

ROUND ROCK PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER

November 2019

SEASONS GREETINGS. This is a great time for Round Rock Preservation (RRP) to say "**Thank You**" to each of you for your continued support. May your holidays be spent with family and friends and making great memories.

RRP ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING. RRP will hold its 2019 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 18, at the RR Library, from 1p.m.-3p.m.

RRP must expand the size of our board to be successful and your talents are needed for the success of RRP as a local nonprofit organization, whose mission is to preserve, protect & educate the public on the Historic Assets within the City of Round Rock.

RRP has four vacant positions for the Board of Directors. Current members are asked to fill these vacancies by seeking election. All you need to seek election is submit your name, a short bio, and state why you want to be a Board Member of RRP. E-mail your information to roundrockpreservation50@yahoo.com, not later than December 11.

Board members (Judy Anderson, Kerstin Harding, Tina Steiner, and Richard Parsons) will continue serving on the Board of Directors for 1 more year before their term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

Board members (Shirley Marquardt, Shirley Tynan, Frank Darr, & David Tynan) are running for re-election since their terms of office are expiring.



DECORATIONS AT THE INN. The photo above shows how the RRP Board of Directors decorated the Stagecoach Inn for Halloween and for Thanksgiving.

Join us this Saturday, Nov 23, 9 a.m., outside the inn, to help decorate a live tree. We will then take a "THIS PLACE MATTERS" photo after we place the final decoration on the tree. The live tree was donated by the City's Parks and Recreation Department.



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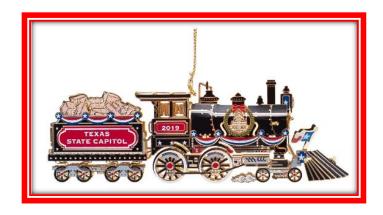
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LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM. The Year 2020 Lunch and Learn Program will be conducted at the Baca Center, since The Williamson Museum is <u>not</u> scheduling events during 2020.

The dates for the 2020 Lunch & Learn Programs at the Baca center are going to be held on the third Tuesdays (Jan 21, Apr 21, Jul 21, & Oct 20) at 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar now, so you won't miss these educational history programs.

RRP hosted our Oct 15 Lunch & Learn Program at the Baca Center, since the Williamson Museum was not available. The speaker was Ella Sauls Morrison, who presented: Wade I. Sauls - "The Cotton King." The presentation was well received with over 40 guests attending.



Mark your calendar for the next Lunch and Learn Program on Wednesday, <u>December 11</u>, 11:30 a.m., at the Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail (#8 Chisholm Trail Road). Mickie Ross (Director of the Williamson Museum) is the speaker. The topic is entitled "A Texas Tradition – The Texas State Capital Ornaments."

During the Dec 11 program, you will have the opportunity to view a collection of the Texas Ornaments and hear stories behind those ornaments. Door opens at 11:15 a.m. Bring your brown bag lunch and we will provide you water and a cookie. Program is sponsored by RR Preservation, the Williamson Museum, & the RR Historic Preservation Office.



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WILLIAMSON MUSEUM ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL. RRP holds a nonprofit partner membership with The Williamson Museum.

The Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail, here in Round Rock, is a satellite museum of The Williamson Museum in Georgetown. The Satellite Museum here in Round Rock is struggling to meet its financial commitments and may be forced to close its doors in 2020. The Museum continues to work to find a solution to this issue.

RRP hopes the Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail can continue serving the Community of Round Rock and keep providing the museum's many valuable Living History Programs.



ROUND ROCK STAGECOACH INN.

RR Preservation continues to fundraise to pay for the restoration process. To date RRP has raised \$40,000 (and still must pay for the 139 engraved bricks that have been ordered for delivery to the Parks Department).

RRP met with the City of Round Rock twice in the past 3-4 months to get conversations going to kick start plans for the restoration of the Inn. The first meeting was attended by RRP, the City of RR Assistant City Manager, the Parks Director, the Plans Director, and staff from Parks Directorate and the Historic Preservation Office. All parties agreed to meet as a group with RRP every two months to develop plans to restore the Inn. The group will meet again in early January.

RRP expects to have more information about the status of the Bathing Beach Park Project in early January after the annual City Council Work Session is conducted. TCEQ



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approval is still pending for the Bathing Beach Park. This approval could be approved as early as the end of the year.

The Heritage Trail West still needs a right of way approval from the Railroad. Parks Department expects the Bathing Beach Project, where the Old Stagecoach Inn is located, will take approximately 18 months to complete, The Parks Department also expects they can begin the project once the TCEQ approval is received and the Railroad Right of Way approval may not delay the project.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT INN.



Christopher Chase led efforts to design & install a prototype brick display just north of the Inn, as his Eagle Scout Project. Christopher Chase stands right of Judy Anderson in the photo.

The prototype is now installed, and donors can see the expected design for placement of RRP Engraved Bricks. The display is not in the final location. The prototype display is close enough to the road for individuals to view the display and admire the design.

Christopher went before his Eagle Scout Board this week and Christopher has been approved for the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Christopher!



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