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Katy Heritage Society

City of Katy celebrates birthday

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The Katy Heritage Society is hosting its first City of Katy birthday party Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Drive.

"We need to pause and remember that Katy is actually a city – that it has been here for 112 years, known for a while as Cane Island and not incorporated until 1945," executive director Carol Adams said.

"By coming together to celebrate it, we hope folks from the community will appreciate our rich history, discover our small town spirit and enjoy a great excuse to come out and enjoy some time with their neighbors."

The event will include a dominoes tournament, birthday cake contest, creative art contest, "Made in Katy" vendors, entertainment, games and much more.

The society will also raffle off a full-size vintage quilt currently on display at Enterprise Bank, 722 Pin Oak Road. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$5 from any KHS board member, by mail or at the bank.

The birthday party is one way the society can serve its mission in protecting and preserving the historic resources of Katy for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future growth.

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"That goes beyond the physical buildings and tangible resources," Adams said. "We want to preserve the small-town feel of this community too. This festival is our answer to that."

"The Katy Heritage Society is hopeful folks will come out and shop the vendors, buy from local

craftsmen, meet local businesses, play some games, enjoy the good food and drink and leave feeling like in the middle of all the great growth and progress out here, they're part of a wonderful small community."

Funds raised at the event will help offset the costs of running

the park.

"We are not affiliated with the City of Katy in any way, so maintaining our historic homes and paying the bills for them is all up to us," Adams said. "We love to turn the lights on at Christmas, host free concerts and open the park for free tours, but we need

money to do it."

Those attending the event will also have an opportunity to buy bricks for the Heritage Park Plaza or join the society.

For more information, call the Katy Heritage Society at 281-391-2550 or visit its Web site at www.katyheritagesociety.com.