



City of Buda Celebrates Preservation Month with Awards Ceremony

On May 30, the City of Buda recognized outstanding contributions to the preservation efforts made by individuals and businesses at the Historic Preservation Awards ceremony. Among the winners were:

The Howe House, 200 Prairie Ave. - Exterior Restoration for Residential: acknowledges historic restoration projects for the exterior of the structure where exceptional care, sensitivity and respect for the historic fabric and or setting of the property were displayed.

Buda School, 300 N. San Marcos St. - Exterior Restoration for Mixed-Use/Commercial: acknowledges historic mixed-use or commercial restoration projects for the exterior of the structure where exceptional care, sensitivity and respect for the historic fabric and or setting of the property were displayed.

Main Street Dental, 108 S. Main St. - Adaptive Re-use: recognizes a successful adaptive re-use of a property where the excellence in design inspires new and different uses for an existing building.

202 S. Cedar St. - Architecturally Compatible New Structure: recognizes new construction that compliments the character of the district and surrounding structures.

The inaugural event was hosted by the City of Buda Historic Preservation Commission in partnership with the Buda Main Street Program and was held in the historic Kunkel Room at Buda Elementary School. Mayor George Haehn provided the City of Buda welcome and Linda Coker, courthouse coordinator for Hays County, served as the keynote speaker. Both spoke of the importance of historic preservation and maintaining Buda's unique character.

The event concludes a month-long national preservation campaign that focuses on the importance of historical buildings and their contributions to the fabric of one's community. The City of Buda will continue to celebrate and focus on historic preservation efforts through organizations like the Historic Preservation Commission and Main Street Program.

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