets Hosted A FREE Spay/Neuter Event

Judge KP George joined as a partner at The Empty Shelter Project's FREE Spay/Neuter Event at George Junior High School in Rosenberg. Thanks to Fort Bend PAWS, Fort Bend County Pets, and Rosenberg Animal Control & Shelter, eligible zip-code residents received no-cost spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and microchips for their beloved pets. This vital initiative promotes animal welfare, improves public health, and strengthens community safety across Fort Bend County.















Judge KP George joined the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and community members at the 2025 READY Expo on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. The free, family-friendly event featured emergency vehicle displays, live demonstrations, expert speakers, and fun activities for kids—all focused on building awareness around emergency preparedness.

Families were empowered with tools, resources, and knowledge to stay safe and ready for any situation.



Fort Bend County Judge KP George joined residents, county departments, and community partners for the 5th Annual May Mental Health Awareness Walk at the Fort Bend County Justice Center. Held on Friday, May 2, the event brought together county leaders, employees, and residents to promote mental health awareness, reduce stigma, and show solidarity with those impacted by mental health challenges. Attendees wore green as a visible sign of support and participated in a unity walk through Mirabeau B. Lamar Homestead Park. The event, hosted in partnership with Behavioral Health Services, Health & Human Services, Precinct 4 leadership, the Sheriff's Office, NAMI, and others, reinforced the county's commitment to prioritizing mental wellness and community care.

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY UPDATES



Fort Bend County is launching its 2025 hurricane preparedness campaign with Clear Channel Outdoor. As part of this effort, 10 digital billboards—provided at no cost to the County—will feature a live countdown to the official start of hurricane season.

These public service messages are designed to raise awareness and encourage residents to take steps to prepare before a storm strikes. Beginning June 1, the billboard messages will shift to seasonal hurricane safety and preparedness reminders through November 30.

Click here for the Public Dashboard: Fort Bend County Emergency Operations

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

Stay Connected with Fort Bend Transit: Real-Time Alerts Now Available – The system officially launched on May 5, 2025.



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Fort Bend Transit is proud to introduce FBTAlerts, a new realtime notification system powered by Everbridge, designed to inform riders of transit updates instantly.

Starting April 28, 2025, riders can sign up for free and begin receiving real-time alerts straight to their phones. FBTAlerts ensures you are always in the know, from weather delays to route closures, helping you travel with confidence and peace of mind.







Save the Date May 13, 2025 Join Us for a Mental Health Awareness Event!

An empowering Mental Health Awareness Event where we'll explore strategies for selfcare, resilience, and mental well-being.



Let's shine a light on mental health together. See you there! Date: Tuesday, May 13
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Venue: Janey Room at the
Historic Courthouse at 401
Jackson Street Richmond,

Details:

- Resources: Mental Health Providers
- Topic: Mental Health Information and Support

Call (281) 344-3950

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UPCOMING EVENTS



MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Honoring Our Heroes: Join Us for a Special Memorial Day Ceremony in Fort Bend County

Fort Bend County invites residents and guests to join us in solemn remembrance and community reflection at our 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday, May 23, 2025, at the Historic Fort Bend County Courthouse in Richmond.

This annual event is a powerful reminder of our military heroes' courage, sacrifice, and service. As we approach Memorial Day, we gather to honor those who gave their lives to defend our nation and reaffirm our commitment to the values they defended—freedom, unity, and resilience.

Friday, May 23, 2025. From 10 am - 11:30 am



At the April 8 meeting, every agenda item was approved unanimously, reflecting the Court's shared commitment to public service and progress.

Highlights include:

- County Closure: All offices will be closed on April 18 for Good Friday.
- 911 Appreciation: Honored Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (April 14–20).
- Board Appointment: Angelique Bartholomew reappointed to the Gulf Coast Rail District Board through 2027.
- Education Support: Extended funding for the Literacy Council's Student/Tutor Match Program through April 2025.
- Road Closures Approved:
- Sienna Parkway (Precinct 2) June 2
- Mason Road (Precinct 4) began April 7
- Local Economy: Adopted a resolution supporting local business contracts.
- Rosenberg Improvements: Added nearly \$1M in services to a public improvement project, extended through 2026.
- Flood Control: Approved a flood mitigation partnership with the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Watch video recaps here: <u>Fort Bend County News & Updates</u> **For The Full Meetings, Click Here:** <u>Commissioners Court Online</u> <u>Fort Bend County</u>



The April 22 meeting highlighted Fort Bend County's continued focus on service, safety, and community progress.

Proclamations:

- Honored Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter, for its historic leadership.
- Declared National Hurricane Preparedness Week—residents are encouraged to attend the Fort Bend Ready Expo on May 3.

Key Agenda Actions:

- Appointments (Precinct 2): New members were added to ESD No. 10 and Subsidence District; Charles Rencher's retirement was recognized; Kevin Riles joined local toll road authorities.
- Public Safety Support: Waived fees for law enforcement at the May 10 Firefighter Charity Event.
- A new Fraud Reporting Hotline was launched to increase transparency.
- Infrastructure: Approved \$273K for City of Orchard wastewater upgrades; road closures in Precinct 1; \$849K in ARPA funds for Beasley Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Precinct 4 Planning: Agreement finalized with Attack Poverty for land development in Rosenberg.
- School Safety: Approved MOU between Sheriff's Office and Lamar CISD.
- History Review: Held a workshop on the Texas Historical Commission's Annual Report.

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On April 29, 2025, Fort Bend County proudly recognized the unwavering efforts of autism advocates, proclaiming continued support for Autism Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion. County Judge KP George and Commissioner Andy Meyers joined together to honor Hope For Three, a local nonprofit inspired by the Montgomery triplets, all diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Founded in 2011, Hope For Three has become a vital force in the community. It provides essential resources, raises awareness, and offers financial assistance to families affected by autism. Its mission of advocacy and compassion continues to uplift countless lives across Fort Bend County.

Fort Bend County remains committed to supporting families impacted by ASD. As stated in the proclamation, "continued awareness, education, and acceptance are critical in raising public understanding, offering hope, and uniting the autism community."

Together, we can build a county where everyone, regardless of ability, is supported, included, and empowered.

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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