



Steve Radack, Commissioner
Harris County Precinct 3

PRECINCT THREE REPORT
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The tiny birds are a big draw. More than 250 people attended Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack's annual Hummingbird Festival at the Kleb Woods Nature Center on Sept. 26.

The festival, which features exhibits, games, nature tours, talks and demonstrations by hummingbird experts, has become a regular stop for bird lovers and families from around the region. Children were again taught how biologists band and track hummingbirds and one of the key speakers was one of the state's well-known experts on the unique species – C. Mark Klym, an author and Texas Parks & Wildlife information specialist.

For more information on free classes, activities, weekly bird walks and tours at the popular Kleb Woods Nature Center, call (281) 357-5324.

In other news, Commissioner Radack and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive. The public is invited and urged to donate. Call (281) 859-1566 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Commissioner Radack's office was recently forced to cancel an initiative to provide seasonal flu shots at Precinct Three community centers throughout October because the flu vaccine could not be obtained.

Precinct Three had combined forces with the Christus Visiting Nurses Association of Houston and plans were underway and announced to provide the shots at six community centers. Those plans had to be abandoned this week when the association informed the precinct it was unable to take delivery of the flu vaccine. If the vaccine can be obtained at a future date, the immunization effort will be rescheduled.

In other news, Sustainable Living in Houston – a non-profit environmental group -- has adopted a portion of Horse Pen Creek through the Precinct Three Adopt-A-County-Waterway Program. The group will periodically perform trash pick-ups along the banks of the creek adjacent to the Lone Star College Cy-Fair Campus.

Precinct Three is home to both the Addicks and Barker reservoirs. It contains a good portion of the 3,000 miles of channel in Harris County — areas targeted by polluters and prone to littering and illegal dumping.

A good portion of trash thrown out of vehicle windows or disposed of along roadways ends up going down storm sewers or into nearby stream segments. If not caught and removed, the trash in drainage easements, creeks, bayous and reservoirs eventually ends up in the Gulf of Mexico.

Illegally disposed of articles not only prevent proper flow and drainage but also contribute to health threats by providing homes to mosquitoes that carry St. Louis Encephalitis or the West Nile Virus.

Commissioner Radack is committed to the Adopt-A-County-Waterway Program to help to protect our precious waterways. For more information on the program, call (713) 755-6306.

In construction news, work has begun on base repair and overlay of several roads in Bear Creek Pioneers Park. The project is about 50 percent complete.

About 99 percent of the work is complete on asphalt overlay and base repair of four roads in the Hockley & Cypress areas. On May 5, the project was awarded to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd. in the amount of \$1,080,989. Work began on June 10, 2009 and work locations include: Zube from Roberts Road to Hwy. 290; Zube from Roberts Road to Ranch Valley; Betka from Warren Ranch to Mathis; Jarvis from Telge to Whispering Valley; Jarvis from Huffmeister to Mystic Bend and Cypress Rosehill from Juergen to Hwy. 2920.

In other transportation and construction news, the following projects have been completed.

- Skinner from Jarvis to Spring Cypress – Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Greenhouse from Rebel Yell to Caledonia – Construction of the future southbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard.

Construction is essentially complete, with the exception of some final items, on Eldridge from county line to Bissonnet, where a four-lane concrete boulevard has been built.

Ongoing construction projects include:

- Queenston Boulevard from Clay to Kieth Harrow – 90 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Clay.
- Cypress Rose Hill from Cypress Mill Park to Manor Bend – 50 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard with new traffic signal at Huffmeister.
- Park Row Boulevard from Westgreen to Price Plaza – 40 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Park Row Boulevard from 4200-feet west of Barker Cypress to Barker Cypress – 25 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Westside Senior Education Center – 20 percent complete. Construction of a new single story building (approximately 15,000 gross square feet) with concrete parking lot and access drive.
- Queenston Boulevard from West Road to Houston National Boulevard and Tuckerton Road from West of Queenston to Copper Cove – 15 percent complete. Construction of a two-lane concrete roadway to complete a standard four-lane boulevard with new traffic signal at Tuckerton.
- Mueschke Road from approximately one mile north of US 290 to Sandy Hill Circle – 2 percent complete. Construction of a four-lane concrete boulevard.
- Tuckerton Road from west of Telge to Arched Oak – 2 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 – 2 percent complete. Construction of the future westbound lanes to complete a standard four-lane concrete boulevard.

As always, Precinct Three encourages comments and questions. You can mail them to Commissioner Steve Radack's office at 1001 Preston, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or email us at pct3@hctx.net.