



DENHAM SPRINGS
Main Street
Historic Preservation Volunteers

Please Share Your Flood Stories, Art, Poems And Photographs with Denham Springs Main Street for Our Coming Smithsonian Exhibit

We, the Denham Springs Main Street volunteers, are collecting personal stories, art, poems and photographs which document people's experiences in Livingston Parish during the Great Flood of August 2016, as well as objects which survived the flood and have an interesting story and/or show the damage caused by the flood waters. We are hoping to get stories written from the heart from people of all ages, including children. Stories may be of any length - one paragraph or a few pages.

Your stories and items will be added to the traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Water Ways" which is coming to Denham Springs Old City Hall August 11 - September 22, 2018. Your art will be returned and your stories and photographs will become part of the archives of the Old City Hall Museum. Original photos can be copied and returned to you if requested. Forms with more details and instructions on how to share your flood experience are available at Old City Hall, 115 Mattie St, Denham Springs in the Antiques Village and on our website www.denhamspringsmainstreet.org.

You Are Also Invited to Volunteer as a Docent for the Exhibit

We are inviting people ages 16 and older to participate in the Smithsonian event by volunteering to be a docent (museum host/guide). You will receive docent training and will be asked to serve one or more shifts of 10am-1:30pm or 1:30-5pm on your choice of dates between August 11 and September 22, 2018. Scouts, clubs and civic organizations are encouraged to volunteer as a service project; friends or family may volunteer together. You can volunteer for one shift or dozens. If you are interested in the docent program or joining Main Street, please call Patricia Genre 225-933-2867, or email her at ppgenre@cox.net.

Who/what is Main Street?

For the past 20+ years, we, the Main Street volunteers, have been helping promote and preserve Denham Springs' historic downtown area which is a thriving antiques district. We helped renovate Denham Springs' Old City Hall in 1990-1998, and we established its museum and provide its rotating exhibits. Our volunteers have hosted the Chef's Evening and Wine Tasting for 17 years, and spearheaded the establishment of Sanctuary Park, Driggers Park and Centerville Park. We also have provided attractive benches, lighting, waste receptacles and other improvements for downtown. Our members help the city present the annual Christmas in the Village celebration in the Antiques Village and other events. Main Street holds fundraisers and secures grants to finance our many projects and is entirely self-supporting. We are part of the state and national Main Street programs.

Anyone interested in learning how to become part of Main Street year round and help preserve and promote Denham Springs' downtown district and its history – *and have fun doing it* – should call Old City Hall at 225-667-7512 or email oldcityhall@cityofdenhamsprings.com.