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## <u>Historic Preservation Award nomination accepted by City of Buda until May 1</u>

In honor of May being National Preservation Month, the City of Buda is currently seeking nominations for its Historic Preservation Awards. These awards are to recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation of Buda's historic fabric by awarding individuals or organizations for preservation projects of significant and lasting value.

To nominate a property for the Historic Preservation Awards, fill out and submit the application located on the City of Buda's website. Each nomination must include a completed nomination form, a description between 50 and 500 words explaining the project, and a minimum of five photographs of the property. If you aren't comfortable completing the form, simply send an email to <a href="mailto:csparks@ci.buda.tx.us">csparks@ci.buda.tx.us</a> and city staff can put together the background information. Completed applications received by the deadline are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. If the application is selected, the property will receive an award marker.

The categories in which properties can be nominated for an award are:

- Exterior restoration for residential: for historic residential projects in which the contractor or owner showed exceptional care, sensitivity and respect for the historic fabric and/or setting for the property
- Exterior restoration for mixed-use/commercial: for mixed-use/commercial projects in which the contractor or owner showed exceptional care, sensitivity and respect for the historic fabric and/or setting for the property
- Adaptive re-use: recognizes successful re-use of a property where the excellence in design inspires new and different uses for an existing property
- Architecturally compatible new structures: recognizes new construction that compliments the character of the historic district and surrounding structures

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following:

- 1. Project design sensitivity to the historic character, original architectural elements and fabric of the property, and degree of preservation or restoration achieve
- 2. Project execution representing the best preservation practice and use of appropriate techniques and materials applicable to its period and style whenever possible (more)

- 3. Degree of difficulty of problems or threats faced, and the creativity and appropriateness of the solutions applied
- 4. Impact of project on the community and on the preservation of Buda's historic resources, showing leadership, programs, and project organization
- 5. Level of funding provided by the Buda Improvement Grant

Nomination applications are due to the City of Buda Planning and Engineering Department by Friday, May 1, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Their offices are located at 100 Houston Street, Buda, Texas 78610. Submissions by mail can be sent to P.O. Box 1380 Buda, Texas 78610. For more information contact Chance Sparks at 512-312-0084 or visit <a href="www.ci.buda.tx.us">www.ci.buda.tx.us</a>.

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