



**Steve Radack, Commissioner**

Harris County Precinct 3

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Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack, the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) and Santa Claus are once again joining forces to collect donations for the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.

There will be two public HCTRA collection points in Precinct Three for the popular holiday program aimed at providing a Christmas to children who might not otherwise get a toy under the tree – the Dairy Ashford TAG Store, 4012 South Dairy Ashford, and the West TAG Store at 2707 West Sam Houston Parkway North.

New and unwrapped toys for boys and girls can be dropped off at either location between Nov. 30 and Dec. 20 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Commissioner Radack's office is also providing additional "Toys for Tots" collection points throughout the precinct. They are:

- **Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston, Suite 924.**
- **Northwest Branch Library, 11355 Regency Green in Cypress.**
- **Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive.**
- **Mary Jo Peckham Community Center, 5597 Gardenia in Katy.**
- **Westside Service Center, 16635 Clay Road.**
- **Maud Smith Marks Branch Library, 1815 Westgreen in Katy.**
- **Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale.**
- **Spring Branch Community Center, 1721 Pech Road.**
- **Precinct Three Parks Office, 3535 War Memorial Drive.**
- **Hockley Community Center, 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley.**
- **West University Branch Library, 6108 Auden.**
- **Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet.**
- **Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road in Katy.**
- **Katherine Tyra Branch Library, 16719 Clay Road.**
- **Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive.**
- **Cy-Fair College Library, 9191 Barker Cypress at West Road.**
- **Kleb Wood Nature Center, 20301 Mueschke Road in Tomball.**

Donations can be dropped off at those additional locations during business hours, which vary depending on the facility.

In other news, Commissioner Radack's office is in the midst of a massive redesign of the Precinct Three website and Commissioner Radack wants your input. Please view the site at [www.pct3.hctx.net](http://www.pct3.hctx.net) and email your thoughts, suggestions and ideas to [pct3@hctx.net](mailto:pct3@hctx.net).

The redesign is an effort to modernize the site and make it more user-friendly. It will be a process involving many steps and your 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.

As part of another ongoing project, Commissioner Radack's office is still making prescription discount cards – the same used to boost recovery efforts during 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 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 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 is continuing. The project is about 75 percent complete and work will soon begin on the resurfacing of the jogging trails in the area of War Memorial Drive.

Asphalt overlay in the Westside area is also continuing. Work is about 90 percent complete on the contract awarded to Angel Brothers, Ltd. Work is underway on Clay Road from 500 feet east of Barker Cypress to 500 west of Highway 6 with two left turn lanes. Work is also being finished on two locations on Groschke Road.

In transportation and project news, construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard is complete on Park Row Boulevard from Westgreen to Price Plaza.

The following projects are still in construction phase:

- Queenston Boulevard from Clay to Kieth Harrow is 98 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signals at Clay, French and Conifer Point.
- Tuckerton Road from west of Telge to Arched Oak is 98 percent complete. Construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Tuckerton Road from U106-13-00 to west of Telge is 98 percent complete. Construction of the future westbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Cypress Rose Hill from Cypress Mill Park to Manor Bend is 80 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Huffmeister.
- Queenston Boulevard from West Road to Houston National Boulevard and Tuckerton Road from West of Queenston to Copper Cove is 65 percent complete. Construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane boulevard with new traffic signal at Tuckerton.

- Park Row Boulevard from 4,200-feet west of Barker Cypress to Barker Cypress is 60 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Westside Senior Education Center is 50 percent complete. Construction of a new single story building of approximately 15,000 gross square feet with concrete parking lot and access drive.
- Mueschke Road from approximately one-mile north of US 290 to Sandy Hill Circle is 30 percent complete. Construction of a 4-lane concrete 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).