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TEXAS MAIN STREET DEDICATION CEREMONY

Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott to Welcome Buda as Newest Texas Main Street Community

BUDA, TX – Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott will officially welcome the City of Buda into the Texas Main Street Program during a dedication ceremony on April 18, 2017. Buda became a Texas Main Street city on January 1, 2017 and is proud to be one of 89 cities statewide with the prestigious designation from the Texas Historical Commission.

The Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts.

“Our designation into this program means that we now have access to some very valuable resources through the State of Texas. These include everything from small business assistance, to access to grants, downtown planning, project design assistance and more,” said Main Street Manager Maggie Gillespie.

Gillespie, who was recently hired to lead the program in Buda, is working together with the newly seated Main Street Advisory Board.

“The visit from the First Lady of Texas is just the beginning,” said Gillespie. “The newly appointed Main Street Advisory Board has great leaders and they are working diligently with the merchants, city staff and the community to lay the foundation for a program that has proven to revitalize downtowns across the state.”

“I believe Main Street is the heart and soul of any great community. We are committed to strengthening and growing our historic district,” said Mayor Todd Ruge. “The Texas Main Street Program will provide the tools to make that happen. I couldn’t be more pleased to be accepted into this prestigious program and look forward to what the future holds for our downtown area.”

Over the years Buda has taken a number of steps to bring increased life and investment to downtown, including the pursuit of enhancement grants for sidewalks, lighting and other downtown beautification, improvements to underground infrastructure, the creation of the local historic district and Historic Preservation Commission, and the establishment of the Downtown Buda Merchants Group.

“Buda is pleased and delighted that the Main Street Dedication is happening. We thank the Texas Historical Commission and its Texas Main Street Program, and First Lady Cecilia Abbott for this great honor being bestowed upon Buda,” said City Manager Kenneth Williams. “We look forward to good things occurring in our downtown area that is a direct result of the City receiving this designation.”



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For 23 years, the annual First Lady's Main Street Tour has been sponsored by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. The association is the largest state community banking organization in the country.

Buda's selection for the Texas Main Street Program was based on the following:

- Historic commercial fabric and historic identity
- Community and private sector support and organizations capacity
- Public sector support and financial capacity
- Physical capacity
- Demonstrated need

The Main Street Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Parking will be available at the City Hall Parking lot at 121 S. Main Street.

**Main Street Dedication Ceremony
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Main Street (In between Elm St. & Ash St.)**

**Media Availability (After the Dedication Ceremony)
11:00 a.m.
Buda Public Library Conference Room
303 Main Street**

**Available for Comment at 11:00 a.m.
Mayor Todd Ruge
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission
John L. Nau, III, Chair of the Texas Historical Commission
David Marino, Public Information Officer**

For more Information on the Texas Main Street Program click below:

<http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-main-street>