



News from the Helotes Heritage Association

Dear Readers,

I would like to report on two recent events that have enriched our community. One is the dedication of a historical marker in Grey Forest and the other is the efforts of a Boy Scout conducting a tree survey for the Parrigin Playground as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Shayne Walker has been working for the past 5 weekends to help clear the Parrigin Playground site for a tree survey and then conducting the survey. He is in the final stages of completing the tree survey and plans to submit his project next week. I want to commend Shayne for his initiative and perseverance to take on and complete this project. It will prove to be a significant contribution to both him and the community. Congratulations.

Last Saturday was the dedication of a historical marker recognizing the Scenic Loop Playground. Following is a summary of the dedication by Freda Hoffman, Chairperson of the Grey Forest Historical Society.

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Dear Historians-

The unveiling of the historic subject marker for the Scenic Loop Playground was held Saturday, November 17th. It was a great success! There were 44 people who attended. Grey Forest Mayor, Don Darst opened the program with a welcome to the citizens and friends who were present for what he called a "wonderful event". Mayor Darst added "The City of Grey Forest is proud to have this occasion to honor our roots and those roots are the Scenic Loop Playground". He also thanked the many volunteers that have served the community over the years. He then turned the program over to me as the Grey Forest Historical Society, Chairperson. I explained the definition of a subject marker and the significance of the marker that we had received. I, too gave my thanks to the Bexar Co Historical Commission, Texas Historical Commission, The City of Grey Forest and all of the volunteers that I work with.

Before we unveiled the marker, I gave one final thought - "We must never forget the pioneers who built this community, the volunteers who work hard today to preserve the history, beauty and uniqueness and the future generations who will proudly follow in our footsteps." Grey Forest City Council person and Mayor Pro Tem, Don Zook read the text of the marker to the captive audience. A huge round of applause followed!!! Everyone then enjoyed refreshments and reviewed original brochures, original maps, etc of the Scenic Loop Playground that were on display. If you missed the dedication, please stop and take a look at the marker the next time you drive through Grey Forest.

Thanks,
Freda Hoffman
Grey Forest Historical Society, Chairperson

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Sincerely,
Ron Green, President
Helotes Heritage Association