

GMBAC Community News

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GMBAC to Partner with Local Businesses

One of the goals of the GMBAC is to promote community development for the citizens as well as local businesses.

The GMBAC encompasses an area of approximately nine square miles and is home to 65,000 residents and over 500 businesses.

In the spirit of unity and future development the GMBAC is encouraging local businesses to join the effort to improve our area. Partnering with local business is the key to this initiative.

A business forum is scheduled for October 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to connect with businesses and communicate to them the vision of the GMBAC.

The purpose of the forum is to engage businesses in our area to work and collaborate together with the GMBAC to create strategies and develop plans to rebuild, rebrand, and revitalize the commercial areas

surrounding our neighborhoods. The forum will allow us to exchange ideas on how to make our commercial district more attractive and safer for homeowners who live nearby.

It is our hope that connecting businesses and homeowners we can build partnerships that will lead to some much-needed changes to the aesthetics of our communities' commercial landscapes.

General initiatives on the forum's agenda are Community Awareness Campaigns, Beautification Projects, Graffiti Removal and Abatement, and Safety and Security.

Please encourage businesses to attend the forum and get involved and have them contact GMBAC, information@gmbac.com.

Our Mission

The mission of the Greater Mission Bend Area Council is to empower residents, businesses and organizations of the Greater Mission Bend Area by collectively addressing our common issues and concerns.

Join us in improving our area!

Fall Is Here

Fall is here and is a much welcomed time of the year to give us a break from the heat.

Fall is a very good time to clean out your gutters. Clogged gutters can cause rainwater build up

which could lead to your gutter system leaking or breaking.

Re-mulch your flowerbeds and rake leaves. Fertilize your lawn in early November. Use a high phosphorous

mixture to promote root growth over the winter. If you have questions stop by one of our area nurseries, The Home Depot, or Lowes. By spring your grass will be beautiful with fewer weeds.

"There's a saying in the martial arts world that the best form of self-defense is not putting yourself in a position where you have to defend yourself"
Bill Nelson

Mission Bend Crime Statistics

The following are crime statistics for the Mission Bend area.

- Mission Bend is safer than 26.5% of the cities in the nation.
- The crime rate in Mission Bend is less than 30% of the cities in Texas.
- The estimated chance of being a victim of a crime in Mission Bend is 1 in 31.
- The estimated chance of

being a victim of a violent crime in Mission Bend is 1 in 303.

- The estimated chance of being a victim of a property crime in Mission Bend is 1 in 34.

This leaves the question, how can we protect ourselves? The following are a few tips; 1) trust when something doesn't seem right, 2) beware of your surroundings, 3) pay

attention to the people around you, 4) act confident and focused, 5) have an escape plan, 6) stay physically fit, 7) react quickly to the danger.

Additionally, if you see a crime in progress, call 911. Help your neighbors in time of need and get to know them. If you see suspicious activity or characters in your neighborhood call the police.

Statistics from areavibes.com

Protecting Your Children

According to City-Data.com there are 65 registered sex offenders in the Mission Bend Area.

The vast majority of sexual abuse occurs with adults the child knows and comes to trust. Many times it occurs in the child's home.

It is very important for parents to talk to their children about what sexual abuse is and how

they can protect themselves. It is equally important to make sure your child knows it is never their fault. By talking to your children and having open lines of communication your child will be more comfortable in coming to you if they are ever confronted with this situation.

Child advocates suggest explaining the difference

between 'good' touches -- like a hug, or a pat on the back, or a kiss on the cheek; there are 'bad' touches -- like when somebody hits you or pushes you. And there are 'secret' touches -- where somebody wants to touch you and they say you have to keep it a secret.

Clerk Thwarts Robbery

Noman Ali was working the register at a Fuel Expo in Houston, Texas when a man brought some beer to the counter, drew a gun, and demanded cash. Ali handed over some money, but then retrieved a gun and fired at the criminal, striking the robber multiple times

before he fled to a nearby car. As he was making his getaway, the criminal crashed his vehicle into a ditch then attempted to force at least one passerby at gunpoint to take him to a hospital. However, before anyone else could be hurt, police captured the gunman.

Ali harbors no ill will towards the criminal, telling a local media outlet, "Crime needs to be stopped and [that's] it, my goal [was] not to kill him... I'm good, the customers are good. Hopefully he's good too."

[Story by khou.com](http://Story.by.khou.com)

Fort Bend County Fair

The 77th Annual Fort Bend County Fair dates are September 27 thru October 26th. The fair was established in 1933 and benefits youth, promotes agriculture and supports education. The scholarship program began in 1979 and has awarded over 600 scholarships to Ft Bend County students to Texas colleges and universities. The Fort Bend County fair

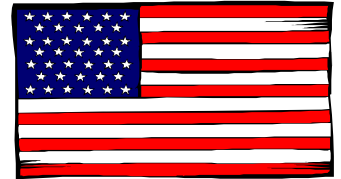
has grown into one of the largest fairs in the state of Texas.

Bring the family and enjoy family friendly entertainment, rodeo, livestock show and much, much more. You can even attend Cowboy church on October 6th.

Just for the kids, on Saturday, October 5th, there is a little wranglers

BBQ cook off and a pet show.

For further information please visit the website. <http://fortbendcountyfair.com/>



Future Farmers of America

"Future Farmers of America" was founded by a group of young farmers back in 1928. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. They taught us that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting-- it's a science, it's a business and it's an art.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to

meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways.

So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America; however, in 1988 the official name of the organization was changed from "Future Farmers of America" to "The National FFA Organization" to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture.

All high schools in the Mission Bend District have programs.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

~Abraham Lincoln

Children and Animals

Children who grow up with pets tend to have higher self-esteem, improved social skills, increased attention span, better non-verbal communication skills, and better school attendance. They're likely to be more emotionally stable, and they're less

likely to engage in criminal activity later in life.

Pets help teach children empathy, compassion, loyalty, responsibility, and respect for other creatures. They help children develop trusting relationships. With a pet

as a friend, children always have someone to tell their secrets to.

Story from odordestroyer.com

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."

Martin Buber

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Important Numbers

Harris County Sheriff	713-775-6044
Fort Bend County Sheriff	281-342-3411
Harris County CAD	713-957-7800
Fort Bend CAD	281-344-8623
Alief ISD	281-498-8110
Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
Report Graffiti – Harris County	713-759-9454
Report Graffiti – Fort Bend	fortbendcountytx.gov
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency – Harris County	311
Non-Emergency – Fort Bend	fortbendcountytx.gov

Litter in our Area

Litter is a problem in our area and needs to be addressed. 75% of Americans admit to littering – that my friends is a staggering number.

Litter is a problem to the environment, the human condition and to animals. Cigarette butts are the most common item and tires are the most common hazardous item.

Litter is also very costly for the economy, carrying a whopping 11 billion price tag in the United States per year. At the end of the day it is personal responsibility. Please keep a trash bag in your car and

encourage all to find a trash can!

Our area is so beautiful and as we work to clean up the Greater Mission Bend Area it will attract future residents and businesses.

The following is the State of Texas Law regarding littering.

Criminal Penalties (a) A person commits an offense if the person disposes or allows or permits the disposal of litter or other solid waste at a place that is not an approved solid waste site, including a place on or within 300 feet of a public highway, on a right-of-way, on other public or private

property, or into inland or coastal water of the state. ...

(d) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor if the litter or other solid waste to which the offense applies weighs five pounds or less or has a volume of five gallons or less. ... (i) On conviction for an offense under this section, the court shall provide to the defendant written notice that a subsequent conviction for an offense under this section may result in the forfeiture under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, of the vehicle used by the defendant in committing the offense.