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# SafetyTOWN



Over the past thirty 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 program for thirty years and the other Safetytown Council members for hosting another successful event.

This comprehensive safety-education program for children, who will enter the first grade, was held at Beutel Elementary School from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup> with approximately 200 incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders attending and included 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 2019 Safetytown Council:

**Chairs:** Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon  
**Registration:** Abby Bundick  
**Facilities & Community Services:** Jordan Strother  
**Equipment Logistics:** Ray Garza  
**CAER & T-Shirts:** Tabitha Ray  
**BISD/Bi-Lingual:** Gracie Delgado  
**Supplies:** David Landsborough, Mike Coburn and Steve Elbert  
**Hospital Auxiliary:** Mary Ann Strouthwolf  
**Directors:** Mary Boucher  
**Administrator:** Sharon Hill





# Chairman's Message.

I hope you had a great summer with family and friends. I know we are all looking forward to some cooler temperatures!

I want to take this time to congratulate Freddie Brown, the first recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award. Freddie was honored at our August membership luncheon and everyone was impressed with all of his accomplishments. Freddie has been a member of the Brazosport Chamber since 1958 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1966. He served as President in 1994. He has also been a member of the Transportation Committee for many years. He served as Chairman of several car raffles raising several thousand dollars for the benefit of the Chamber and the community. He was named Outstanding Man of the Year in 1988 and recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer in 1995. The Brazosport Area Chamber would not be what it is today without his leadership, dedication and involvement over the past two decades. Thank you, Freddie, for being such a great role model for all of us.

The Chamber is gearing up for a busy fall season. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Transportation Summit, Co-Sponsored by The Economic Development Alliance and the seven Chambers of Commerce in Brazoria County, on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Hall. The State of the Community Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, at Dow Academic Center with guest speakers Danny Massey, Superintendent, Brazosport I.S.D. and Mark Mallett, Freeport LNG. The Legislative Wrap-Up Luncheon, also Co-Sponsored by The Economic Development Alliance and the seven Chambers of Commerce in Brazoria County, has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Dow Academic Center. The guest speakers will include State Senator Larry Taylor, State Senator Joan Huffman, Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen and State Representative Ed Thompson. Judge Matt Sebesta will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Please contact The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County at 979-848-0560 or e-mail them at [info@eda-bc.com](mailto:info@eda-bc.com).

The Southern Brazoria County Housing Committee was established this year to address the housing shortage across Southern Brazoria County. The Committee has hired a firm to do a housing needs survey and they have met with over fifty people from all facets of the community. The results of this survey will help determine the first steps the Committee must take to alleviate the housing shortage so our area can continue to grow and prosper.

Plan to have some fun at the Chamber's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center. Cole Degges and his entire band will be the featured entertainment. Tickets cost \$75.00 each or \$850.00 for a reserved table of ten. There is limited seating so please be sure and make your reservations online at [Brazosport.org](http://Brazosport.org) or by contacting the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe H. Ripple". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sincerely,  
Joe Ripple  
Chairman of the Board

# Brazosport Professionals Network



The Brazosport Professionals Network had a great networking meeting at the Chamber office in August.

## Outstanding Volunteers



Chairman Joe Ripple recognized Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency & Tracee Watts, Brazosport College, Co-Chairs of the Leadership Brazosport Program, as Outstanding Volunteers for making the Leadership Brazosport Program such a success this year with twenty participants and some outstanding sessions and field trips. Many thanks to these two ladies who contributed so much time and effort to this program!

# THANK

# You

*Ana Celedon, East Bank at Richwood Village,  
for the delicious cookies!*

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

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David Lehmann, 713-208-6481  
<https://altamira-us.com/>  
Environmental Services Company

BeBe's Barnyard  
15081 S. Hwy 288B, Angleton  
Breanna Curry, 979-417-9417  
[www.bebesbarnyardpettingzoo.com](http://www.bebesbarnyardpettingzoo.com)  
Party Center/Kids Play/Family

Budget Blinds of Lake Jackson  
6925 Masters #157, Manvel 77578  
Jeff Cook, 979-730-3007  
[www.budgetblinds.com](http://www.budgetblinds.com)  
Window Treatments

Chips Family Dining, LLC  
101 Circle Way, Lake Jackson  
Adam & Amanda Soto, 979-529-2781  
<https://chips-family-restaurant.business.site>  
Restaurant

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James Creekmore, 832-768-3552  
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1002 ABC Avenue, Ste. 600, Freeport  
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<https://www.concentra.com/urgent-care-centers/texas/houston/freeport-urgent-care/>  
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East Bank at Richwood Village Apartments  
100 Creekwood Landing Drive, Richwood  
Ana Celedon, 979-316-3261  
Apartment Complex/Corporate Housing

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[www.interfaithfoodbank.com](http://www.interfaithfoodbank.com)  
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Scott & Sons Pressure Washing  
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Superior Fence Services  
4075 CR 355, Brazoria  
John Crockett, 979-849-4640  
[www.superior-fences.com](http://www.superior-fences.com)  
Fence Company

Texas Roof Rehab, LLC  
470 Southern Oaks Drive, Lake Jackson  
Stephanie Weir, 979-529-0331  
[www.roofmaxx.com](http://www.roofmaxx.com)  
Roof Rejuvenation

The Springs of Lake Jackson  
905 Hwy. 332 W., Lake Jackson  
Jeannie Calvillo, 979-297-7436  
[www.thespringsoflakejackson.com](http://www.thespringsoflakejackson.com)  
Apartment Community

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## Ribbon Cuttings



### **Felicia Austin's House of Beauty**

98 Parking Way, Lake Jackson

Felicia Austin, 979-215-4297

[www.feliciaaustinhouseofbeauty.com](http://www.feliciaaustinhouseofbeauty.com)

Personal Services & Care/Beauty  
Salon/Weddings



### **Allison Audiology**

135 Oyster Creek Drive, Ste. H, Lake Jackson

Jana Emola-Austin, 979-292-8501

[www.allisonaudiology.com](http://www.allisonaudiology.com)

Hearing Aid Sales & Services



### **Urban Air Adventure Park Sky Rider**

100 Hwy. 332 W., Ste. 1432, Lake Jackson

Dawn Duchaney, 979-799-5461

[www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/locations/texas/lakejackson](http://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/locations/texas/lakejackson)

Sports & Recreation/Party Center/Children's  
Play



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230 Parking Way, Lake Jackson

Samantha Gonzalez, 979-487-2135

[www.coastalfamilymedicineLJ.com](http://www.coastalfamilymedicineLJ.com)

Family Physician



### The Mad Cattery Adoption & Event Center

Brazoria County SPCA

101 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson

979-285-2340

Meeting & Event Center



### Retirement Planning & Wealth Management, LLC

7 West Way Court, Lake Jackson

Richard R. Robie, CFP, 979-285-0023

[www.rpwmadvisors.com](http://www.rpwmadvisors.com)

Financial/Investment Services



### Angleton ISD Education Foundation

1900 N. Downing Road, Angleton

Allison Hemphill, 979-864-8000

[www.angletonisd.net/angletonfoundation](http://www.angletonisd.net/angletonfoundation)

Non-Profit—Education



**Swamp Shack Lake Jackson**  
111 Abner Jackson Prkwy., Lake Jackson  
Drew Ryder, 979-299-7444  
<https://facebook.com/swampshacklj/>  
Cajun & Creole Restaurant & Bar

## Membership Luncheon

Thank you to our major sponsor



L to R: The Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House; Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne; Guest Speaker James Bass, Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation and Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber President & CEO.



Nancy Wollam, Speaker Dennis Bonnen's Office; James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.



Thank you to our table sponsors:  
American Realty, BASF Corp., Brazosport I.S.D., Dow Chemical Company & Heritage Bank!

# Membership Luncheon

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon honoring Freddie Brown, the 1st Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Thank you to our major sponsor*  
**TEXAS GULF BANK**, N.A.



Judge Jack Brown (right) presents Freddie Brown with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his numerous accomplishments throughout his lifetime. He has helped to make the Chamber and the community what it is today!



Freddie Brown & Family



Freddie entertains the crowd with comical stories about his years starting out in the Brazosport Area.



Thank you to the following table sponsors: ATC Appraisal Services; BASF; Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; First National Bank; Heritage Bank; Non-Destructive Inspection Corporation

# Many Thanks to our Building Donors

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. The following are the donations received since 2011 to date. We are so grateful to these members for their contributions to the Chamber as well as the community.

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## **\$40:**

Mayor Joe Rinehart

## **\$25:**

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Judge Jack Brown

Red Snapper Inn



The Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council (CVC), a division of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce, has launched a new website, [www.VisitBrazosport.com](http://www.VisitBrazosport.com), to help promote the Brazosport Area as a tourism destination.

The new site was designed to give visitors a user-friendly experience and provide all the fun things to see and do in the Brazosport Area. Users will find valuable tourism information to help them explore the area and plan a trip.

Every item on the website is complete with a map link that provides directions to the point of interest and works easily on mobile devices.

Potential visitors can choose to receive communication from the Brazosport CVC through a variety of ways including the electronic newsletter, downloadable brochures, or social media.

The new website will allow the Brazosport CVC to continue to promote the Brazosport Area as a destination of choice in the most effective way possible. Check the site out at

[www.VisitBrazosport.com](http://www.VisitBrazosport.com)

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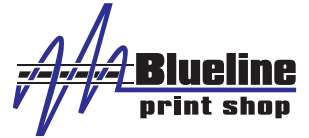


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