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NEWSLETTER

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Fall
2020

Hurricane Season is upon us!



Hurricane Season began June 1, and continues to November 30, each year. In Fort Bend County, hurricane damage occurs from a combination of high winds, inland flooding, and tornadoes.

High winds from 74 mph to over 200 mph can easily topple power lines, uproot trees, and knock down buildings as far as 175 miles from coastal areas. If Hurricane Rita had come ashore anywhere from Matagorda Bay to Galveston Bay, Fort Bend County would have surely seen damage from high winds.

Flooding caused by torrential rains is probably the greatest threat that storms pose to inland counties such as Fort Bend. Hurricane Claudette (1979) dumped 45 inches of rain near Alvin, Texas and Tropical Storm Allison dumped 36 inches of rain over parts of Harris County in 2001. More recently, Hurricane Harvey dropped 35 inches of rain in some parts of the County.

A major hurricane is one that is Category 3 or higher (115-plus-mph winds) on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

2020 Hurricane Outlook

2020 Hurricane Season Forecast Atlantic Basin			
	30 Year Average	Last Year	Colorado State University
■ Total Named	12	18	16
■ Hurricanes	6	6	8
■ Category 3 or Higher	3	3	4

Tornadoes are often spawned by hurricanes and can occur well away from the center of a storm. In 2004, Hurricane Francis spawned a record 123 tornadoes.



BUILD A KIT

<https://fbcoem.org/prepare/build-a-kit/>

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

<https://fbcoem.org/plans/eop/>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

<https://www.missouricityready.com/be-ready/access-functional-needs/emergency-preparedness-tips/>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

www.MissouriCityReady.com

EVACUATIONS

<https://www.missouricityready.com/be-ready/preparedness/fort-bend-county-pass-through-county/>

Hurricane Season

When a Hurricane Watch is issued:

- Monitor radio and TV broadcasts for information regarding the storm's progress.
- Fuel-up the family or rental car.
- Refill prescriptions for your family and pets, ensuring at least a two-week supply.
- Get cash, since ATMs and banks may run out of money before the storm or not be operational following the storm.
- Review your plans. Locate evacuation routes which will take you inland to save shelter.

When a Hurricane Warning is issued:

- Monitor radio and TV broadcasts for storm advisories and evacuation announcements.
- Gather belongings in case of evacuation order.

Phone Scams

It's time again to remind everyone about the frequency of PHONE SCAMS and the finesse of these scams.

Let us be clear...Government agencies will NEVER call you with great urgency and ask for money. They will NOT and cannot take money from you over the phone in order to prevent arrest.

Scammers can use local agency names and numbers but Do Not let this fool you.

DO NOT:

- Send Money
- Give Out Personal Information

INSTEAD:

- Hang up
- Call local authorities
- Try calling that family member



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Family Golf Night

Wednesday evenings starting at 4 o'clock. Have a ball with the family and play up to 9 holes from kid-friendly tees in the fairway. Parents are just \$15/player. Cart and range balls are included. Kids 12 and under play free w/parent!

Call 281-403-5910 for tee times. Walk-ups welcome too.

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Couples Labor Day Golf Tournament

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Shotgun @ Noon
Sponsored by: The Quail Valley Ladies Golf Association
Special greens/cart fees for non-pass-holders: \$34.50 per player
Entry Fee \$10 per player
Format: Two person scramble
Apply online: www.golfquailvalley.com

TABC change opens window for some bars to qualify as restaurants under state pandemic orders

Following a new industry guideline distributed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, more bars across the state may soon be able to qualify as restaurants.

Under a new industry notice dated Aug. 7, existing food and beverage license holders that make more than 51% of their sales through alcoholic beverages may change their business models and use projected future food sales to qualify as a restaurant.

That would allow more establishments to open doors to dine-in customers under Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order GA-28 outlining which businesses can offer in-person services during the coronavirus pandemic.

Starting Aug. 10, both permitted food and beverage license holders and applicants may submit an affidavit stating they are changing their business model to ensure the majority of their gross receipts come from food and merchandise sales.



According to language in the TABC's Aug. 7 order, any establishments applying for food and beverage licenses or applying to operate as a restaurant must maintain records showing the change in alcohol and food sales.

In its new guidance, the TABC mandates that food service at all establishments be operational for the entire time that alcoholic beverages are served. Further, businesses must still comply with social distancing, capacity, and other health and safety protocols outlined under Abbott's

Fort Bend County Tax Office in Sugar Land

Fort Bend County has announced that the Sugar Land Tax Office at 12550 Emily Court is closed until further notice due directly to the response to COVID-19. Also closed are the Sienna and Needville offices.

According to a news release, the "Tax Office staff will collect and process transactions received through the mail and drop boxes at all three locations. The Richmond, Katy and Missouri City offices will continue offering full-service auto and property tax processing at their normal business hours."

"We cannot emphasize enough the importance of customers using contact-free options to conduct business with us during this pandemic," Carrie Surratt, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector, said in the release. "This is especially true for auto transactions, as Gov. (Greg) Abbott has waived the requirements and all penalties and fines associated with registration renewals, disabled placards, and title transfers. This means that law enforcement will not issue citations for expired stickers and placards, and customers will not incur sales tax or delinquent transfer penalties for late title transfers. Stay home ... stay safe ... and conduct your business through the mail or online whenever possible."

Yard of the Month: Jack & Sherry Bub

This well-dressed garden caught the attention of The Quail Valley Garden Club for the Yard of the Month award!

In appreciation for helping to keep Quail Valley beautiful, the “Yard of the Month” sign will be placed in the front yard and the award recipients will receive a \$25 appreciation award from Lowe’s. Additionally, a congratulatory note to the homeowners is posted on the QVG HOA digital board, a picture in their front yard is taken and posted on the Quail Valley Garden Club website, distributed to various local publications, and will appear in the QVGC yearly directory. Recently, the City of Missouri City has joined our effort in promoting civic pride and will start issuing a Beautification Award of Appreciation to the homeowners.

While the Yard of the Month Committee constantly reviews yards in the neighborhood, they also accept nominations.

If you would like to nominate a yard (including your own), send an email to: quailvalleygardenclub.org. On the subject line write: YOM Nomination. Include contact name and address information.

Congratulations to Jack & Sherry Bub of Quail Valley!



25 Fort Bend
County Fair
Day



Veteran's
Day

closed until further notice due to COVID-19

Since fewer tax offices are open throughout the county, those customers who go to the offices may “experience longer than normal wait times,” the Tax Office reports. Also, there is limited seating due to social distancing recommendations.

Online options for taxpayers are free for those renewing auto registrations at renew.txdmv.gov.

For those residents needing to pay property taxes can do so online at www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/services/paypropertytaxes.

For more information, go to www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxoffice. Tax Office staff are also available to assist customers by email at FBCTaxInfo@fortbendcountytexas.org or by calling 281-341-3710.



Fort Bend ISD to offer Grab and Go breakfasts, lunches to students during 2020-21 school year

Only Fort Bend ISD students are eligible to receive meals, and prices will be set using the student's current meal status—free, reduced price or paid.

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MCTX COVID-19 UPDATES: Mayor Ford Issues Local Order Requiring Face Coverings

In accordance with Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Mayor Yolanda Ford is issuing a local order requiring that face coverings (homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, and handkerchiefs) be worn in all local businesses and workplaces by employees and patrons. Order No. O-20-02 will be in effect on June 28 at 12:01 a.m. and it further addresses the City's need to ensure the safety and protection of citizens, public servants, visitors and stakeholders as the number of COVID-19 cases escalates in the region.

2020 census non-response follow up begins in Fort Bend County

Census workers have begun going door to door in Fort Bend County, hoping to fill in the gaps of the 2020 federal census. A half-million census takers head out en mass this week to knock on the doors of households that haven't yet responded to the 2020 census.

The U.S. Census Bureau last week launched the Nonresponse Followup operation where workers visits households which have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. The bureau reports that workers will be wearing face masks and gloves, and will observe physical distancing during visits. To avoid a knock on the door, residents are encourages to visit www.My2020Census.gov, Filling out the 2020 Census should take about 10 minutes.

"With the deadline to respond to the 2020 Census cut short by one month to Sept. 30, it is now even more critical to encourage friends and neighbors to respond right away," County Judge KP George said in a news release. "Everyone in Fort Bend counts toward funding for schools, roads, and hospitals in our communities. With a complete count, we ensure Fort Bend, one of the fastest growing counties in the state, has the funding it needs for the next 10 years."



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Happy Thanksgiving



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Christmas Day

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Have you got an interesting story to tell which we can include in the next newsletter?