Commissioner Steve Radack and his staff wish you a Happy Mother's Day. We invite you to visit the park and museums and learn more about the local history of the Cypress area.

The Cypress Historical Society celebrated its 10th Anniversary in April. They had a party to celebrate on April 21st. A proclamation congratulating them on their tenth year of preserving the heritage of Cypress and engaging the public in the rich history of the area was presented to them from Commissioner Radack.

Cypress Top Historic Park consists of a variety of buildings featuring E.F. Juergen’s general store and home which may well date back to 1856. Other buildings include the 1910 gristmill/pump house and the 1956 service station. Even our newest building, the train depot that houses the Cypress Historical Society’s Darlene Roth Memorial Library, is now 6 years old. All of these buildings require maintenance, and historic buildings require more than their share of tender loving care. Some significant maintenance and improvement was recently completed by the County on two of these buildings. After years of struggling with the harmful sunlight that floods through the service station windows, we finally found a suitable solution. A new product of clear UV film has been installed on those windows that will prevent damage to the artifacts and displays from UV exposure. Materials available when the barber shop was constructed in the mid-1970s pale in comparison to the lumber that went into the 19th century structures. The floor had rotted away. The County has replaced it as well as the tile so that it is now again available for tours.

Cypress Top Historic Park is hosting the 2nd annual Cypress Historical Society’s Hands-on-History Summer Camp from June 25 through June 29 and registration is now open. The Monday through Friday camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Youngsters going into grades 4-6 are eligible for this unique experience. Campers will explore early crafts, blacksmithing, digging and examining artifacts, interviewing seniors, creating family trees, interpreting photos, creating museum models and exhibits, viewing maps, discovering early schools and giving museum tours. The cost is free with a Cypress Historical Society membership ($25). Space is limited so early registration is recommended. Contact the Cypress Historical Society at (281) 758-0083 or cypresshistsociety@att.net
There was no bus trip in April. The May 18 trip will be to Beaumont for a Neches River boat cruise.

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

Future trips: There is now a waitlist for the **May 18** trip to Beaumont for a Neches River boat cruise. You may now sign up for the **June 15** bus trip to the Texas Military Forces Museum in Austin. 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 now open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Formal tours of the museum complex led by CHS 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 to give you an impromptu tour of any of the buildings. **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.

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 May and June calendars can be found on the Precinct 3 web site. [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) There is a link from the park web page as well.