

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members,

On June 11, 2018, the Jefferson County Commissioner's Court recognized JCHC for receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission. This is the 36th year JCHC has been the recipient of this award, which is the culmination of all of the hard work of each member to preserve our county's history for generations to come.

Thank you to all of our members for your time and service in preserving our history.

Theresa Goodness, JCHC Chair



2017 Distinguished Service Award
Presented to JCHC by The Texas
Historical Commission

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Without Leaving Home

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAST FACTS

11/6/1880

Date the first "Beaumont Enterprise" rolled off the presses. The newspaper, founded by John W. Leonard, is one of southeast Texas' oldest continuing business institutions.

5/31/1837

In conformity with the law organizing the County Court, date of first meeting of Jefferson County Commissioner's Court recorded in Vol. A of the minutes of Commissioner's Court.

1840's

Sabine Pass Cemetery is the oldest continually used cemetery in the County and dates to the 1840's. The earliest documented grave is that of a 12-year-old John A. Dashiell, son of William V.C. and Mary Dashiell, who died 8/27/1847.

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION REAL PLACES PRESERVING HISTORIC TEXAS 2019 CONFERENCE

If you are passionate about seeking out, saving, and leveraging the real places and real stories of your community, the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission invite you to join us January 16–18 in Austin for **REAL PLACES 2019**—a Texas Historical Commission conference focused on preserving, revitalizing, and experiencing the Texas mystique.

Featured speakers include Gene Kranz, legendary leader of the flight team that brought Apollo 13 safely home, noted museum expert Collen Dilenschneider, bestselling author and speaker Nina Simon, architect and urban planner Curtis Davis, and author and TV personality Brent Hull. We're also offering eight pre-conference workshops, a tour of the painted churches around Schulenburg, and we're working on establishing continuing education credits for architects and planners.

See more reasons to attend [Real Places 2019](#).

Credit: [Friends of the Texas Historical Commission website](#)

UPCOMING JCHC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN 2018

Meetings to be held at Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, 3rd Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701 in the JCHC Conference Room.

- 7/18/2018 at Noon
- 9/19/2018 at Noon
- 11/14/2018 at Noon

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND MEMBERSHIP

Any work in the preservation or promotion of Jefferson County History may be counted toward your volunteer hours. JCHC meetings and travel time to and from meetings also count as volunteer hours. Members are reminded that at least 50 hours of volunteer work per year is required of each member.

Also with the number of hours, JCHC needs a general description of work performed, for example: 3 Hours – Marker Survey.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 409-835-8701 or contact Linda via email at histcomm@co.jefferson.tx.us

PRESERVATION PARTNERS

Beaumont Heritage Society
Beaumont Landmark Commission
Port Arthur Landmark Commission
Texas Historical Foundation
Beaumont Main Street
Museum of the Gulf Coast

TXDOT AND SECTION 106 REVIEWS

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) frequently partners with County Historical Commissions and Certified Local Governments during Section 106 reviews. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 sets out a coordinated process under which local preservationists may be contacted as potential consulting parties. This federal review process assigns state-level authority to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) which in Texas is the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

National Historic Preservation Act

Section 106 Process

INITIATE the process

- › Determine undertaking
- › Notify State Historic Preservation Office/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (SHPO/THPO)
- › Identify tribes and other consulting parties
- › Plan to involve public

IDENTIFY historic properties

- › Determine Area of Potential Effect (APE)
- › Identify historic properties
- › Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes and consulting parties
- › Involve the public

ASSESS adverse effects

- › Apply criteria of adverse effect
- › Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes and consulting parties
- › Involve the public

RESOLVE adverse effects

- › Avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects
- › Notify Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)
- › Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes and consulting parties
- › Involve the public

Consultation and public involvement.

Photo Credit: TxDOT

Resources For You

Watch this video about TxDOT's CRM program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrT2Oaul714&feature=youtu.be>

Advisory Council on Historic Properties published a Citizen's Guide to Sec. 106 Reviews. <http://www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf>

Texas Historical Commission overview on Sec. 106: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/project-review/national-historic-preservation-act/section-106-review-process>

Read TxDOT stories about outcomes of the historic preservation process: <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/env/reports/annual-report.pdf>

AREA MUSEUM UPCOMING EVENTS

Museum of the Gulf Coast

Opening August 18, 2018

THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH ED HOLDER -

Local photographer, outdoorsman, and conservationist Ed Holder enjoyed a long career with both the *Port Arthur News* and the *Beaumont Enterprise*.

Featured are a selection of his photos, vintage hunting and fishing items, and cameras.

Credit: [Museum of the Gulf Coast website](http://MuseumoftheGulfCoast.org)



Museum of the Gulf Coast

Photo Credit: museumofthegulfcoast.org



Photo Credit: [Beaumont Heritage Society website](http://BeaumontHeritageSociety.org)

Beaumont Heritage Society

Session 1: July 10-13

Session 2: July 17-20

Camp Lookinback is a fun and educational four-day summer camp held on the grounds of the historic John Jay French museum. Children, ages 6-11, experience another time in Texas history while in a safe and enriching environment. Hands-on activities related to the 1800s will be conducted each day. Camp Lookinback is fun for both boys and girls! Registration is required and space is limited and filled on a first come first serve basis. Cost per child is \$75.00 for Non-Members and \$65.00 for BHS Members.

Credit: [Beaumont Heritage Society website](http://BeaumontHeritageSociety.org)

McFaddin-Ward House Museum

Free Lecture: The Art of Quilts August 9th @ 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

The National Quilt Museum and McFaddin Ward House proudly brings quilts to center stage in this month's offering of our lecture series. The director of the National Quilt Museum will be our guest speaker.

Credit: [McFaddin-Ward House Museum website](http://McFaddin-WardHouseMuseum.org)



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*To preserve and
promote history within
the County.*

We're on the web!
[http://co.jefferson.tx.us/
Historical_Commission/](http://co.jefferson.tx.us/Historical_Commission/)

China, Texas
Credit: JCHC Archives



Jefferson County Historical Commission

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**JCHC MINI-MUSEUM
“TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITHOUT
LEAVING HOME”**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission is proud to announce their June / July exhibit housed in the Mini-Museum located on the first floor of the historic Jefferson County Courthouse. The exhibit, entitled “Travel Back in Time without Leaving Home,” shows examples of books, magazines and brochures highlighting County history and places to visit. Many of the books are from the Jefferson County Historical Commission Library housed on the third floor.

Also on exhibit, will be copies of Beaumont and Port Arthur City Directories dating back to the 1920's. These books help in locating businesses, schools and people's addresses of years past.