



Steve Radack, Commissioner
Harris County Precinct 3

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Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack recently unveiled a revamped website that marks the first step in a massive redesign of the precinct's Internet gateway to county services and amenities like parks, libraries and hike-and-bike trails.

The redesigned site can be viewed at www.pct3.hctx.net.

It now features hundreds of new images of parks, county crews at work on road projects, constituents and places like Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and the Jim and JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center. There are new interactive maps that can take residents to pages containing information about parks, community centers and libraries and the entire site has been streamlined for easier browsing.

The new site is only the first step in a total redesign process and new pages are being added daily. In the coming months, Commissioner Radack's office will be working closely with the county's technology experts to fashion an even more modern, accessible and user-friendly site with more features and a completely updated feel.

As the process of improving the precinct's Internet tools continues, Commissioner Radack would like constituents to visit the site. This will be a process involving many steps and input and ideas are needed. Thousands of web-surfers visit the site each month for information on the precinct and the programs offered through Commissioner Radack's office. Just click on "Contact Us" in the upper right side of the home page and send your feedback.

In other news, Commissioner Radack's annual Christmas tree recycling program will begin Saturday, Dec. 26 and run until Sunday, Jan. 10 from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. in Bear Creek Pioneers Park, 3535 War Memorial Drive, and George Bush Park, 16756 Westheimer Parkway. The tree drop-off location in Bear Creek Pioneers Park is located on War Memorial Drive and the drop-off location in George Bush Park is west of Texas 6 on Westheimer Parkway. Follow the directional signs in each location. For additional information call (281) 463-6300.

As part of another project, Commissioner Radack's office is still making prescription discount cards – the same used to boost recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike – available in six community centers.

The locations are: Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet; Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive; Hockley Community Center, 28515 Old Washington Road; Mary Jo Peckham Community Center, 5597 Gardenia; Spring Branch Community Center, 1721 Pech Road; and Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter drive.

The cards are also available at Harris County Hospital District facilities and in branches of the Harris County Tax Office throughout the county. The cards can help families control health costs. They were produced through a partnership between Harris County and the National Association of Counties (NACo) forged by Commissioner Radack last year. Volunteers and Precinct Three employees distributed the cards at points of distribution during

Hurricane Ike relief efforts and they were also distributed by elected officials throughout the county.

Most pharmacies accept the card, which is printed in English and Spanish. The card is free to use and there is no enrollment fee or paperwork. Someone may use the card for an average discount of up to 25 or 26 percent when a prescription is not covered by insurance or when they are uninsured. There are no restrictions on how many times the card can be used and it can also be used for discounts on medicines for pets.

Precinct Three is in charge of distributing the cards throughout Harris County and the partnership with NACo was approved by Harris County Commissioners Court at the urging of Commissioner Radack.

In construction news, base repair and overlay of several roads in Bear Creek Pioneers Park in the area of War Memorial Drive is about 80 percent complete. Work continues as weather allows.

Work has begun on a trail and small parking lot in the new Wirt Road Pocket Park located near Wirt and the Interstate 10 feeder road. The project is about 40 percent complete.

Asphalt overlay in the Westside area is almost complete. The contract for the work was awarded to Angel Brother Enterprises, Ltd and work began in August. The contractor is now putting finishing touches on projects at the following locations:

- Clay Road, from 500 feet east of Barker Cypress to 500 feet west of Texas 6 with two left turn lanes.
- Groschke Road from city limits to city limits.
- Groschke Road from Barker Cypress east to the City Limits

In other construction news, construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard is complete at Tuckerton Road west of Telge to Arched Oak. Ongoing projects include:

- Queenston Boulevard from Clay to Kieth Harrow is 99 percent complete. It involves the construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signals at Clay, French and Conifer Point.
- Cypress Rose Hill from Cypress Mill Park to Manor Bend is 90 percent complete. It involves the construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Huffmeister.
- Park Row Boulevard from 4200 feet west of Barker Cypress to Barker Cypress is 90 percent complete. It involves construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Queenston Boulevard from West Road to Houston National Boulevard and Tuckerton Road from West of Queenston to Copper Cove is 80 percent complete. It involves construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane boulevard with new traffic signal at Tuckerton.
- Westside Senior Education Center is 55 percent complete. This involves the construction of a new single-story building of about 15,000 gross square feet with a concrete parking lot and access drive.
- Mueschke Road from approximately one-mile north of US 290 to Sandy Hill Circle is 45 percent complete. It involves the construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.

As always, Precinct Three encourages comments and questions. You can mail them to Commissioner Radack's office at 1001 Preston, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or email us at pct3@hctx.net. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Commissioner Radack and the staff at Precinct Three.