Over the past twenty-eight years, thousands of children have graduated from the Safetytown Program and now their children are benefiting from this program as well. A huge thank you to two very dedicated individuals, Barbara Franklin and Lucy Pendon, who have Co-Chaired this event for twenty-eight years and the other Safetytown Council members for hosting another successful event.

This comprehensive safety-training program for children, who will enter the first grade, was held in Lake Jackson at Ney Elementary from June 6th through June 16th with approximately 140 incoming 1st graders attending and included 3 bi-lingual classes from Brazosport I.S.D.

Many thanks to the Council members who have contributed so much time and effort to the success of this program! We believe that the lessons learned in this program have helped our children live healthier lives in a safer environment.

**We appreciate the outstanding efforts of the 2016 Safetytown Council:**

Chairs: Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon  
Registration: Abby Bundick  
Facilities & Community Services: Smokey Roye  
Equipment Logistics: Ray Garza  
CAER & T-Shirts: Tabitha Ray  
BISD/Bi-Lingual: Denise Babb  
Supplies: David Landsborough, Mike Coburn and Steve Elbert  
Hospital Auxiliary: Mary Ann Strouthwolf  
Directors: Mary Bouche  
Administrator: Sharon Hill
Congratulations to the Chamber staff on winning 1st Place for the Chamber website and 3rd Place for the Strategic Plan at the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Conference in June. This is the 43rd Award of Excellence that the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce has received in the past twenty-two years.

I would also like to congratulate our Outstanding Volunteers Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon, and their entire committee, for conducting another successful Safetytown Program. This program has been Co-Chaired by these two ladies for twenty-eight years and we appreciate their dedication to the program and their commitment to the safety of our children.

I hope you received the information that the Chamber sent you regarding the U.S. Department of Labor, Fair Labor Standards Act, Overtime Regulation that is set to go into effect December 1, 2016. Among other things, this new regulation will increase the threshold at which salaried (exempt) employees must be paid overtime from $455 a week ($23,660 per year) to $913 a week ($47,476 a year). This salary threshold will automatically be raised every three years. Please contact the Chamber if you did not receive this information or need additional information on this important new regulation.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Brazoria County Transportation Summit Co-Sponsored by The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and The Brazoria County Council of Chambers. It will be held on September 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center. The keynote speaker will be Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, and reservations can be made by contacting The Alliance at garyb@eda-bc.com.

Our fifth annual “Experience Brazosport” magazine has gone to print and will soon be available for distribution. This full-color magazine features recreational, dining and historic opportunities in Brazosport. Please stop by the Chamber office to pick up your copy or view it on-line at http://www.Brazosport.org.

Sincerely,

Judge Jack Brown
Chairman of the Board

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Local Chambers from across the state of Texas gathered Monday, June 20, 2016 for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Annual Excellence Awards. The awards honor organizations for exceptional efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach.

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce was honored as the best in Texas, winning first place for its website. In addition to this, the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce placed third in the category of brochures.

“This is an extremely competitive process,” said Ray Hernandez, TCCE Vice-Chairman of Communications whose leadership division oversees the process. “This year we had a large number of entries from around the state and judges that were attentive to every detail. Rest assured the winners had to demonstrate their best. A victory tonight truly indicates the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce is the best in 2016 in websites, and third in brochures.”

The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of experts in the specific field around the state. “This honor demonstrates the phenomenal work done by the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce organizationally and in the community” said Eddie McBride, 2016 TCCE Board Chairman and President/CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Sandra Shaw, President & CEO, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce stated “I want to thank Dorian Speed, Up To Speed, who developed the website, and the Chamber staff, Donna Hargraves, Edith Fischer & Kristy Cours, that assisted in the design of the website and consistently keeps the information up to date. I was so excited to win both awards and honored to have the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce receive state recognition.”

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Our “Retire the Debt” building campaign is an on-going campaign until the building note is paid in full. We will continue to list our donors in future publications. We are so grateful to these members for their contributions to the Chamber as well as the community.

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Comfort Suites........................................................................... $250.00
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MEGlobal

Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce President & C.E.O., presents Ramesh Ramachandran, President of MEGlobal, with a silver engraved western boot, welcoming MEGlobal to their first location in the United States.

Government Affairs Committee

Representative Dennis Bonnen was the guest speaker at the Govt. Affairs Committee meeting on August 26, 2016. L to R: Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board, Representative Dennis Bonnen & Ravi Singhaniya, Government Affairs Committee Chairman.

Young Guns

Thank you to Debra Perry, George Franklin-State Farm Insurance, for sponsoring the August Young Guns Meeting. Pictured are: Meredith King, True to Life Ministries, Young Guns Co-Chair; Debra Perry, George Franklin-State Farm Insurance and Brian Melass, Killum Pest Control, Young Guns Co-Chair.
Thank You!

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Judith Pepper, Director, CHI St. Luke's Health, Brazosport Health Foundation, was the guest speaker at the Women in Business Luncheon in June.

Approximately 100 women attended the Women in Business Luncheon June 29th
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Judge Matt Sebesta, Brazoria County Judge
Brazoria County Update

Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, Port Freeport
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