

NEIGHBORHOOD
DAY 1998



'MAY FEST ON
THE HILL'





THE SUGAR LAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

302 OYSTER CREEK DRIVE, SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 77478

OFFICERS:

Jane McMeans, *President*

Ben Rosenberg, *Vice President/Treasure*

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RE. Preservation of Sugar Land's Oldest Public Building Support of "May Fest On The Hill"

Dear Business Leader and Friend:

The Sugar Land Heritage Society is pleased to sponsor, "May Fest On The Hill: A Good Old Fashioned Festival," a community event to help raise funds for the restoration and preservation of Sugar Land's oldest public building, the Lakeview Auditorium on Lakeview Drive. The building is anticipated to be restored as closely as possible to its original structure. When finished in 1918, the building was the focal point of the community. Some of the many memorable events held at the facility included: a community gathering to send off Sugar Land's soldiers in World War I, a program honoring a football hero whose records have never been broken, numerous civic and social events, rooftop dances, and silent movie presentations.

Through this project we hope to again make this historical landmark a centerpiece for the Sugar Land community and surrounding areas. Many original features of the sturdy building still survive including the stage area, foot lighting, and a sliding screen used to show the silent movies. A custodian's apartment also still remains on the second level, which may one day become a museum. The Fort Bend Symphony and a local theater group have already expressed their intent to use the 500-seat facility on a regular basis, upon restoration and the addition of much needed air-conditioning.

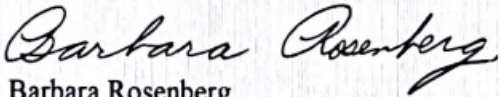
Please help support this civic event as a sponsor, and join us "on the Hill" Saturday, May 9, 1998, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. (parade begins at 1:00 p.m.), as the community of Sugar Land gathers together as it has done so often in the past. Your contribution will not only assist in the preservation of our heritage, but also enable us to enter the next millennium with a new site for the arts in our city. For additional information, please contact **The Sugar Land Heritage Society** at (281) 242-9277. A sponsor form is included for your convenience.

Thank you,


Bridget Yeung

Co-Chair

Lakeview Auditorium Restoration Project--1998


Barbara Rosenberg

Co-Chair

LAKEVIEW HISTORICAL DATA

Lakeview Elementary is a cluster of buildings with a history that spans the last seventy five years. Our school encompasses nearly six acres and is nestled on the edge of Cleveland Lake. We are also located near the hub of the older part of Sugar Land.

The auditorium was constructed in 1917. It is one of the oldest public buildings in the east end of Fort Bend County and is the oldest building in the Fort Bend Independent School District. The auditorium was once used as a community theater and later as a movie theater. On the east side of the auditorium is a narrow steel stairway leading to the second story, once living quarters for the school custodian. The auditorium is still used for play and choir productions, as well as PTA meetings. It was dedicated in 1992 as a Texas Historical building.

When classes began near the early part of the century, a circular drive brought school buses to the front of the auditorium to drop off students, who then proceeded to their single-room class buildings, located in a semicircle around the auditorium.

A gymnasium was added to the campus in the 1930's which included an indoor swimming pool. The pool was later covered over and used as a storage area.

Lakeview housed Sugar Land High School and Sugar Land Elementary and was the only school before Missouri City, Stafford and Sugar Land consolidated in 1959 to form the Fort Bend Independent School District.

Today, there are three classroom wings and two duplex buildings in addition to the auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium. The primary wing houses first and second grade classes. The intermediate wing houses grades three and four, the art and music rooms, the library and the main office suites.

Recent construction and renovation have added seven new classrooms to our third wing. Three kindergarten classrooms and four fifth grade classrooms are housed in the new wing. In addition, a new enclosed air conditioned corridor will be used to move students from the main building to the cafeteria.

NEWS AND
INFORMATION

FOR
RESIDENTS

OF
THE
HILL

Newsletter

Home Sweet Home

Friends of Old Sugar Land
April/May 1998

"May Fest on the Hill"

May 9, 1998

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Lakeview Auditorium

Sponsored by: The Sugar Land Heritage Society



Old Fashioned fun for adults and children; Singers, dancers, musicians, costume characters, May Pole dances, games and silent movies.

Hand-made specialty items, T-shirts, posters, coloring books, raffle items

Antique car parade through Old Sugar Land preceding the festival

Food vendors and Bake-Off

We need volunteers to work game booths, Bake-Off, etc. Call 242-1899

Lakeview Auditorium

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The building bears an official Texas historical medallion from the Texas Historical Commission and is structurally sound. Many of the interesting architectural aspects remain, but others have disappeared. Many repairs are needed, and the building has never been air conditioned. To retain the historical nature of the building the restoration will be carried out under the monitoring of the County Historical Commission and a restoration architect.

This project is a cooperative effort of the Sugar Land Heritage Society, the city of Sugar Land, and the Ft. Bend ISD. The Heritage Society received permission from the School district, which currently owns the property, to oversee renovation, and will raise funds from private foundations, corporate donors, and fund raising projects such as "May Fest on the Hill". The City Council of Sugar Land has voiced its intent to dedicate seed money and matching funds from hotel taxes to this project. When the project is completed, the school district has committed to insure ongoing maintenance to keep the structure at its renovated state. Local arts associations of musicians and theatrical performers have lent their voluntary support and have expressed their interest in using the facility once it is suitably renovated and air conditioned.

Another fundraising project is the sale of plaques to be placed on the chairs when they are restored. Each plaque may honor the name of a past student, principal, superintendent, or other employee associated with the school. For information on commissioning a plaque, call (281) 491-3384. For general information on the project call (281) 242-9277.

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Friends of Old Sugar Land to Participate in Booth Building Competition and Parade for "May Fest on the Hill"

There is some friendly competition going on in the Hill. Many residents are working very hard to build the game booths for "May Fest on the Hill". Please show your support by attending "May Fest on the Hill", May 2 and applauding your neighbor during the trophy presentation. Special thanks to.....

The Wappler Gang-(Chris, Greg, Greogory, Ronnie)-Gone Fishin'
Phil Van Overbeke-Football Toss
Tim Howard and all those boys (Tim, Matthew, Christopher, Ryan, Luke)-Milk Bottle Throw
Roland Younger & Sons-Baseball
Jimmie Walker-Test of Strength
Richard and Carol Stearman-Horseshoes
Scott & Kelly Wilcox and Kameron-Watermelon Seed Spittin'
Ronnie and Mitchell Holder-Washer Pitchin'
Tracy and Dalton Lytle-Golf
Bob and Teresa Pierce-Bathin' Beauties Photo Booth
Joan Maresh-Face Painting

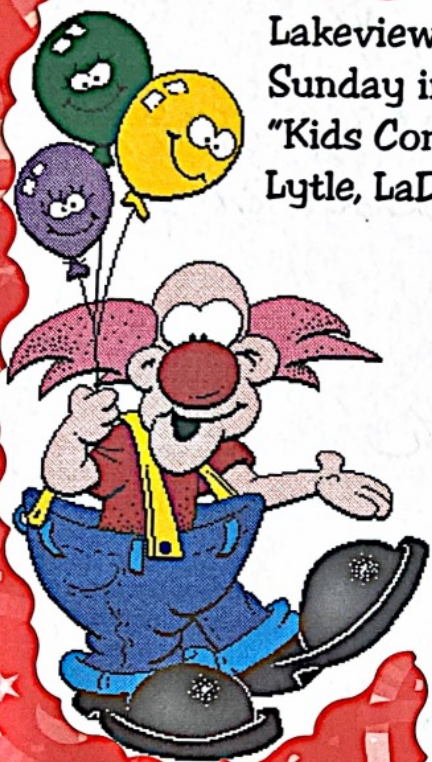
"May Fest on the Hill" Parade 1:00p.m.

Antique cars, bands, clowns, etc. Friends of Old Sugar Land has a spot reserved! Seniors, kids, etc. meet at First United Methodist Church (Eldridge/Seventh) at 11:30 a.m. We need a large flatbed trailer/decorations (we have a nice banner) for residents of the Hill to participate in the parade. Folks, I need help with this ASAP! Call me 242-1899.

"May Fest On The Hill"

FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** Family fun and entertainment
- WHEN:** May 9, 1998
- WHERE:** Lakeview Auditorium and school grounds
"on the hill" in old Sugar Land
314 Lakeview Dr.
- WHY:** The proceeds of this event benefit the restoration of the 1918 auditorium, the oldest public building in Sugar Land
- WHO:** The Sugar Land Heritage Society invites adults and children
- THEME:** "The Good Old Days in Sugar Land", focusing on the 1920's
- DRESS:** Casual; vintage costumes welcome
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Singers, musicians, costumed characters, May pole Dances, games, silent movies
- SHOPPING:** hand-made specialty items, T-shirts, posters, coloring books, and raffle items
- HIGHLIGHTS:** antique car parade through old Sugar Land preceding the festival
- FOOD:** food vendors and bake-off
- CO-CHAIRPERSONS:** Bridget Yeung (281) 277-0012
Barbara Rosenberg (281) 494-2668



Lakeview Auditorium
Sunday in the Park, May 10, 1998
"Kids Committee"-Bob and Teresa Pierce, Kristin
Lytle, LaDonna Stubbs, and Jane Taylor

We definitely have the funniest job for the Lakeview Auditorium Revitalization Project. We get to be kids again, we have to think like kids, and create games and craft booths for kids to enjoy at Sunday in the Park.

I know it will be hard, please try to remember past the 70's & into the early 60's of our innocent good old fashion fun days. You know, like "kick the can", jump rope, potato sack races, egg/spoon race, Red Rover, Red Rover, washers, etc. And the crafts we did as girl scouts, (sorry Bob-and boy scouts) like beads, big flowers out of tissue paper, paper fans, etc. We need to try and recreate the old days for families to enjoy.

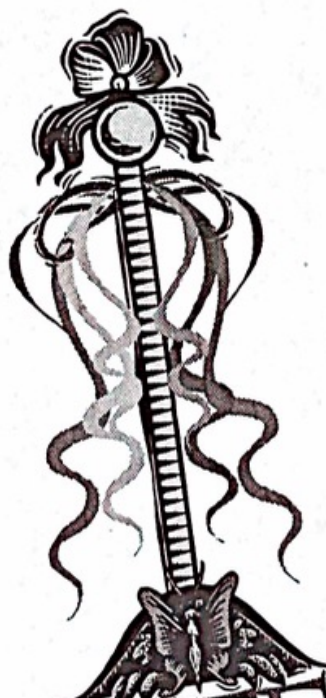
We can incorporate Mother's Day into some of the booth ideas, like "make a bead necklace for Mom", etc. So put on those little beanie caps and brainstorm and if you can, try to hover into the roaring twenties for **REAL OLD FASHION GAME IDEAS**. (if the cap doesn't work-go talk to Grandma, or a senior neighbor, they will love it!)

We also need to be working on sponsor lists to obtain sponsors for some of the booths; could be a company, Girl Scouts, a family, etc. We're going to pull this off with absolutely no cost-so all booths will be 100% profit.

Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 we'll share ideas, and "munch out" at my house. (13911 Placid Woods) If you don't have any ideas I might have to get Scabs the Clown-(upper left) to entertain you for one hour, clowns on clip-art are just scary. Call me a.s.a.p. if this date is not good for you and we will change it!

May 9, 1998

Old fashioned fun for
children and adults



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SUGAR LAND AUDITORIUM
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VOLUNTEERS

STEERING COMMITTEE

Mary Gail Brindley
Darlene Neeley
Barbara Rosenberg
Bridget Yeung

The Steering Committee would like to
give a special thanks to all the following:

COMMITTEES CHAIRS

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GiGi Harbison
Kristin Lytle
Sylvia Morgan
Billie Neuhaus
Nancy Porter
Betty Prasatik
Alice Shuman
Merle Smithers
Mary Whichard
Dori Wind

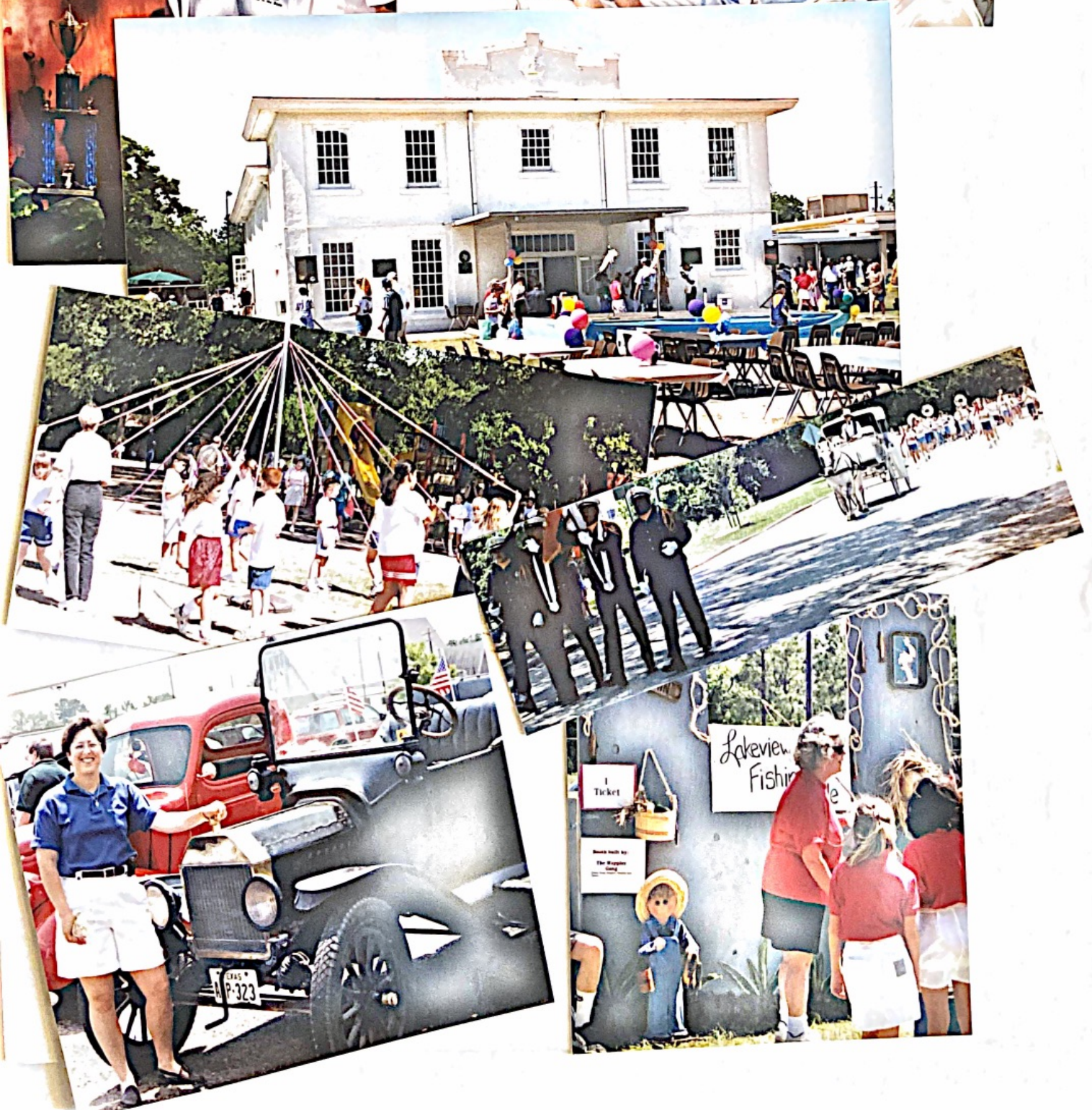
Brandon to be Co-Grand Marshal of Parade

I requested that in addition to Mr. Rozelle, Brandon have a special place in our "May Fest on the Hill" parade. Brandon is not doing well, in my most recent conversation with his mother, (Brookly) she said he had not eaten in 8 weeks, has failure in one side of his heart, and many other complications. His "Make a Wish" scheduled trip to Disney World has been postponed. Hopefully, he will be well enough by May 9th to be Co-Grand Marshal of the Parade.



"May Fest on the Hill"

Scott and Kelly Wilcox -Seed Spittin Booth & their 1st place trophy, Brandon Reyes and T.C. Rozelle, (in the carriage) Co-Grand Marshals of the parade, May Pole Dance, A great hometown parade!, Councilmember Von Tungen (car fits her to a "T"), The busy "Gone Fishin" booth was selected "Best of Show", The Wappler Gang was unavailable for photos- they were gone fishin!











*Special Thanks and Congratulations to
Hill residents who participated in the
Booth Building Competition for
"May Fest on the Hill"*

Best of Show Gone Fishin':

Greg, Robyn, Chris and Kristy Wappler

First Place Seed Spittin':

Scott and Kelly Wilcox

Second Place Gone Fishin':

Greg, Robyn, Chris and Kristy Wappler

Most Original Football Toss:

Phil and Marla Van Overbeke

Most Creative Baseball

Roland Younger

Most Fun Test of Strength

Jimmie Walker

Most Historic Milk Bottle Throw

Tim and Amy Howard

Most Imaginative Washer Pitchin

Ronnie and Kelly Holder

Most Artistic Putt Putt Golf

Tracy and Kristin Lytle

Most Old Fashioned Horseshoes

Richard and Carol Stearman

Most Charming Ole Time Photos

Bob and Teresa Pierce

