

Parker Community Historical Society, Inc.

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Established 1980
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kspchs>

Museums located at
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2017 – FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear members, alumni, friends and neighbors,

Well, I think fall has arrived and speeding right on to the start of winter. At least that's what it feels like around Parker. We have had a beautiful summer and early fall; amazingly, the grass is still green (at least today). It feels like it could snow right now.

First things first. Our annual meeting is fast approaching. It will be held November 21, in our museum building at 209 Main Street. It will follow our regular monthly meeting which will start at 5 pm that evening. We have changed the time of our regular monthly meetings hoping to meet the needs of those members who do not like to be out late. It was voted to meet at 5 pm on the 3rd Tuesday each month through the winter and then determine if we want to continue meeting at the early hour. Because of time conflicts, our scheduled work days are currently on hold. Anyone wanting to help catalog new items, clean, scrapbook, etc. should contact Marilyn Rhoades at 913-898-6891. We will make every effort to fit our time with yours. There are no activities or meeting in December.

Annual dues are now due. The rate is still \$5 annually or \$50 for a life membership.

Thank you to all who donated new items for the museum. We have received fashions from the 50s, a wall clock that had been used at PRHS and continued to be used in the 4th grade elementary classroom, handmade reed tray with coasters made in Mr. Ammel's 7-8 grade class, many barber tools, a PRHS Class quilt that had been won by an alumni, eye glasses and miscellaneous items too numerous to mention. All donations are very much appreciated. If you have something to donate, please contact one of the officers listed above: Louise 898-6991 Janice 898-6662 Marilyn 898-6891

The Heritage Park has a new sign in its corner. A time capsule was created within it. Our historical society included 2 books we have available on the history of Parker and stories told by residents past and present. We also included one of the booklets that list the graduates from Parker Rural High School.

We have had the opportunity to digitize our yearbooks years 1950-1969. This is not a completed project and we still need to determine how to make it available to interested parties.

We are honoring our local veterans with a display in the shadow box at 1-Stop. There are many local veterans whose pictures were not available to us, but still have many pictures displayed. You will recognize some who still live here and some family names that are from the past. **Thank you each and every one who have served our country to preserve our freedoms.** We hope to make another display in the future so please share if you have a photo available. Include dates of service, rank, and any other information you would like to share. Your picture can be returned to you if you need it back.

We have been working on sorting through items in the Skinner blacksmith shop. It has been a slow process but we are moving forward. A big **thank you to John Stahl** who has done all the dirty work and heavy lifting. If there is anyone interested in helping with this big project, or any of the smaller ones, please let us know. We are always needing volunteers.

Please continue to let us know about any change of addresses, or deceased alumni. You may call or e-mail Marilyn at mjsheetsrhoades63@gmail.com Janice at jsue1940@gmail.com

Have a safe winter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!