Commissioner Steve Radack and the staff of Cypress Top Historic Park would like to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. We invite you to take advantage of what Cypress Top Historic Park has to offer, as well as all the other great parks, senior learning centers and community centers in Precinct Three.

We hosted a Cub Scout group for a Saturday tour of the museum buildings. The kids enjoyed the Cypress Historical Society volunteer’s story about his own experience with iron skillets. He is no longer allowed to cook with one because he once ruined a skillet that had been well-seasoned over time. Scouts and their parents enjoyed the old trucks in the service station. They were fascinated as well by the old system of pulleys and the machinery that ran them in the pump house.

One of our most artistic volunteers also dressed up the store windows for Christmas as was typically done a half century or more ago.

The senior history bus trip in December was a Christmas shopping trip to some rural Central Texas towns. The experience was reminiscent of Christmas shopping in their childhood. The group first went to Bellville, where they ate breakfast at a bakery and then shopped in the square at several antique stores, a lady’s boutique and an art gallery.
From there they traveled to Round Top, where they ate lunch and visited many specialty shops and galleries. Many found unique gifts for family, friends or themselves.
From Round Top, the bus went to Carmine, where the group explored two antique malls. Following that, they traveled to Chappell Hill, where they made a final stop at a meat market and bakery before returning to Cypress Top Historic Park.

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

Future trips: **Jan. 20**th, Beaumont: McFaddin-Ward House and Edison Museum; **Feb. 17**th, Palacios: City by the Sea Museum and possibly the Luther Hotel; **March 17**th, Liberty: Sam Houston Center, including research library, Jean and Price Daniel House and other historic structures; **May 19**th, Waco: Waco Mammoth National Monument and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

You may sign up for future trips by **emailing cypresstop@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.**

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. each Tuesday. However, we are happy to have you visit the store anytime while we are there on Tuesdays. **Group (6 or more) 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 is a community center. It offers many activities and classes for all ages. Please check the Precinct Three website at [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) for hours of operation and offerings of Juergen’s Hall Community Center. Our volunteer work parties for building maintenance will **resume in January and have moved to the second Tuesday of each month**. Please come and join us. Each work party is from 9 to 11 a.m. Please contact Jim Wilson at cypresstop@pct3.com if you would like to help.

Members of the Cypress Historical Society are in the Cypress Train Depot (bright yellow building) at Cypress Top Historic Park 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 January and February calendars 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](http://www.pct3.com)