



**Steve Radack, Commissioner**  
Harris County Precinct 3

**PRECINCT THREE REPORT  
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Doc – the deer adopted by Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack’s office to replace the beloved Mr. Buck – is back at home in the wildlife sanctuary at Bear Creek Pioneers Park after being treated for a leg injury.

Like many animals in the popular wildlife habitat, Doc was evacuated during rains that flooded the park and surrounding area in late April. During that evacuation, Doc’s keepers noticed the three-year-old buck had sustained an injury. The deer was immediately sent back to Seguin veterinarian Dr. Scott Bugai for treatment and recovery.

Bugai, who nursed Doc to health and raised him in captivity after the buck was attacked by scavenger birds when he was a baby, had offered the animal to Precinct Three after Mr. Buck was killed last year. Bugai, for whom the deer is named, treated Doc’s leg, oversaw his recovery and returned him to Precinct Three earlier this month.

Doc originally arrived at the Precinct Three sanctuary April 23 – only a few days before the rains hit – and he was still learning his new surroundings. Park officials are not sure how Doc was injured.

Mr. Buck’s history was much the same as Doc’s. He had sustained an injury as a young deer, was nursed back to health and taken in by the precinct. Mr. Buck spent eight years on display. He was gentle and would often let patrons pet him. He went on to be one of the more popular attractions at Bear Creek Pioneers Park before he was attacked and killed in his pen last November.

In other news, registration for free fall classes for Harris County residents 55 and older will run Aug. 10 through Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Jim & JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center, 6600 Bissonnet. The classes are scheduled to be taught during the fall. Those registering must do so in person and bring photo identification.

Seniors can register for basic computer classes and other specialized courses on subjects like mental fitness, money management and *Discover Precinct Three* – a class which showcases the precinct’s special activities and recreational opportunities. Some courses are only available to those who have completed a basic computer class.

Since Commissioner Radack started the immensely popular Precinct Three Senior Education Program in 2000, scores of Harris County seniors have completed courses and many have gone on to work as volunteers and instructors in the program.

For more information on the classes and the precinct’s Senior Education Program, call (713) 981-4703 or visit the Precinct Three Website at [www.pct3.hctx.net](http://www.pct3.hctx.net).

Commissioner Radack’s office is also continuing to make prescription discount cards – the same ones used to boost Hurricane Ike relief efforts – available at six Precinct Three community centers.

Those 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 can help families control health costs. They were produced through a partnership between Harris County and the National Association of Counties (NACo) that was forged by Commissioner Radack last year. They were given out by volunteers and Precinct Three employees at points of distribution during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and were also distributed by other elected officials throughout the county.

Most pharmacies accept the card, which is printed in English and Spanish, and it's free to use. There is no enrollment fee and no forms to fill out. Someone may use the card for an average discount of up to 20 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 prescriptions for pets.

The cards are also now available at Harris County Hospital District facilities.

Precinct Three is in charge of distributing the cards throughout the county and the partnership with NACo was approved by Harris County Commissioners Court at the urging of Commissioner Radack. For more information on the locations of the Precinct Three community centers where the cards will be available, please visit [www.pct3.hctx.net](http://www.pct3.hctx.net) and see the notice on the home page.

In Arthur Storey Park, 7400 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. South, work on a trail extension and a new parking lot that added 99 new spaces in complete. Work is 95 percent complete on two parking lots with about 110 spaces at the site of the soap box derby track in Hockley and reconstruction of the hike and bike trail on Brays Bayou from Rice Boulevard to Loop 610 is 50 percent complete. Work has also started on base repair and overlay of several roads in Bear Creek Pioneer Park.

In transportation news, construction of future northbound lanes to complete a four-lane concrete boulevard on Mason from Maple Village to Schiel is 98 percent complete. This project will include new traffic signals at Maple Village and Chappell Knoll.

On Greenhouse from Rebel Yell to Caledonia work is 75 percent complete on construction of future southbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard. Work is 70 percent complete on Queenston Boulevard from Clay to Kieth Harrow of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Clay.

On Skinner, from Jarvis to Spring Cypress, work is 70 percent complete on construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard. Work is 15 percent complete on Cypress-North Houston from Barker Cypress to Island Shore on construction of future westbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard.

Work is 10 percent complete on Cypress Rose Hill, from Cypress Mill Park to Manor Bend, on construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Huffmeister and on Eldridge from the County Line to Bissonnet, where a four-lane concrete boulevard is also being built.

As always, Precinct Three encourages comments and questions. You can mail them to Commissioner Steve Radack's office at 1001 Preston, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or email us at [pct3@hctx.net](mailto:pct3@hctx.net).