



1959-2009

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

2009 is a landmark year for our community and we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the City of Sugar Land.

December 29, 2009, marks the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of our City. In truth, our Texas roots are deep as this area was part of the first settlement in Texas. By the mid 1800's, the area was dubbed "Sugar Land" as sugar cane and the sugar business took hold, and in 1906, Imperial Sugar was established. Its owners, I. H. Kempner and W. T. Eldridge, envisioned and built a company town that would attract and take care of all of its employees' needs. Both grew and prospered. In 1959, Sugar Land ceased being a "company town" and incorporated, electing its first mayor and council. Its rise to one of America's "Best Places to Live" is a remarkable story of strong leadership, community, planning and economic growth that has attracted residents from near and far to make Sugar Land their home. You are an important part of that success.

Our City Council has appointed a 50th Anniversary Citizens Committee and its volunteer subcommittees to oversee the year's events and activities. Highlights include:

- Numerous 50th Anniversary City events- 4th of July to a signature New Year's Eve event
- Volunteer-led Speakers Bureau on the history of Sugar Land, available for all community and school groups
- Historic Walking Tour of old Sugar Land, 9:00-11:00 a.m., the first Saturday of each month through the end of 2009
- Historic features in print, on SLtv16 and our web site www.sugarlandtx.gov
- 50th Anniversary commemorative bronze art sculpture commissioned to be installed in City Hall to educate and celebrate our rich history and diverse community
- Community Partnerships with schools, businesses and organizations
- Opportunities for Volunteers and Community Partnerships

We would like to find ways to partner with your group either through your own events and activities or by joining the City's special events. The partnership may be as simple as the City providing historic and informational materials to your group or you may choose to join us in special anniversary activities as a sponsor or participant.

You or your organization also have the opportunity to become a permanent part of our city's history as a corporate or individual sponsor by helping underwrite our 50th Anniversary commemorative bronze sculpture, an elegant and educational tribute to our collective history. It will be housed in City Hall and unveiled at a special New Year's Eve event. Donors giving \$500 or more will have their names engraved on a bronze plaque located by the sculpture.

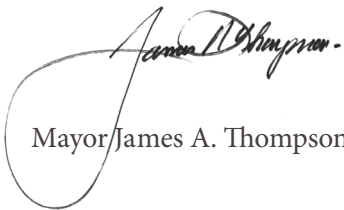
50th Anniversary Citizens Committee

Prabha Bala, Vijay Buchar, Alice Fish, Jane Goodwill, Angie Jones, Thelma Jones, Bruce Kelly, Judi Martin, Tom Stewart, Terri Wang

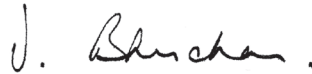
There are innumerable ways that we can work together throughout this special year and we would like the opportunity to visit with you and explore those possibilities. If you have any questions, a member of our 50th Anniversary Community Partners Committee will be contacting you soon. Or, please feel free to contact one of our Co-Chairs, Vijay Bhuchar or Terri Wang, at their numbers listed.

We have much to be proud of in our history, accomplishments and quality of life. Please join us in celebrating this special milestone in Sugar Land's history and help us explore ways to partner with you so that we can pay tribute to the City and the contributions of your organization in helping make Sugar Land the special community it has become. Together we are stronger.

Thank you for your support,



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50th Anniversary Community Partners Committee Co-Chairs