We appreciate the outstanding efforts of the 2019 Safetytown Council:

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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 3rd through June 13th with approximately 200 incoming 1st 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.
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 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Hall. The State of the Community Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 17th, 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 2nd 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.

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 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration on Friday, November 8th 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 or by contacting the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

Sincerely,

Joe Ripple
Chairman of the Board
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!

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Nancy Wollam, Speaker Dennis Bonnen's Office; James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.
The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon honoring Freddie Brown, the 1st Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Freddie Brown & Family

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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
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