



Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joe M. Flores
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Ellie Torres
Commissioner, Precinct 4

OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE RICHARD F. CORTEZ

Public Affairs Division
Julia Benitez Sullivan
Manager

100 E. Cano St., 1st Floor
(956) 292-7026 **P**
(956) 292-7766 **F**
www.co.hidalgo.tx.us **W**
Public.Info@co.hidalgo.tx.us **E**

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Dare to Prepare: Hurricane preparedness fairs start Wednesday

EDINBURG – In an effort to prepare the community for hurricane season, emergency preparedness fairs will be held across the county beginning Wednesday. The annual Dare to Prepare fairs are designed to assist residents in planning for weather-related emergencies.

To better reach the public, this year some of the fairs will be held in the evening and at larger and more convenient locations in the county. This will allow more residents the chance to attend the event and get the valuable information they need.

Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez, who also serves as the county's Emergency Management Director, said Dare to Prepare provides tools and information for residents that will help them better prepare for disasters.

"As we have learned from last year's severe flooding and the flooding we experienced in 2015, it is imperative for our county residents to be prepared before disaster strikes," said Cortez. "It only takes one storm to change your life and community."

Hidalgo County has not had a major hurricane in several years, however severe rain storms have brought high winds and flooding that has caused catastrophic damage to homes and businesses. The most recent was the 500-year event that hit the eastern portion of the county most severely in June 2018.

Two keys to weather safety are to prepare for the risks and to act on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials, said Emergency Management Coordinator Ricardo Saldaña.

Now in its 10th year, Dare to Prepare is a joint effort with the Texas A&M Colonias Program, Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management, Commissioners Court, CRC directors, and local agencies and businesses.

The fairs are free and open to the public.

- MORE -

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus



Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joe M. Flores
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Ellie Torres
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**OFFICE OF
COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD F. CORTEZ**

Public Affairs Division
Julia Benitez Sullivan
Manager

100 E. Cano St., 1st Floor
(956) 292-7026 **P**
(956) 292-7766 **F**
www.co.hidalgo.tx.us **W**
Public.Info@co.hidalgo.tx.us **E**

Dare to Prepare **Monday, May 20, 2019** **Page 2 of 2**

The fairs will be held at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, May 22
Precinct 1 Administration Bldg.
1902 Joe Stephens Ave Ste. 101 in Weslaco
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, May 23
Donna North High School - Cafeteria
7250 Val Verde Road in Donna
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, May 24
South Tower Community Resource Center
1429 S. Tower Rd in Alamo
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28
San Juan Community Resource Center
509 E. Earling Road in San Juan
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, May 30th
E.B. Guerra Elementary
10010 N. Via Fernandez in Edinburg
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, May 31
Pueblo de Palmas
Proyecto Desarrollo Humano
17617 Sabal Palm Drive in Peñitas
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4th
De Escandon Elementary
1100 E. Trenton Rd in Edinburg
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

##

Photo: DARE to PREPARE flyer in English and Spanish.

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus



Contact: Julia Benitez Sullivan
Phone: 956.292.7026
Email: julia.sullivan@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joe M. Flores
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Ellie Torres
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**OFFICE OF
COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD F. CORTEZ**

Public Affairs Division
Julia Benitez Sullivan
Manager

100 E. Cano St., 1st Floor
(956) 292-7026 P
(956) 292-7766 F
www.co.hidalgo.tx.us W
Public.Info@co.hidalgo.tx.us E

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus