



Steve Radack, Commissioner

Harris County Precinct 3

**PRECINCT THREE REPORT
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Big fans of the tiny birds with melodic names are again invited to Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack's annual Hummingbird Festival at the Kleb Woods Nature Center on Sept. 25th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The event has turned into one of the more popular and educational at the Nature Center, which is located at 20303 Draper Road at Mueschke in Tomball.

Among the many activities, patrons will be able to attend presentations from hummingbird experts who will capture and band the tiny creatures so they can be photographed. Those attending can also learn about the biology of the hummingbird and how to plant their gardens in such a way as to draw hummingbirds closer.

There will also be presentations on identifying local hummingbirds, caring for the creatures as they winter and an additional program on the hunting habits of owls. Patrons will get to meet an Eastern Screech Owl, a Barred Owl and a Great Horned Owl.

Admission for the event is free, but drinks and snacks are not sold at the Nature Center. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own refreshments. For more information, call the Kleb Woods Nature Center at (281) 357-5324.

In other news, registration for free winter and spring classes for Harris County seniors at the Precinct Three Jim & JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center will start Nov. 1st and run through Nov. 5th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Harris County residents 55 and older can register for the classes offered at the center by Commissioner Radack's office. As long as they bring photo identification, seniors can sign up for computer skills classes and courses on money management, astronomy, mental fitness and subjects like Internet safety.

This registration period will cover classes starting in January and running through May 2011. Seniors must register in person at the center, which is located at 6600 Bissonnet on the west end of Bayland Park. For more information, please visit Commissioner Radack's website at www.pct3.hctx.net. Those with questions can also call (713) 981-4703.

The classes are part of Commissioner Radack's immensely popular and expanding senior education effort. Scores of local seniors have been through the program and many have gone on to be trained as instructors.

Commissioner Radack will also, along with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, be sponsoring a blood drive at the Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive, on Oct. 22nd from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is open to the public. Call (713) 266-8193 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Commissioner Radack will also be hosting his annual Halloween Safe Night at the Westside Service Center, 16635 Clay Road, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29th. Admission is free. The public is invited. The event will feature a costume contest at 7:15 p.m. and games and candy prizes. Drinks and popcorn will also be served.

The event will be held regardless of whether it is raining or not. For more information, call Dora Cruz at (281) 463-6300.

In construction news, construction of a trail and sidewalk at Phase II of Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Park is complete. At Mike Driscoll Park, more than 6,200 feet of trail, an access road and a parking lot are under construction. The projects are about 60 percent complete.

At Bayland Park, construction will begin soon on additional parking at the Senior Softball Complex, as weather permits.

Base repair and overlay of the following roads are also complete:

- Groschke Road, from Barker Cypress to 1,870 feet west of Barker Cypress.
- Deeds Road, from Groschke Road to 2,450 feet north of Groschke Road.
- Jordens Road, from Groschke Road to 964 feet north of Groschke Road.

In addition, base repair and asphalt overlay of Becker Road and Peek Road – a contract awarded to Forde Construction Co. in April for \$746,413 – is complete. That included Becker Road from 700 feet south of US 290 to Katy Hockley Road and Peek Road from Clay Road to F.M. 529.

The base repair and overlap of Grant Road from Old Kluge Road to 200 feet northwest of Lakewood Forest Drive is also complete. This was a project managed by the Texas Department of Transportation using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. The contract was awarded to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd.

Other completed projects include:

- Katy Fort Bend County Road, from North of Franz to North of Morton Ranch Road. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with a new traffic signal at Katy Fort Bend County Road and Morton Ranch Road.
- Kluge Road, from Huffmeister to Little Cypress Creek. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Bauer Road Bridge at Little Cypress Creek. Construction of a new two-lane bridge.

Ongoing projects include:

- North Eldridge, from north of Cypress North Houston to north of Cypress Creek, is 90 percent complete. Construction of the future southbound lanes to complete a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Greenhouse Road, from FM 529 to Longenbaugh, is 90 percent complete. Construction of the two future northbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard with a new traffic signal at the intersection of Greenhouse and Longenbaugh.
- Morton Road, from Mason to Raintree Village, is 80 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Cypress Rose Hill, from Manor Bend to Little Cypress Creek, is 65 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.