

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preserve buildings and sites that contribute to Round Rock's history.

Historic assets play an essential role in shaping the identity of a place. Historic buildings, neighborhoods, and other important vestiges of the past define a unique and special sense of character in a community. As Round Rock continues to grow and mature, its historic resources remain an important part of the community's identity. Historic preservation encourages the continued use of older properties, safeguards the existence of significant historic elements, and contributes to community development objectives such as quality of life, sustainability, and economic development. Over the past year, PDS has hosted events and partnered with local preservation advocates and allies to educate and preserve the Round Rock community.

The Historic Preservation section of *Round Rock 2030* is a standalone Historic Preservation Plan. This section of the annual report serves as the update to the Historic Preservation Plan.

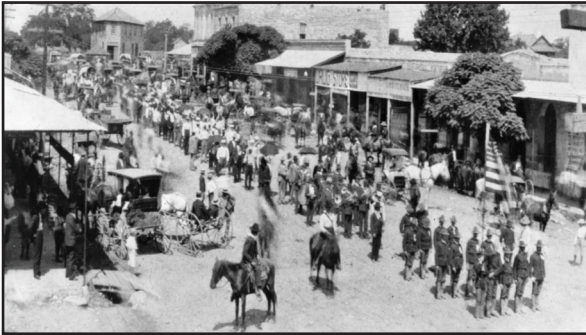
Implementation Strategy: Increase stakeholder and public awareness of the city's historic preservation program by providing training opportunities, hosting public events, and creating educational materials.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH was celebrated in Round Rock in May 2022. Local historic preservation organizations and city historic preservation staff hosted preservation programs to educate the public. Activities included:

- On April 28, Mayor Morgan proclaimed May as Historic Preservation Month
- The Baca Center Art Club held a month long exhibit showcasing works depicting local history and landmarks
- "People Saving Places" by Shirley Marquardt in the library display case was showcased for the entire month
- The Chisholm Trail Lunch & Learn hosted on May 17, by Phebe Davol
- A presentation on Kenney Fort by Frank Darr on May 22, with lunch provided by Estes Audiology
- The distribution of 389 walking tour maps, 86 activity books, and 61 sets of coloring pages at the Library and Baca Center as well as Music on Main, Lunch & Learn, and local history lecture events.
- Pioneer Day at Old Settlers Park on April 30, 2022, held by the Williamson Museum
- Profiles of the Nelson Hardware building, Volunteer Fire Dept marker, Stagecoach Inn, and Dr. Gregg house and office posted on city social media accounts



PLACES IN TIME is a video series that the Communications Department developed to showcase several locations that have been a part of Round Rock for a long time. The video series began on March 2, 2022 highlighting St. Paul AME Church. In April, the Palm Valley video was published, covering Anna Palm and her family, the Palm House, Palm Mansion, Palm Tombstone, and Palm Valley Lutheran Church. In June, Woodbine Mansion's history from 1895 to present was released. These videos can be found on the city's YouTube channel.



TEXAS TIME MACHINE is a series of short videos, by the Round Rock Public Library, that highlights stories behind Round Rock's historic areas. The videos are posted to the City of Round Rock's YouTube channel. Video subjects include: the location where "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" was filmed, Downtown Streets, Round Rock Leader, the Immortal Ten, and many more.

LOCAL LEGENDS selection process resolution was recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission on May 17, 2022, and approved by City Council June 9, 2022. The policy change for selecting local legends returns the selection of the Local Legend back to the Historic Preservation Commission and ensures that Local Legend selection is reserved for the most relevant and informative nominations, recognizing substantial contributions to the history of the city.

Implementation Strategy: Complete the restoration of the Stagecoach Inn.

STAGECOACH INN RESTORATION contract for professional consulting services with Architexas was approved at the March 24, 2022 City Council. Architectural and construction drawings will be completed in 2022. Phase 4, the Stagecoach's restoration, was a 2022 Historic Preservation Commission goal and is one of City Council's goals in the 2022-2023 *Strategic Plan*.



Implementation Strategy: Consider new incentive programs specifically to assist property owners and developers within maintenance and rehabilitation of historic properties.



WINDOW RESTORATION WORKSHOP was hosted in February 2022 to help attendees learn about the basics of wood window repair. The workshop covered the terminology, tools, and techniques behind stripping, refinishing, and re-glazing. Owners of historic buildings were encouraged to attend the workshop to learn about proper maintenance and repair of wood windows. Properly preserved windows are important to the overall historic character of older buildings.

Round Rock 2030 Implementation Strategy: Foster a network of preservation advocates and allies, like the nonprofit Round Rock Preservation, by collaborating with preservation partners at the local, regional, and state levels.

ROUND ROCK PRESERVATION (RRP) worked closely with the city's preservation office throughout the year on public outreach. RRP organized four Lunch & Learn programs on historic preservation topics this year, one presented by city staff member Kerstin Harding. RRP hosted a preservation information booth at city events throughout the year. Round Rock Preservation partnered with the city to host several activities throughout Preservation Month this year. They also partnered with the Williamson Museum to host Pioneer Days in Old Settlers Park.



**ROUND ROCK
IS THE RRP
2021 PARTNER
OF THE YEAR**

Round Rock Preservation
(February 2022)

The city was recognized by Round Rock Preservation for staff's work to preserve local history during the group's 2021 Annual Recognition Awards. The city received the Partner of the Year Award for significantly strengthening the Historic Preservation Program by including the city's Historic Preservation Plan into the city's Comprehensive Plan, *Round Rock 2030*. City staff member Joelle Jordan received the Public Service Appreciation Award in recognition of her 19 years of public service in the city's Historic Preservation Office and for growing and strengthening the program each year.

Round Rock 2030 Implementation Strategy: Continue administering the Partial Tax Exemptions for Historically Significant Sites program and guide property owners through the application review process.

THE HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION program encourages owners of historic properties to use money saved on taxes to provide regular maintenance and/or repair to their historic structures. With this program, property owners received a 75% exemption of municipal property taxes, totaling \$143,185 (based on preliminary valuation) for 51 applications, this year. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is responsible for reviewing applications and recommending to City Council whether a property should receive the exemption.