

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

# COMMITTEES

Archives

Cemetery

Cultural Resources

Historic Preservation

Oral History

Public Affairs

Research & Markers

Turning 250

## **Review of Accomplishments**

- 4 additional oral history interviews added to website
- Historic designation received for Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery
- 3 historical markers in casting process; Marker for the Cole Theatre received; Orchard Cemetery marker dedicated

# 2024 History Essay Contest



- Worked on expanding participation
- Improved communication to parents and school districts via *Peachjar*
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade essays: "Places in Fort Bend"
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade essays: "Peoples of Fort Bend"
- Significant increase of entries
- First and Second place winners recognized

A new committee was established to plan a celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of U.S. independence.

- Project: Resource Hub
- Will include calendar of events and historical information
- Encourage FBC cities to participate in their own ways
- Encourage other groups to observe the anniversary

#### Project: Celebration Event

- November 21, 2026
- Located at Fort Bend Museum
- Features historical, cultural and arts organizations from throughout the county
- Will include music, demonstrations and other entertainment
- In conjunction with the Pecan Harvest Festival in Richmond

## Turning 250: Honoring the American Journey

**THANK YOU**

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Commission

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