Happy Easter from Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack and his staff at Cypress Top Historic Park. Easter is a holiday that brings to mind memories hunting Easter eggs and putting on a new suit to wear to church on Easter morning. It was always a relief to have that new suit since the old one had become high-water and three-quarter sleeve by then. May your children and grandchildren have fond memories this Easter.

Cypress Top Historic Park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. The buildings are only open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Formal tours of the museum complex led by staff or volunteers begin from Juergen’s Store at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. However, we are happy to have you visit the store anytime while we are there on Tuesdays. Group tours may be booked Tuesdays through Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Group tours are subject to staff availability, so we recommend you make reservations at least one month in advance. The park and museum buildings are open to all and, as with all events offered at Cypress Top Historic Park, admissions and tours are free.

Juergen’s Hall has been converted into a community center. It offers many activities and classes for all ages. Please check the Precinct 3 website for hours of operation and offerings of Juergen’s Hall Community Center.

The volunteer work day to clean the little blue building, Blondie’s apartment, was a great success with enough volunteers to get the building and displays clean as a whistle in no time. The next clean-up project will be the Humble Service Station on March 3. It will begin at 9 a.m. and should only take three or four hours. If you want to help clean up small displays and merchandise in the store, come by any Tuesday. We can put you to work. Please contact Jim Wilson at cypresstop@pct3.com if you would like to help.

The Cypress Top Senior History Bus Trip in February visited the Alamo. This Texas icon has always been a destination for Texans, either native born or converts. The story of these men and their sacrifice is still as compelling as was Travis’ letter 180 years ago. The seniors toured the chapel, grounds and museums. Many also enjoyed the gift shop.

The Alamo is visited annually by more than two million people. Many of the rock walls and floors, though rough cut stones, are as smooth as polished marble from innumerable hands and feet that have passed by the walls. The day of our visit was busy. Yet among the grounds, in spite of the throng of people, our photographers captured the tranquility the site offers.
After lunch, many seniors visited a history shop which has connections to the British musician Phil Collins. He became obsessed with the Alamo and a great collector of Alamo relics. His dealer was able, with Collins’ help, to buy a small shop across the street from the Alamo. Then the dealer and Collins excavated below the shop and found many genuine artifacts, since the building sat atop part of the original Alamo plaza site. The shop has a display of the excavation below the floor and an Alamo battle model, which is highlighted by a Collins’ description of the battle and lights illuminating each feature as it is described and each movement by the Mexican troops during the battle. Collins has donated his entire collection to the Alamo.
Members of the Cypress Historical Society are in the Cypress Train Depot (bright yellow building) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also on the third Saturday of the month from noon to 3 p.m. They have a great deal of genealogy information on most early Cypress area families. Drop in and visit them when you are in the area.

The calendars for March and April can be found on the website. There is a link from the park web page or you can look under the Community Center events calendar. The website is www.pct3.com