

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Leonard Leon Scarcella-2016**

Leonard Scarcella, born in Sugar Land but raised in Stafford has served as its Mayor since 1969. He is the longest, continuous serving mayor in the U. S.

Leonard talks about growing up in Stafford where his family have lived since 1935. He played sports in school and enjoying an idyllic life in a small town. His father was an accomplished symphony musician and school band director and his mother was a school teacher of English and phonics for 47 years. The Missouri City school system was made up of White and Hispanic children from Stafford, Missouri City, Alief and surrounding areas.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetic order)

Paul Berlin – radio DJ  
 Mrs. Cook – 3rd grade teacher  
 Lawrence Elkins – best teacher, track coach & school superintendent  
 John Ferro – friend  
 Kenneth Hall – Sugar Land sports star  
 Coach Hightower – sports coach  
 E. A. Jones – principal  
 Mrs. Kopher – 1st-5th grade teacher  
 Grady Prestage – county commissioner  
 Allen Robinson – friend

Mrs. Robinson – 1st grade teacher  
 L. P. “Pat” Rogers – superintendent  
 Margaret Scarcella – mother & teacher

### Places / Businesses

Chicago Symphony  
 Fort Bend ISD  
 Houston, Texas  
 Houston Symphony  
 Missouri City, Texas  
 Stafford, Texas  
 Sugar Land, Texas

### Events

Leonard Scarcella was born in Sugar Land in 1940 but raised in Stafford where he currently resides. He has served as mayor since 1969.

This interview is about attending the Missouri City School system from first grade in 1946 to graduation in 1958. His parents were also educators in the school system where his mother taught for 47 years.

Leonard reminisces about many of his teachers and friends. Enjoying an idyllic life in a small town, he still maintains friendships with many classmates.