



Steve Radack, Commissioner
Harris County Precinct 3

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Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack is finishing a new \$6 million community center and park complex for the Cypress area expected to open later this summer.

The 21,000-square-foot Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center will be located at 8440 Greenhouse Road. A park complex featuring walking trails, outdoor exercise and playground equipment and other amenities will be located on land adjacent to the new center.

The center, named for real estate developer and community leader Richard Weekley and his wife, is expected to open in mid-July or August, according to the latest estimates.

This community center will be the seventh such facility operated by Commissioner Radack in Precinct Three. Like the other such centers, it will offer recreational classes and education opportunities for youth, adults and seniors. There will be space for community meetings for homeowners, various groups and non-profit organizations.

Anyone with questions about the center, can call Precinct Three at (713) 266-8193.

Annual Memorial Day ceremony again a success

Despite heavy rains, more than 270 people attended Commissioner Radack's annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor the fallen at the Harris County War Memorial at 3535 War Memorial Drive in Bear Creek Pioneers Park.

The ceremony included presentation and posting of colors. Madalyn Hernandez performed *The National Anthem* and *America the Beautiful* and opening and closing prayers were offered by Pastor Jonathan Semro of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Copperfield. There was a wreath ceremony, a 21-gun salute by the Houston Police Department Honor Guard and participation by the Honor Guard from Precinct Five Constable Phil Camus' office. The Langham Creek High School Air Force Junior ROTC also performed.

Precinct Three Parks Superintendent Steve Dorman served as master of ceremonies and this year's guest speaker was Col. Richard P. Pannell, a combat veteran who serves as district engineer and commanding officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District.

The War Memorial was built more than 28 years ago during the administration of former Precinct Three Commissioner Bob Eckels. It carries the names of Harris County residents who died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the first war in the Persian Gulf, the war in Iraq and the conflict in Afghanistan.

In 2011, Commissioner Radack added the names of Merchant Marines killed during World War II to the monument. The names of those who served in the U.S. Coast Guard and died during various wars were also added.

Anyone with questions about the monument can call the Precinct Three Parks Office at (281) 531-1592. Patrons can also visit the Precinct Three website at www.pct3.hctx.net to look up names listed on the memorial.

Expanded curriculum at the Jim & JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center

Curriculum at Commissioner Radack's first senior education center has expanded dramatically in recent weeks so seniors will have more classes to choose from.

Patrons visiting the Jim & JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center (SEC), 6600 Bissonnet, who live in Harris County and are 55 or older can now enroll in new free classes there aimed at senior fitness, better health, a better understanding of Social Security, Medicare, gardening, Texas history and cancer risks.

New classes being offered at the Fonteno SEC have already been field tested by seniors at the popular Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Lane.

Commissioner Radack opened the 10,000-square-foot Fonteno SEC in 2004. Scores of seniors received training in computer skills there and giving senior tech skills was the original mission of the program. Many seniors were also recruited and trained as volunteer instructors.

The facility was so successful that Glazier SEC was opened in early 2011. The 14,000-square-foot facility quickly became an immensely popular place for seniors looking to remain engaged and enroll in a wide variety of classes. The Glazier SEC also became a testing ground for dramatically expanding the curriculum of the program.

Many of those classes are now headed to the Fonteno SEC, where a renewed emphasis has been placed on getting more seniors involved in classes aimed at keeping their minds and bodies healthy.

For more information on the expanded curriculum at the Fonteno SEC, call (713) 981-4703. For information on the innovative programs at the Glazier SEC, call (713) 274-3250.

Free childhood immunizations hosted by Commissioner Radack

Immunizations for infants and those up to 18-years-old will be provided by Commissioner Radack and partnering agencies at the Precinct Three locations shown below. Please bring your child's shot records. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Dates, times and contact information for each location are listed. Times are subject to change. For more information, call (713) 266-8193.

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Immunizations provided by Harris Health System
3055 Bear Creek Drive, Houston, TX 77084, (281) 859-1566
Aug. 5th, 10 am - 2 pm
Aug. 19th, 10 am - 2 pm

MARY JO PECKHAM PARK

Immunizations provided by Texas Children Mobile Clinic Program
5597 Gardenia Lane, Katy, TX 77493, (281) 391-4482
August 9th, 9 am - 12 pm

Big event for little birds

Preparations are underway for Commissioner Radack's annual Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival at the Kleb Woods Nature Center, 20303 Draper Road at Mueschke Road in Tomball. The event is scheduled for Sept. 13th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The event will again feature hummingbird experts, who will be capturing and banding the small birds and giving patrons a chance to closely examine the unique creatures. Other programs and various events for the family-friendly festival are also being planned.

Admission to the event is free. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own drinks and snacks. None will be sold at the event. For more information, call (281) 357-5324.

June and July blood drives in Precinct Three

Commissioner Steve Radack and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center are hosting two blood drives in the coming weeks. The first will be June 18th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Mary Jo Peckham Park for All Children located at 5597 Gardenia Lane in Katy. The second will be July 11th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road.

Both events are open to the public. Donors are encouraged to attend. Call Neemesys Magee at (713) 266-8193 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

“Digging Old Stuff” to be unearthed again at Kleb Woods

Commissioner Radack's staff at the Kleb Wood Nature Center, 20303 Draper Road in Tomball, is again hosting a special program called “Digging Old Stuff” on Oct. 25th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There is no charge for the event and participants will get hands-on experience in an authentic archeology dig with members of the Texas Archeology Society. Visitors will also be able to learn how to make a candle as the early Texas settlers did and learn about making and finding arrowheads. There will also be other lessons on a variety of historical crafts and skills.

For more information, call (281) 357-5324 or email klebwoods@hctx.net.

Construction reports and staying informed

Updates on Precinct Three road and construction projects previously featured in this report can now be seen on Commissioner Radack's website at www.pct3.hctx.net. That data is updated monthly. 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.