



DENHAM SPRINGS
Main Street
Historic Preservation Volunteers

Information for submitting your story of the flood of August 2016

The Denham Springs Main Street volunteers will host a Smithsonian traveling exhibit about water and its effects, at Denham Springs Old City Hall, 115 Mattie Street, Denham Springs, LA, August 11- September 22, 2018. To this exhibit we are adding stories, art, poems, photographs and artifacts of people in Livingston Parish whose lives were impacted by the August 2016 flood. We hope that you will write your story and share it with us and our community through this public exhibit. After the exhibit closes, your flood story will remain in the archives at the Old City Hall Museum as part of a permanent record of the August 2016 flood for future generations to read and learn what happened to people as a result of the flood. Original photos, art and artifacts will be returned to owners after the exhibit closes.

Your story does not have to be any certain length; make it as long or as short as you wish. Do not be concerned if you think your story is not “professionally” written, as we simply want stories written from the heart. Any age may submit.

SUBMITTING YOUR STORY AND OTHER ITEMS: Please submit your story and photos digitally if possible; email stories and photos to oldcityhall@cityofdenhamsprings.com. You may deliver or mail handwritten or typed documents, art and artifacts to Old City Hall, 115 Main Street, Denham Springs, LA 70726. Attach a “My Flood Story” form to your document; you may print a form from our website, request one be mailed or emailed to you, or pick one up at Old City Hall.

Stories, photos, poems, art and artifacts must be received by July 15, 2018.

Your written story of your experiences during the August 2016 flood and any photos and art you submit may be on display at Old City Hall and may be shared with the Smithsonian. Excerpts from your story may be used as part of the description of the exhibit and may be quoted by media. Your story, photographs, art and artifacts must be appropriate for public viewing.

To help you get started writing your story . . .

This particular information below is not required; it is provided simply to help you describe your experience:

- How long you lived in your town or Livingston Parish before the flood.
- The number and relationship of people who were living with you at the time of the flood.
- How you learned of and prepared for the flood.
- Where you were when your property flooded; your feelings as your property was flooding.
- If you were rescued, the people who rescued you; where you went and for how long.
- The depth of flood water in your home and/or business and extent of damage.
- Sentimental and valuable items you lost in the flood and items you saved.
- Unusual, touching, funny or miraculous things that happened during or after the flood.
- Whether you left your home/business/community and if you have or are planning to return.
- Whether you renovated or tore down or built new or moved away; how long it took to renovate/build and your progress so far if not finished; whether you are back in your home or business, or if you are currently living elsewhere, and if you moved away, if you plan to return.
- How the flood changed your life, and any other thoughts, feelings, concerns for your future in Livingston Parish,

Questions? Contact Main Street at 225-667-7512 or email oldcityhall@cityofdenhamsprings.com

Ask us about becoming a member of Main Street or serving as a museum docent