

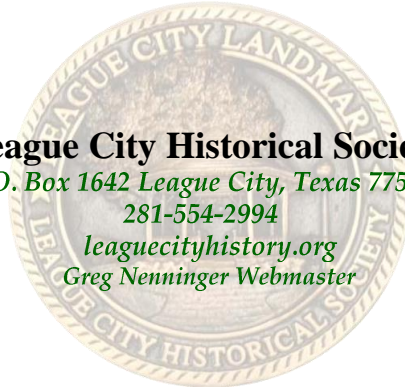
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November 2011 Newsletter

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November 17, 2011 Meeting



Program: *The Art of Gun Collecting*

We are pleased to have as our speaker this month, former President of the League City Historical Society, Ernest Randall. Ernie is retired NASA employee, has owned Clear Creek Gun Range for many years, and is an avid gun collector. He will talk to us about the Art of Gun Collecting from a Collectors Perspective, talk about what gets people interested in collecting guns, and what keeps them interested in such an American icon as the firearm.

Calendar



LCHS Meeting (note: a week earlier due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

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| November 17 | <i>The Art of Gun Collecting</i>
<i>Speaker: Ernest Randall</i>
West Bay Common School
Children's Museum
210 Kansas Street, League City
6:45pm social 7:00pm meeting |
| December 3-4 | Holiday In The Park - & Parade
Help us decorate our float, Sat.
Dec. 3, Noon, 1512 E. Walker, L.C.
(Johnson Lothrop Home). |
| December 10 | <i>Historic Homes Tour</i>
<i>Make it a holiday tradition!</i>
See details in this newsletter. |

from the President...

Ronnie Richards



From the President

The Ghost of the Past event in Fairview Cemetery and at the museum was well attended and so much fun. Richard Lewis used his 1932 John Deere tractor to pull a wagon from the museum to the cemetery and back adding an element that we had not enjoyed before. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the tour, the Confederate soldiers in the reenactment and all of the activity at the museum.

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE and pass the word regarding the Historical Homes Tour scheduled December 10th. All of the homes will be decorated for Christmas. Several homes on the tour have never been included before. More information regarding this event can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

At the October 27th meeting, the Nominating Committee of four members nominated new directors for 2012. The nominees are Helen Hodges, Evelyn Garland, Jeff Hansen, Richard Lewis and Doug McKee. All are currently serving on the board except Evelyn who will be a new addition.

The November meeting is the third Thursday each year due to the Thanksgiving Holidays and there is no meeting in December. At the November 17 meeting, Ernie Randall will be speaking on "Gun Collecting".

Hope to see you at the November meeting.





We thank Doris Teets
for this month's refreshments.



Meeting Minutes

Diane Kerkhove

October 27, 2011 Meeting

President Ronnie Richards welcomed members and guests to the October meeting at the museum. He thanked committees and donors for the successful Living History Dinner.

Catherine Lewis asked for food donations for participants in the Civil War Re-enactment Camp during the "Ghosts of the Past Tour" celebration.

Holiday in the Park will be December 3 and 4.

The Historic Homes Tour will be December 10.

The Friends Church (1936 Methodist Church) will celebrate its 100th year.

The Board Members' report will be given at the next meeting. Members are Helen Hodges, Jeff Hansen, Doug McKee and Richard Lewis.

Jeff Hansen and Diane Kerkhove were thanked for providing refreshments.

The speaker for the program was introduced by Richard Lewis. Bob Supina is an authority on Packards in Houston and its greater area. Bob told of his background of belonging to Classic Car Club of America. He bought his first Packard in 1963 in Philadelphia. He owns one car that is a one-of-a-kind.

Ronnie thanked Richard Lewis for completing the outdoor lighting project.

Meeting was dismissed.



Kemah Historical Society is now taking orders for the book, *Kemah*, to be released January 9, 2012. Certificates are available for Christmas gifts. Pre-order your autographed copy of book now for \$20 per copy and save. Go to www.kemahhistoricalsociety.net



Mus News

November 2011

*Catharin Lewis, Director/ Curator
West Bay Common School Children's Museum*

More than one hundred seventy-five visitors enjoyed the events of the annual Ghost Tour. We want to thank our Civil War Ghosts, the Texas Infantry, the Victorian Lady, the blacksmith, the leather worker, the spinner, the wagon driver, and the Civil War Doctor and his nurse and all the volunteers that made the event such a success. I also want to thank Bertha Adams and Diana Dornak for their behind the scenes help. We were blessed with wonderful weather and a steady flow of visitors to make the day enjoyable for everyone. We collected \$765 in ticket sales and made many new contacts.

Classes are scheduled for most days in November and there is still time for others to register for the month of December. Our air conditioning unit broke one day last week and the visiting school got a real taste of what it would have been like in the 1890's going to school. Luckily the repairman came quickly and the problem was solved.

We need help decorating the Museum on Wednesday November 30th beginning at 9am.

We will need workers both inside and out. More hands usually means less work and a speedy job. You can plan on lunch together after the decorating.

Information needed for the volunteers who are working at the museum for the Historic Homes Tour will be ready on the same day as the decorating. I will be there to answer any questions or concerns about that upcoming event. If you cannot be there that morning, I will contact you by phone. Thank you in advance for your support in the work of the museum.



Visitors enjoyed watching the Texas Infantry in action as they encamped on our school grounds.

**LEAGUE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION REPORT TO THE LEAGUE
CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

October 20, 2011

At the regular meeting of the League City Historic Commission on October 20, 2011, commission members discussed improving communication on topics of interest to residents of the Historic District. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled in the Historic District at St. Mary's Church, Butler Longhorn Museum, Butler's Courtyard, or any other facility available in the District. Notification might be by use of the city automatic telephone system, or posting on the city website. Commissioners suggested topics for discussion might include dialogue on the Comprehensive Plan, General Commercial zoning designation on 7th street, Trash Pick Up, Code Enforcement, Tree Trimmers, Mobility, CIP, and Drainage

Mr. Chien Wei, City Parks Director, and a representative of the contracting firm reviewed plans of the proposed Paddle Trail along Clear Creek.

The proposed plan will extend from Countryside Park, Walter Hall Park, and Heritage Park to the boat ramp at FM #270. Signs will be posted in strategic locations along the creek. Permeable pavers will be used on the ramps.

Mr. Tony Allender, Planning Director, opened the discussion of the Draft Architectural Guidelines Booklet. He reported that after reviewing the City Code Book, Page 56, he and La Shondra Holmes have concluded that only the Planning and Zoning Commission can approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. A short discussion ensued covering alley ways. It was noted that some photos in the book are not bright enough to determine what type architecture is being pictured for construction or renovation sites. Mr. Allender announced that further discussion of the Draft Guidelines Booklet will be on the November 17th meeting agenda.

The 2012 Historic District Commission Submittal and Meeting Schedule, as presented by Mr. Wes Morrison, Staff Liaison, was approved unanimously.

**Fay Dudney
LCHS Rep to the LCHDC**



**Historic Homes Tour
Saturday, December 10**

Plans are underway for our annual Historic Homes Tour which will take place December 10.

Tickets are \$13 prior to the event and are available at West Bay Common School where they will take cash or checks. If you want to charge tickets to MasterCard, Visa or Discover. You may call Diana Dornak at 281-316-2122, give her the information and she will take the information over the phone and take the tickets to the museum where you can pick them up. Tickets are available at West Bay Common School Children's Museum, Book Haven, Nana's Attic, Park Avenue Show Place, The Milk Pail, League City Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center and Butler Longhorn Museum.

The day of the tour the tickets will be \$15.

Don't miss this year's tour. It is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season. The 2011 Historic Homes Tour will take place Saturday, December 10 from 10am to 5pm.

Six sites will be open for viewing:

- The Station Master's House – League Park
- The T. J. Dick Home – 720 Second St.
- The Snell Kilgore Home – 403 N. Kansas Ave.
- The Friends Church – 923 Third St.
- The Cox McQuirk Home – 1518 E. Walker St.
- West Bay Common School Children's Museum – 210 N. Kansas Ave.

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Ghosts of the Past...A Great Success



The cast of Ghosts of the Past and Texas Infantry
Thank You All for A Great Job!



Inside and outside West Bay Common School Children's Museum were many interesting activities. Shown above left to right are: The Victorian Lady, J'Neen Henderson; Mike Conwell, Leather Craftsman; Anthony Addison, Blacksmith.



Richard Lewis and his wagon of "Ghost Guests".
The tractor and wagon made a wonderful addition to the event. Everyone enjoyed the ride - what a beautiful day!



Has everyone seen our new lights along the parking lot on Kansas Street? What a difference they make and they are lovely at night.



HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

December 10, 2011

10am – 5pm

Tickets \$13 prior to event.
\$15 Day of Tour

Available at the following locations:

West Bay Common School Children's Museum, 210 N. Kansas;
Book Haven, 104 N. Michigan; Park Avenue Show Place, 447 S. Hwy 3;
Nana's Attic, 501 East Main; The Milk Pail, 1013 E. Main;
Butler Longhorn Museum, 1220 Coryell;
League City Chamber of Commerce, 1101 W. Main Ste. R
Call 281-554-2994 or 281-316-2122.

See six historical sites and hear fascinating stories about League City at the turn of the 20th century.

Sites on the tour:



The Station
Master's House



The T.J. Dick
Home



The Snell-
Kilgore Home



The Cox-McQuirk Home



The Friends Church



West Bay Common School Children's Museum



Hope to see you at the Historic Homes Tour!