



Steve Radack, Commissioner

Harris County Precinct 3

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Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack recently completed work on the precinct's fourth Kid Fit Park – a unique public-private partnership aimed at fighting childhood obesity and improving family fitness that has now expanded to a new park near the Katy Freeway.

Gary and Bonnie Trietsch Park, located in the 1600 block of Baker Road, is the newest site for a Kid Fit Park. This one, like the three others built in precinct parks by Commissioner Radack in recent years, was equipped with a donation from the private sector. In this case, Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR) donated \$11,000 to the precinct for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment that can be used by both adults and children.

The new facility will be called KBR Kid Fit Park.

Commissioner Radack's crews have previously built Kid Fit facilities in Arthur Storey Park, 7400 W. Sam Houston Parkway, constructed with a donation from PBS&J; Terry Hershey Park, 15200 Memorial Drive, built with BP America, Inc.; and Nottingham Park, 14205 Kimberly Drive, which was built with a donation from a charitable foundation run by grocery store chain H-E-B.

Commissioner Radack's Kid Fit strategy spins off using donations from private companies to equip the parks. That saves taxpayers money, the companies get their names on the Kid Fit park signage and the corporate community is engaged in the fight to keep children and families fit. An additional benefit is the availability of outdoor exercise equipment for those who can't always afford pricey memberships to health clubs or gyms.

In other news, Commissioner Radack and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood center will host a community blood drive at the Westside Service Center, 16635 Clay Road, on March 12 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 713-266-8193.

The Harris County Tax Office will also be conducting a town hall meeting at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, on Feb. 3 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The meeting will be so officials from the office of Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Leo Vasquez can offer in-person assistance to those with questions about property taxes, voter registration, vehicle registration and any issues veterans might have related to those subjects.

Constituents are also being asked for continued input on Commissioner Radack's recently revamped website. The redesign 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 construction news, base repair and overlay of several roads in Bear Creek Pioneers Park is 80 percent complete. Work has also begun on a trail and small parking lot in a new pocket park in the Wirt Road area. That project is about 80 percent complete also.

Asphalt overlay in the Westside area is continuing on several roads. The contract was awarded to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd. and the work started in August. The projects are substantially complete and the contractor is finishing up last-minute items. The project included work on Clay Road, from east of Barker Cypress to west of Texas 6, and locations on Groschke Road.

In other construction news, construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signals at Clay, French and Conifer Point is complete on Queenston from Clay to Kieth Harrow. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard on Park Row from west of Barker Cypress is also complete.

Ongoing construction projects include:

- Cypress Rose Hill from Cypress Mill Park to Manor Bend – 95 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with a new traffic signal at Huffmeister.
- Queenston Boulevard from West Road to Houston National Boulevard and Tuckerton Road from West of Queenston to Copper Cove – 90 percent complete. Construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane boulevard with new traffic signal at Tuckerton.
- Westside Senior Education Center – 70 percent complete. Construction of a new single story building -- approximately 15,000 gross square feet -- with concrete parking lot and access drive.
- Mueschke Road from approximately 1-mile north of US 290 to Sandy Hill Circle – 55 percent complete. 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.