



Monthly News & Updates

New Insights into the Restoration Project at the Texas White House Complex



As many know, the Texas White House Complex has long been undergoing extensive rehabilitation to preserve its historical integrity and improve accessibility for future visitors. What's now coming to light are new behind-the-scenes details about the scope and care involved in this massive effort. From the meticulous conservation of original furnishings and wallpaper inside the Texas White House to the transformation of the Hangar Building into a dynamic visitor space, each phase reveals the careful planning and craftsmanship driving the project. Updates to the Communication Trailers and Klein Shop highlight the broader story of the people and technology that supported the Johnson presidency — and the work being done to bring those stories to life.

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National Park Service Visitor Spending Effects-Economic Contribution Report

Join Us for the Lights Spectacular – Volunteers Needed!



Each year, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park conducts lamplight tours of President Johnson's Boyhood Home at 200 E. Elm Street in Johnson City. These lamplight tours showcase young Lyndon Johnson's home as it was decorated for Christmas in the 1910s and 1920s. This year, the lamplight tours will be conducted on Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20. The tours run from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

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We're now on LinkedIn!

The Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park are excited to announce the launch of our official LinkedIn profile! Follow us to stay connected with our mission to preserve, protect, and promote the legacy of President Lyndon B. Johnson and the historic sites that shaped his life.

The National Park Service has released a report titled “Visitor Spending Effects - Economic Contributions of National Park Visitor Spending” for 2024. Per NPS, “This interactive tool displays results from the Visitor Spending Effects report series. Economic contributions of National Park Service visitor spending are displayed at the national, state, and local levels.”

From updates on the Texas White House restoration to volunteer opportunities, special events, and behind-the-scenes stories from the park—you’ll find it all here.

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The report may be viewed and downloaded from [Visitor Spending Effects - Economic Contributions of National Park Visitor Spending - Social Science \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#).

For the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, the NPS report states, “In 2024, 119 thousand park visitors spent an estimated \$13.5 million in local gateway regions while visiting Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park. These expenditures supported a total of 147 jobs, \$7.1 million in labor income, \$12.9 million in value added, and \$21.6 million in economic output in the local gateway economies surrounding Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park.”

Welcome Our New Board Members



Karen Evard is a lifelong Texan, having grown up in Houston, Texas, not far from the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. She spent over 25 years in the public-school classroom educating students from elementary to middle school ages. Karen and her husband moved to the Fredericksburg/Stonewall area a year ago and now call the Texas Hill Country home. She is looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees of the Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and sharing her experience and passion for youth engagement, educational programming, and community outreach.



Amy Ledbetter Parham is the Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity Texas, where she leads statewide initiatives to expand affordable homeownership and strengthen nonprofit capacity. With over 20 years of experience in construction, public policy, and nonprofit leadership, she specializes in systems change and mission-driven innovation. Amy holds a master’s in public affairs from the LBJ School at UT Austin and is a published writer and speaker on nonprofit governance, housing policy, and organizational transformation.

Carolyn Vogel Departs the Friends Board of Trustees

With mixed feelings of joy for Carolyn and sadness for ourselves, we announce that she stepped down from board service in July. Carolyn served not only as trustee but also as Chair of our Governance Committee. In these capacities, Carolyn has supported Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park for over six years since May 2019. This was a period of growth for our board in many areas, and Carolyn was a key contributor to developing governance processes and managing the vetting and interview processes. As a result, all our current trustees have joined the board during her tenure.

Carolyn was a champion for our fundraising efforts and a key contributor and supporter of our Our Hearts Home campaign to provide supplemental funding for the restoration of the Texas White House and restoration and renewal of visitor facilities in the Texas White House Complex.

Outside of the board, Carolyn is an active real estate broker with Moreland Properties, specializing in land and ranches. She is a member of numerous professional and public cause organizations and is President of Conservation Texas Conservation Connection, LLC.

We will miss Carolyn's leadership and counsel and wish her continued success. As she told the board, "Once a Friend, always a Friend."



Past Events

117th Annual Wreath Laying Honoring Lyndon B. Johnson



Thank you for celebrating the 117th anniversary of President Johnson's birth on August 27, 2025, with us! The ceremony continues a tradition that Lady Bird Johnson began in 1973. Colonel Erik L. Dutkiewicz helped present the wreath and provided remarks. President and Mrs. Johnson's granddaughter, Catherine Robb, was the Keynote speaker.

National Park Friends Alliance: Fall Conference-Gateway Arch Park, St. Louis, MO



The Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park attended the National Park Friends Alliance in St. Louis, MO. The Friends Alliance and host, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, curated a variety of professional sessions, networking

opportunities, field trips, and social events for participants.



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