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39th Consecutive Year of Honoring Country's Founding

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SET

The City of Stafford will proudly hold its 39th annual Independence Day celebration on Thursday, July 3, and Friday, July 4, at the Stafford Centre.

Stafford takes great pride that, after the Bicentennial in 1976, it continued the tradition of celebrating this most auspicious occasion which most other cities and communities dropped but subsequently have recognized its importance.

As is customary, a parade will commence the activities on Thursday. The honoring of Jack Jebbia as Parade Marshal, street dance, hay ride, and kiddy rides will make for a most fun-

filled evening. Various organizations will be operating their booths as has been the tradition over all these many years. The "Freedom Rings" Patriotic Concert, a stirring array of nationally adorned compositions, will initiate Friday evening's celebration in the Stafford Centre Theatre and will be followed by an outstanding fireworks display in the adjoining Festival Field.

Stafford residents, their family, and friends are encouraged to join us for all of these excellent events.

For a complete schedule of activities, see the detailed listing in this *Newsletter*.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FACILITY PROJECT FOR PROMENADE IS REJECTED BY CITY COUNCIL

A raucous and, at often times, tense meeting of City Council was held on May 21 that extended over a period of nearly seven hours and at which over 25 people spoke most vigorously opposing this light industrial facility. An application by The Carson Companies was seeking a Specific Use Permit to place a 182,000 square foot industrial speculative facility on about 11 acres in the Promenade just south of US 90A.

Mr. Dan Zoch, Managing Director of The Carson Companies, emphasized the proposal would bring a quality commercial development on this site. Opponents, most of whom lived in the Promenade and some in close proximity to where the facility would be built, pointed out how it would damage the quality of life, diminish property values, create dangerous traffic movement, bring unwanted workers into the subdivision, and

create an unsafe environment in and around the facility and especially to children. Sixty-six people, including those who spoke, signed a roll strongly opposing this facility.

Following the presentation by the applicant, City Attorney Art Pertile spelled out various legal aspects related to City Council's considerations in this in determining the advisability and acceptance or rejection of the proposal.

Mayor Leonard Scarcella presented illustrations of the origin of the Promenade and the numerous meetings - - totaling 63 and a bus tour - - in which the public had the opportunity to address various zoning issues, including light industrial use.

Most critical to this discussion was a point to which City Council gave serious consideration and weight. That (SUP article continues on Page 2.)

Long-Time SMSD FFA Leader Is 2014 Parade Marshal

JACK JEBBIA TO BE HONORED

Jack Anthony Jebbia was born in Sugar Land on August 14, 1960, to Wilma and Anthony James (Tony) Jebbia. His parents gave him and his brother, Mark Anthony, a loving and caring life in Stafford and, with their support, helped them become productive individuals.

Jack's Italian grandparents, Jack and Francis Jebbia, raised 12 children in Stafford - - Tony Jebbia being the youngest. Tony served as Stafford's second Mayor and later as County Commissioner.

Jack attended E.A. Jones Elementary. In the ninth grade, he joined FFA, was President of Fort Bend FFA, and showed livestock. He and Mark Anthony had numerous Grand Champions at major livestock shows.

Jack graduated from John Foster Dulles High School in 1978 and from

Sam Houston University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a major in Agriculture Education.

Jack married Debbie Walger on June 20, 1982. She is also a graduate of Sam Houston University.

In 1983, Mr. James Woodfin hired Jack to teach agriculture at SMSD. Jack spent 30 years teaching some of the finest, hard-working students in Texas. His students received numerous district, area, state, and national FFA leadership awards. He claims his students are his greatest accomplishment. Many now lead successful lives as, among them, educators, businessmen, and firemen. He is very proud of these students.

Jack and Debbie live in Needville and raise show cattle and horses. Jack looks forward to raising champion quality show cattle.

Stafford Centre Events

August 1-3=Fort Bend Theatre's "Les Miserables"; 15=Women's Center's Music Fest "Happy Together Tour" featuring the Turtles, Chuck Negron, Mark Farner, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Gary Lewis and the Playboys; 16=India Culture Center's India Republic Day Celebration; 22=NAACH Houston's "Kismat" Dance Performance; 23=Herman's Hermits Concert featuring Peter Noone

September 6=Aim for Seva's "Meghadutam" Dance Performance; 12-13=Coastal Prairie Quilt Showcase; 13=Iranian Cultural Foundation's "Moein" in Concert; 14=Texas Unified Buddhist Congress Fundraiser Musical Program; 18=Ronnie Milsap Concert; 19=MozART Group Concert; 20-21=Houston Hot Sauce Festival; 26=Chinmaya Mission Houston Navratri Garba; 27=Kaminari Taiko of Houston's Grand Taiko Concert; 28=The Best of Jethro Tull performed by Ian Andersen

October: 4-5=The Houston Bead Market; 11=Courage to Dare Organization - Stage Play; 14-15=Shale Water Expo 2014; 16=Clint Black Concert; 18=NPC State Bodybuilding and Fitness Competition; 18-19=Fort Bend Family Expo; 19=Southwest Wedding Show; 22=Heart in Concert; 25=Women's Health & Fitness Expo; 25=Golden Icon Movie Awards; 26=Latino Woman's Expo; 26=Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra

November: 1=Houston Mini Maker Faire; 6-8=Fort Bend Jr. Service League's Sugar Plum Market; 13=Don Williams Concert

City Offices Closed

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

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being specifically: *In considering any application for a specific use permit, the city council shall give due regard to the nature and condition of all adjacent land, uses, and structures.*

Mr. Pertile emphasized that the proposed use must "fit" and provide

protection of adjacent properties and the public interest.

In the end, City Council reasoned that this would not be an appropriate location for the proposed facility and, by a unanimous vote of 7-0, rejected the applicant's application.

City of Stafford



39th Annual Independence Day Celebration

Guest of Honor
2014 Parade Marshal

Jack Jebbia



Thursday, July 3

Parade/Awards 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Free Carnival Rides 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Food/Game Booths 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Free Hay Ride 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Free Dance 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

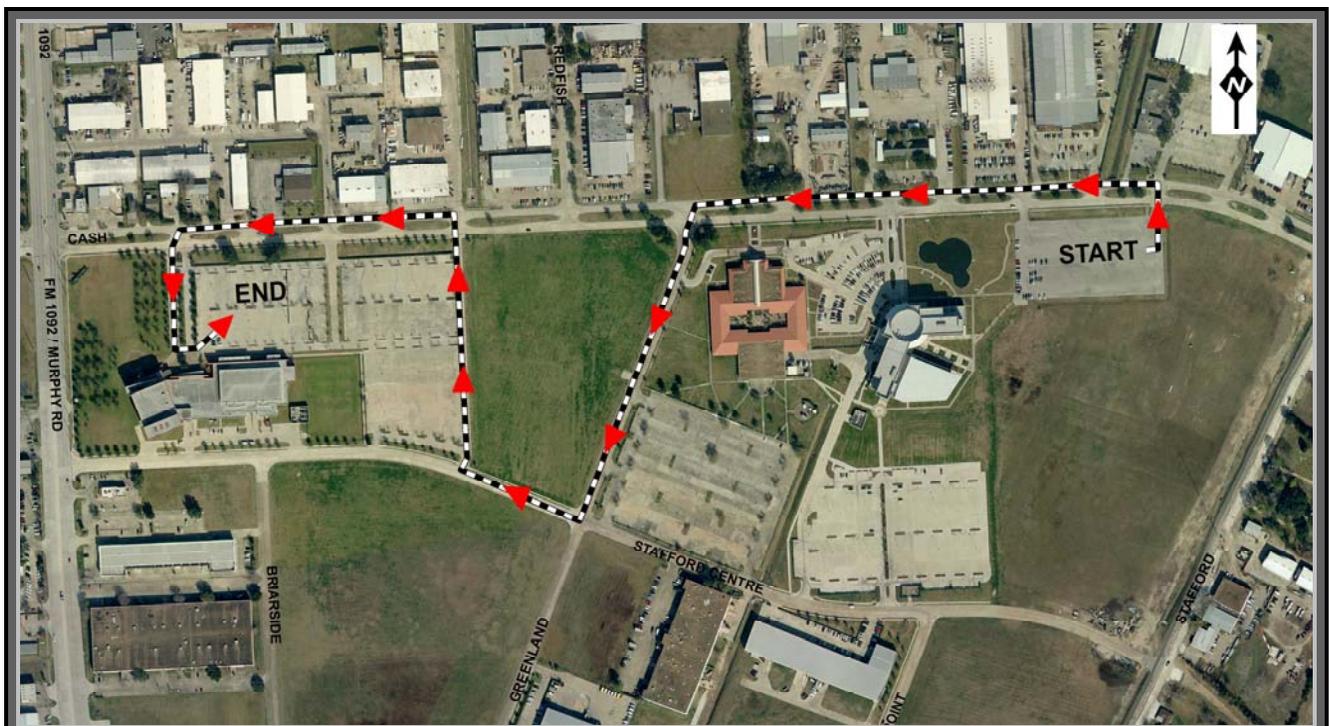
Music by: **Beggars Union &
Avizo Band**

Friday, July 4

Freedom Rings Concert – Free 6:45 p.m.
Featuring the Fort Bend Symphony
Orchestra
Fireworks 9:00 p.m.



PARADE ROUTE



Parade starts in HCC parking lot at corner of Cash and Stafford Road. Travels west down Cash and turns left on Greenland Drive. Turns right on Stafford Centre Drive. Turns right into Stafford Centre's far parking lot. Turns left on Cash. Turns left and enters main entrance of Stafford Centre. Parade ends in Stafford Centre parking lot.

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS LAND REDEVELOPMENT “ROLLED OUT”

At a rare meeting of City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Stafford Economic Development Corporation, representatives from Street Level Investments presented an elaborate “roll out” of the proposed redevelopment of the iconic Texas Instruments 192-acre site. The display illustrated a multi-use configuration of outlet stores, multi-family dwellings, light warehouse, and a central complex of restaurants and numerous, enticing commercial entities and grounds designed to bring over five million people a year to this site for shopping,

entertainment, and other business activities. This proposal is predicated upon a public/private partnership which ultimately would result in a \$500 million facility built over a four-year period.

Negotiations between Street Level Investments and the City will involve extensive discussions in order to ascertain the most effective and efficient structuring of the proposal.

In view of the importance of this development, continuing reports on the progress of the negotiations and the implementation of the project will be announced at various City meetings.



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Three Incumbents and Newcomer Acquire Council Seats

MAY ELECTION FILLS VACANCY

Incumbents Cecil Willis, Ken Mathew, and Robert Sorbet were each spared a reelection campaign, as no one filed for those positions on City Council. Thusly, the three were reelected to respective two-year terms on City Council.

The resignation of Felecia Evans-Smith in January left a one-year unexpired term. A.J. Honoré and Virginia Rosas filed for the vacant seat. In the election on May 10, A.J. Honoré, with a receipt of 471 votes, won the

seat over Virginia Rosas who garnered 308 votes.

Willis, Mathew, Sorbet, and Honoré were all administered the Oath of Office at the beginning of the City Council meeting on May 21.

Hurricane Preparedness

June 1 – November 30. Information can be picked up at City Hall or found on the City's website.

Tree Limb Service

The next tree limb service will be conducted beginning Monday, July 7, and Monday, October 6.