Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack and the Cypress Top Historic Park staff hope you have a safe and glorious Fourth of July holiday. We also hope you remember the sacrifices our forefathers made so we can enjoy our freedom. One of Benjamin Franklin’s most famous quotes came when he was asked if the Constitutional Convention had given us a monarchy or a republic. His response: “A republic, if you can keep it!” As citizens of this great nation, we protect what the Founding Fathers left us and teach our children to appreciate the gift.

Cypress Top Historic Park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. The buildings are only open 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. 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 Three website at www.pct3.com for hours of operation and offerings of Juergen’s Hall Community Center.
An "On the Road" bus trip visited the park in June. The seniors enjoyed a tour of the Juergen’s Store, the Juergen’s Hall and the Humble Service Station. The old pick-up trucks prompted a few stories from the seniors’ youth. “On the Road” bus trips are run from several of Commissioner Radack’s community centers and are free.

Of special interest to many of our subscribers is the History Discussion Group program at Kleb Woods on August 11th at 9 a.m. The North Harris County Branch of the American Association of University Women produced a book in 1976 for the nation’s Bi-Centennial: The Heritage of North Harris County. They updated this book as a DVD this year. They have provided us with a copy and solicited our comments. Our discussion group will critique this new contribution to our local history.

The volunteer work day volunteers in June cleaned the Juergen House. The next work day will be July 7th and volunteers will work on Juergen’s Store. This is the largest job of our regular maintenance and we need all the help we can muster. Please join us. It will begin at 9 a.m. and end by noon. Please contact Jim Wilson at cypressstop@pct3.com if you would like to help.

The senior bus trip scheduled for June 3rd was cancelled due to flooding. The rains we have experienced recently have been historic.

According to Jeff Linder, Flood Watch Department Manager/Meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District: “In the span of 13 months, Harris County has experienced six significant flood events. Each one of these events resulted in rainfall totals over eight inches in portions of Harris County. Never in modern records has Harris County experienced such frequent back-to-back flooding events. The only year that comes close is 1998, when three major floods affected the county in September (Tropical Storm Frances), October, and November.”

The six floods were May 12th-13th, 2015, Memorial Day 2015, Oct. 24th-25th, 2015, Halloween 2015, this past Tax Day and May 25th – 27th of this year.

**Signing Up for Senior History Bus Trips (Must be at least 50 years old to go on these trips)**

There is a waiting list for the July 15th trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science to see the Fabergé: From a Snowflake to an Iceberg exhibit. You may now sign up for the August 5th trip to the Bryan Museum in Galveston and the Sept. 30th trip, antiquing in Warrenton. You may be added to the wait list or sign up for future trips by emailing cypressstop@pct3.com or calling (281) 357-5324.

You may only sign up yourself plus one friend/spouse. No multiple reservations. You will get a confirmation e-mail a week before the trip if you have a seat.

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 July and August 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

Save the dates for these special events at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve:

**September 10, 2016 Hummingbird Festival**
**October 22, 2016 Diggin’ Old Stuff**