



Remembrances

Newsletter of the Schertz
Historical Preservation
Committee

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2018

Schertz celebrated its 60th anniversary as an incorporated city on Sunday, October 7, 2018. The Historical Preservation Committee participated in the celebration with the placement of a number of display tables featuring photos of historic City sites. Committee members, dressed in pioneer and early German-era customs, manned the display tables and engaged audiences in conversations regarding the city's early history. The Committee members also sponsored a side event for the visiting children that included several competitive skill challenges.

In mid-August planning began for this year's Schertz, Cibolo, Universal City Independent School District (**SCUCISD**)/**Schertz Historical Preservation Committee (SHPC) sponsored historic art and essay contest**. Dr. Cassandra Allen, SCUCISD Social Studies Director, is leading the project. Competition will be between students in grades kindergarden thru 6th grade. Submissions will be due by late October and 1st -3rd place gradelevel winners will be named at a City Council meeting in early November.

Work continues between the City of Schertz staff and the Committee to **amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC)** to enable language changes which will allow the Committee to move forward on the nomination of the former Comal Settlement area as a "Heritage Neighborhood".

Remembrances **Special Edition Articles 2018-4 and 2018-5** were published this quarter (see attached).

Committee Chairman **Dean Weirtz met with the Santa Clara City Council** and Planning Commission on August 13, 2018 as a part of the Committee's outreach efforts. The purpose of the meeting was to present an overview of the Committee's history, projects, and future expectations. The meeting was well attended and favorably received.

The **Simmonds Real Estate Company** has moved into its new office building along the IH 35 access road (between Schertz Pkwy. & Lowes) and placed early **Schertz/Cibolo historic photographic décor throughout the building**. Kristy Kinney, company owner/manager invites any and all to stop by to view the photographic historical galleries.

Professional **restoration of an historic birth certificate** belonging to Walter Schertz was completed in August. The beautifully adorned certificate commemorates the 1922 birth of Walter who is a descendant of the original founding family of Schertz, Texas. A second restoration/preservation project was completed with the expert assistance of the Schertz Public Works Department's Sign Shop. The sign shop employees **restored the decorative identifying sign** below the historic mural situated on the West wall of the Masonic Lodge Building at 509 Main Street.

The Committee has recommended a small **change to its by-laws** with regards to eligibility criteria for the Main Street Area Preservation Incentive Program.

Both **Schertz history books (narrative and photo book)** remain on sale at the Schertz Visitors Center, the Schertz Public Library and at City Hall (Water Dept.). Either or both books would make great Christmas gifts.