



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

**PRECINCT THREE REPORT  
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The name of community activist Maureen Mulrooney and her late husband, Joe, will live on in a 1.74-acre pocket park on Hammerly Boulevard, thanks to Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack.

Commissioner Radack dedicated the Maureen and Joe Mulrooney Pocket Park, 9705 Hammerly Blvd., at a ceremony on June 24. Mulrooney, her children and grandchildren were present, along with Commissioner Radack, Precinct Four Commissioner Jerry Eversole and other community and neighborhood leaders who have worked with Maureen Mulrooney since she moved to Houston almost 35 years ago.

The pocket park is a joint venture between commissioners Radack and Eversole. It is located in Precinct Four but Precinct Three crews maintain it.

Joe Mulrooney, a financial broker, died four years ago and Maureen Mulrooney recently left Houston to be closer to family in Austin. But before leaving, Maureen Mulrooney left her imprint on the community as the former president of the Spring Shadows Civic Association. She was also a longtime association board member and was a tireless and blunt advocate for parks, hike and bike trails, green space and all types of amenities to improve the quality of life in Houston.

While Joe encouraged her activism on community issues and her deep involvement in various political and civic causes, Maureen Mulrooney also spent years as a volunteer fitness and dance instructor at the Spring Branch Community Center.

In other news, Commissioner Radack's office is continuing to make prescription discount cards – the same ones used to boost Hurricane Ike relief efforts – available in 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.

As part of another service offered by Commissioner Radack, registration for free computer 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).

For your entertainment, the Harris County Budget Office recently provided Commissioner Radack with some fun facts about Precinct Three. For example, with an estimated population of more than one million residents, Precinct Three has more residents than six entire states – Delaware, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. Also, if it were one city, Precinct Three would be the tenth largest city in the U.S.

In construction news, work on an extension of the trail in Arthur Storey Park is complete and a new parking lot that will add 99 spaces there is 95 percent complete.

Construction of a four-lane boulevard with a new traffic signal at Katy-Fort Bend on Kingsland Boulevard from east of Katy-Fort Bend to west of State Highway 99 is complete. Work is also complete on a four-lane concrete boulevard with a new traffic signal at Greenhouse and Park Row on Greenhouse from Interstate 10 to Saums and Park Row east and west of Greenhouse. Construction of future eastbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard on Tuckerton from Arched Oak to Huffmeister is also complete.

Work is 90 percent complete on Mason from Maple Village to Schiel, where crews are constructing future northbound lanes to complete a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signals at Maple Village and Chappell Knoll. On Queenston Boulevard, from Clay to Kieth Harrow, work is 40 percent complete on construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Clay.

Work on Skinner, from Jarvis to Spring Cypress, is also 40 percent complete on another four-lane boulevard. Twenty-five percent of the work on Greenhouse, from Rebel Yell to Caledonia, is complete. That includes the construction of future southbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane boulevard.

As always, Precinct Three encourages comments and questions. You can mail them to Commissioner 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).