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Our Heart's Home Capital Campaign – It's Happening!

On October 23, 2024, the National Park Service approved the Friends' 1.9 million capital campaign to benefit the restoration and enhancement of the Texas White House Complex at the park. The Friends Board of Trustees is very excited to have met this essential milestone.

Approval permits the Friends and park staff to begin the development of schedules, materials, and activities to support this effort. Reconstruction of the Texas White House began earlier this year and you may stay updated on its progress [here](#).

Our Heart's Home campaign will provide funding for materials and exhibits including restoration of historic wallpaper for the house, new exhibits for the remodeled Visitor Center, a new media theater in the updated Klein Shop, and more.

We will provide more information in a special edition of All the World is Welcome Here early in 2025.

LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour Is Back!



We are thrilled to welcome back our riders to the LBJ Ranch on **Saturday, April 5, 2025!**

Riders can choose between four routes ranging from 16 to 62 miles that wind through the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

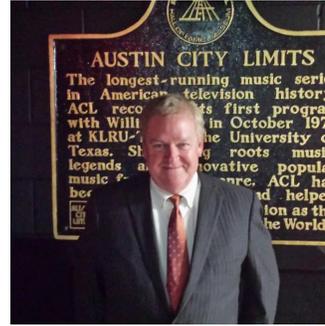
Proceeds from the ride will support the restoration already underway at the Texas White House, making the LBJ 100 truly a "Ride to Preserve History."

[LBJ 100 2025 Bicycle Tour](#)

Welcome New Board Members!



Jess Gillespie has 8 years of experience in non-profit operations, currently serving as the Director of Operations at Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. She holds a degree in Anthropology from Texas State University. She demonstrates a strong dedication to cultural resource management and ensuring cultural experiences are accessible to diverse audiences. Outside of work, Jess loves embarking on adventures to explore parks and historic sites, always on the lookout for new stories and discoveries.



Frank King, Board Member

Frank King joined the Board in August 2024. He is a highly experienced legal professional with a robust background in both the public and private sectors. He serves as General Counsel for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, providing essential legal guidance to the agency responsible for regulating, certifying, and licensing firefighters throughout Texas.

Frank began his legal career as a Staff Attorney for the 126th District Court of Texas, providing in-depth legal analysis and support.

He further distinguished himself as an Assistant Attorney General V with the Office of the Texas Attorney General. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership, Frank received the President's Award for Outstanding Director from the Travis County Bar Association for the 2001-2002 term and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Austin Young Lawyers Association in 2010.

Donate →



Your Support and Donations Make Historic Preservation Possible

The park needs our support now more than ever! Make a gift, join the Friends for yourself, or give the gift of a sustaining membership. Your generosity supports educational programs, historic preservation, and conservation initiatives throughout the LBJ National Historical Park. Thank you for helping to preserve the Johnson legacy.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Ways To Get Involved:

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew.

We need your help! Join us in making a difference! Are you a passionate marketing major or a seasoned grant writer?

Would you like to volunteer with us?

Check out the opportunities below:

- [Social Media & Marketing](#)
- [Grant Writer](#)



Courtesy NPS/Cynthia Dormey

Hidden Gem in the Hill Country: Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park Visitor Center and Park Headquarters

The Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Visitor Center and Park Headquarters offers a fascinating glimpse into the life and legacy of one of America's most influential presidents. It is between the Johnson Settlement and the Boyhood home, at the intersection of Ladybird Lane and Avenue G in Johnson City, TX.

[Read More!](#)

Annual LBJ Birthday Ceremony



Visiting Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park?

The following areas are open 7 days a week:

Johnson City — 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Courtesy Miguel Lecuona

August 27, 2024, marked LBJ's 116th birthday.

To celebrate, the Park's Visitors Center in Johnson City, TX hosted the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony.

This year's guest speaker at the ceremony was former Friends of LBJ Board Trustee, Shelton Coleman. Coleman, currently Mayor Pro Tempore of Johnson City, TX, spoke of his grandparents Melvin C. and Anita Winters' friendship with the President and Mrs. Johnson.

- Visitor Center—Exhibits, Movies, Bookstore
 - Boyhood Home
 - Johnson Settlement including grounds, Event Center exhibits, and restrooms
- LBJ Ranch —Inbound gate opens at 9:00 am and closes at 4:30 pm. The exit gate closes at 5:00 pm.

Exhibits and Grounds open include:

- LBJ Ranch Driving Tour— **Obtain a driving permit at Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site**
- Junction School
- Birthplace
- Show Barn

[Visit NHP Website](#)



Night Skies Over the LBJ Ranch Stargazing Event on November 2, 2024

Make plans to view the wonders of the night sky at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park on Saturday, November 2. Beginning at 7:00 pm at the LBJ Ranch near Stonewall, the National Park Service will host a stargazing opportunity. Certified as a Dark Sky Park in 2021, the LBJ Ranch District of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park is an excellent place to experience the wonders of the night sky.

[More Information](#)

Partner News



[LBJ Birthday Celebration](#)

August 26, 2024, marked a pivotal moment in safeguarding the future of America's national parks! The

National Park Foundation announced a \$100 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. that will help meet the growing demands of our 430 park sites. Join us in supporting the National Park Service to make parks the most resilient, modern, and welcoming – now

Each year, the **Texas State Society** hosts a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate Lyndon B. Johnson's birthday at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove on the Potomac. The memorial site was designated by his late wife, Claudia Johnson, and was officially dedicated on April 6, 1976.

and in the future.



Did You Know?

Lady Bird Johnson actively worked to enhance urban environments by joining the Task Force on Natural Beauty in 1964. In February 1965, she established the First Lady's Committee for a More Beautiful Capital to transform Washington, D.C. into a "garden city." Additionally, that year she helped create a non-profit organization, the Society for a More Beautiful Capital, which ended its operations in 1972.

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