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PRESS RELEASE

FORT BEND COUNTY PREPARES RESIDENTS FOR FREEZING TEMPERATURES

(FORT BEND, TX) – Today, in preparation for an impending hard freeze, Fort Bend County Judge KP George, in collaboration with emergency response department leaders and community partner Attack Poverty, held a press conference.

Emergency response leaders delivered information encompassing severe weather preparation, safety protocols, and comprehensive action plans to help prepare residents for freezing temperatures. Additionally, the establishment of warming centers, a crucial component of the county's strategy to ensure the well-being and safety of its residents, was announced.

Held at the Fort Bend County Emergency Operations Center, speakers included Office of Emergency Preparedness Manager Greg Babst, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Wong, Road Commissioner Scott Wiegat, Fire Marshall Justin Jurek, Health and Human Services Director Dr. Letosha Gale Lowe, EMS Director; Chief Dudley Wait, Animal Services Director Rene Vasquez, and Chief Executive Officer of Attack Poverty Brandon Baca.

As the hard freeze is expected from Sunday night into Tuesday night, Fort Bend County has taken proactive measures by opening Warming Centers to ensure the safety and well-being of residents.

Attack Poverty/Friends of North Rosenberg will serve as a warming center, located at 1908 Avenue E., Rosenberg, TX 77471. The center will be open from Sunday, January 14, through Tuesday, January 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The center will provide free WiFi, cots, blankets, and food.

Additionally, the following Fort Bend County Library branches will serve as Warming Centers:

- Albert George Branch Library, 9230 Gene Street, Needville, TX 77461 (281-238-2850)
- Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Ctr. Blvd., Katy, TX 77494 (281-395-1311)
- First Colony Branch Library, 2121 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479 (281-238-2800)
- Fulshear Branch Library, 1422 Eugene Heimann Cir, Richmond, TX 77469 (281-341-2718)
- George Memorial Library, 1001 Gulfview Drive, Richmond, TX 77469 (281-342-4455)
- Mamie George Library, 320 Dulles Avenue, Stafford, TX 77477 (281-238-2880)
- Mission Bend Library, 8421 Addicks Clodine Rd., Houston, TX 77083 (832-471-5900)
- Missouri City Library, 1530 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX 77489 (281-238-2100)
- Sienna Branch Library, 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd., Missouri City, TX 77459 (281-238-2140)
- Sugar Land Branch Library, 550 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478 (281-238-2140)
- University Branch Library, 14010 University Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479 (281-633-5100)
- Willie Melton Law Library, 1422 Eugene Heimann Cir., Richmond, TX 77469 (281-341-3718)

In addition to the Warming Centers, Fort Bend Transit is offering free transportation for residents in need of public transportation to warming centers. Residents are encouraged to call 281-633-7433 for transportation assistance.

Judge George emphasized the importance of staying weather aware and suggested multiple methods for residents to receive updates, including signing up for emergency alerts by texting FBC Alert to 888 777, listening to AM 1670 Radio, and following the social media platforms for the County Judge's Office, the Office

of Emergency Management, and Health and Human Services for weather awareness and road closures.

Addition

Social Services staff will be on call from Saturday, January 13 to Monday, January 15, to assist vulnerable populations that are homeless by providing screening for temporary emergency sheltering assistance during the freeze. *It's important to note that all other social services assistance requests, outside of emergency homeless screening for this temporary emergency freeze, will be followed up on during normal business hours.

Rene Vasquez, Director of Fort Bend County Animal Services, announced that the department is providing free doghouses for those in need of shelter for their outdoor pets. The shelter is open on Saturday and Sunday until 3:00 p.m. To report animal neglect, residents can call 281-342-1512.

For any transportation needs outside of business hours, residents can call 281-633-7433 and select option 1 to reach dispatchers. **(TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)**

Fort Bend County encourages all residents to take necessary precautions and utilize the available resources during this anticipated freezing weather.

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Fort Bend County Warming Locations



Attack Poverty | Friends of North Rosenberg

1908 Ave E.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
Phone: (832) 471-6090

SUN - TUE:
6PM TO 6AM



Albert George Branch Library

9230 Gene Street
Needville, TX 77461
Phone: 281-238-2850

MON. CLOSED
TUES. - THURS. 10AM-6PM
FRI. 12PM-5PM
SAT. 10AM- 2PM
SUN. CLOSED



Cinco Ranch Branch Library

2620 Commercial Ctr. Blvd.
Katy, TX 77494
Phone: 281-395-1311

MON. CLOSED
TUES. 10AM-9PM
WED. & THURS. 10AM-6PM
FRI. 12PM-5PM
SAT. 10AM- 5PM
SUN. CLOSED



Fort Bend County Warming Locations



First Colony Branch Library

2121 Austin Parkway
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Phone: 281-238-2800

MON. CLOSED
TUES. 10AM-9PM
WED. & THURS. 10AM-6PM
FRI. 12PM-5PM
SAT. 10AM-5PM
SUN. CLOSED



Fulshear Branch Library

1422 Eugene Heimann Cir
Richmond, TX 77469
Phone: 281-341-3718

MON. CLOSED
TUE. & WED. 10AM-6PM
THU. 10AM-9PM
FRI. 12PM-5PM
SAT. 10AM-5PM
SUN. CLOSED



George Memorial Library

1001 Golfview Drive
Richmond, Texas 77469
Phone: 281-342-4455

MON. CLOSED
TUES & THURS. 10AM-9PM
TUES. & WED. 10AM-6PM
FRI. & SAT. 10AM-5PM
SUN. 1PM-5PM



Fort Bend County Warming Locations



Mamie George Library

320 Dulles Avenue
Stafford, TX 77477
Phone: 281-238-2880

MON. CLOSED
TUES. - THURS. 10AM-6PM
FRI. 12PM-5PM
SAT. 10AM- 2PM
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Mission Bend Library

8421 Addicks Clodine Rd
Houston, TX 77083
Phone: 832-471-5900

MON. CLOSED
TUES. & THURS. 10AM-6PM
WED. 10AM-9PM
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SUN. CLOSED



Missouri City Library

1530 Texas Parkway
Missouri City, TX 77489
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Fort Bend County Warming Locations



Sienna Branch Library

8411 Sienna Springs Blvd
Missouri City, TX 77459
Phone: 281-238-2900

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FRI. 12PM-5PM
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Sugar Land Branch Library

550 Eldridge Road
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: 281-238-2140

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University Branch Library

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Willie Melton Law Library -Rm 20714

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MON. CLOSED
TUES.-FRI. 8AM-5PM
SAT. CLOSED
SUN. CLOSED



Fort Bend Family YMCA

4433 Cartwright Rd.,
Missouri City, Texas 77459
Phone: 281-499-9622

MON. - FRI. 5AM-9PM
SAT. 7AM-1PM
SUN. CLOSED



Monty Ballard YMCA

22807 Westheimer Pkwy.,
Katy, Texas 77494
Phone: 281-392-5055

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SAT. 7AM-7PM
SUN. 1PM-7PM





Aviso de clima frío

Hay una preocupación creciente por una **helada fuerte en el sureste de Texas comenzando la noche del lunes al domingo por la noche.**

En esfuerzo para ayudar a los residentes aliviarse del frío, **La organización Attack Poverty | Friends of North Rosenberg** estará abierta el domingo, **14 de enero - martes, 16 de enero de 6 pm a 6 am como opción para un centro de calentamiento.**

A continuación se indican otros centros con horarios de operación



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