



# NEWSLETTER OF THE BRAZORIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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## From the President

Brazoria Heritage Foundation had a very busy and productive 2008. The Boys and Girls Club kicked off in January and has proven to be a very successful asset to the community. A Pickle Ball League was started. The gymnasium is being used and has been improved by a new roof, adding fans and all new lights.

The Chamber office located in the 1933 building has been a great asset to our overall exposure to the public. We can show the museum every day of the week if visitors stop by. The regular hours for the museum are Wednesday, 10 am to 2 p.m. and on Saturday, 1 pm to 4 pm. The displays continue to improve with new labeling and the museum is something for our community to be proud of.

Our rentals of the Conference room and auditorium have been steady, but spread the word that they are available. Sheila James has done an outstanding job of taking care of this program. She can be reached at 979-798-2273.

The Brazos Valley Railroad Museum is virtually complete and plans a grand opening on March 7, 2009 at our Heritage Day.

The Cafeteria has a new ceiling and new air conditioning has served well in our food events for the community.

The Lions Club has begun remodeling the kindergarten wing to use as their permanent home. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month in the cafeteria.

We have had some disappointments. The Brazosport Medical Branch closed its doors as of December 1, 2008 because of lack of activity. It is our opinion that being open only on Tuesday morning was not enough to develop a proper patient base.

Our Entertainment in the auditorium proved to be a financial liability in 2008 due to the lack of attendance. Therefore, our 2009 plans involve using more local talent with less cost to BHF and cheaper ticket prices.

We conducted two citywide Clean-Ups in 2008 and plan to do the same in 2009.

Our efforts for our big events in 2008 are in full swing. The Heritage Celebration on March 7 will see an increased cattle drive (65 head) and parade. We will have Ashley Hartzog, the Texas Tech University Masked Rider as our Grand Marshal. The event will add a Pet Show and Dutch Oven Cook off.

The Heritage Ball is scheduled for July 25, 2009 and we plan on offering a great menu and a new band. We have great hopes for 2009. We will continue to promote Brazoria as a destination for Historic Eco-Tourism and develop our plans to revive Old Town Brazoria. We can use more manpower; therefore, if something peaks your interest, PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

## PICKLE BALL IN GYM

Our Pickleball group is growing. We have equipment for 3 courts. We have some people that are highly competitive and some that are into leisurely play. This is great exercising while having fun! We meet on Monday nights at 6:30. If you want to be added to our email/text message list call Sandy Crow 979-798-9272

Anyone interested in Aerobics Class? Call Sandy Crow if you are. This would be a morning class

## BRAZORIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Last year was a very productive year for the Museum. Since the Chamber of Commerce has moved into our building, the museum is available to the public 5 days a week. We are rearranging artifacts into a chronological order, but this is a work in progress. Several old guns have been added, a nice coin and currency collection and 2 more sets of large “wings” displays for our photographs.

When the Telephone Co. put on their program honoring the Military, it spurred us to put together a military display to be a part of our permanent collection. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shirley Spearow at 979-236-1154 or Gary Gatton at 979-248-1150. The Museum Board meets the second Wednesday each month at noon. Lunch provided. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

### BLACK HISTORY ROOM

This month we will be celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and also Black History Month in February. We will have new special exhibits and we are looking for art work from around the town and county to have on display. We also want to do something special for the Election and Inauguration of President Barack Obama. If you have any ideas or questions and if you would like to volunteer to keep our room open on Wednesday and Saturday, please give me a call at 979-964-3563

## Schedule of Events at the Brazoria Civic Center 2009

Jan. 24-25	“Airing of the Quilts
Feb. 3	Annual meeting of BHF 6 p.m. – Author Gregg Dimmick is Guest Speaker at 7 p.m.
Feb. 20-21-22	“The Great Escape” – A play by West BAGOTOS
March 7	BHF Heritage Day Celebration; Parade and Cattle Drive Kevin Fitzpatrick – Trick Roping Tommy Worrell – Longhorn Performance The Texas Tech University Masked Rider City Wide Clean Up
April	Gospel Extravaganza, featuring Linda Bell and others
May 2	Big Band Show
June 6	Heritage Ball – Austin’s Liberation
July 25	West Bagotos Summer Play
July	City Wide Clean Up
October	Haunted House & Halloween Movies
October 31	Christmas in Brazoria
December 5	

WEBMASTER for the BHF website is Jason Thomas

[www.brazoriahf.org](http://www.brazoriahf.org)

The BHF membership is listed on the website. Please renew your membership as we need your help.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE  
AS A MEMBER OF BHF, YOU HAVE A VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3 AT 6:00 PM IN THE THEATER. PLEASE COME AND HEAR OUR GUEST SPEAKER, DR. GREGG DIMMICK OF WHARTON, TEXAS