



EST.



1974

CHESTNUT SQUARE

HERITAGE VILLAGE

**MCKINNEY, TEXAS
1875**

**POPULATION
1,700**

**MCKINNEY, TEXAS
1973**

**POPULATION
16,500**

**APPROX. 100 YEARS
871% POPULATION GROWTH**



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**BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF
Mc. KINNEY**

County Seat of Collin Co.

TEXAS, 1875.

Pop. 2,000. Cost of Court House \$80,000.

D. D. MORSE, ARTIST.



Rooted in Community

IMPACT OF THE HERITAGE GUILD OF COLLIN COUNTY – CHESTNUT SQUARE

What once were independent towns have disappeared, swallowed by concrete and glass. McKinney has distinguished itself by not only preserving its past, but making its historic districts just as economically relevant today as they were more than one hundred years ago.

**MCKINNEY, TEXAS
2026**

Preserving a town's history doesn't happen by accident.

POPULATION 237,000

In McKinney, the effort began in earnest in 1973

when a group of ladies got together with a shared conviction that *their community's history* was

**APPROX. 50 YEARS
1,336% POPULATION GROWTH**

something to be treasured and preserved.

Of course, saving the past is an expensive endeavor, so the group first planned a fundraiser for later that year. Each lady decorated her home according to a unique Christmas theme and opened her family's residence for the city's first Christmas tour of homes. The response was significant, and enough money was raised to purchase both the Dulaney Home and the Dulaney Cottage, saving them from demolition.

Those structures were the first two acquisitions for what we know today as Chestnut Square. In 1974, the ladies formed the Heritage Guild of Collin County to ensure their efforts would be continued.

Historic preservation became popular nationwide as America celebrated her Bicentennial in 1976, and McKinney was no exception.

By 1981, the Heritage Guild's enthusiasm proved contagious,

prompting town leaders to establish the McKinney Commercial Historic District.

The ordinance recognized and extended protection to qualified buildings in the designated area. The city's first Historic Resource Survey was completed a year later, with a second Survey following in 1985.

Town leaders took another major step toward preserving McKinney's history in 1989 when they established the McKinney Historic Overlay District. It gave historic houses meeting certain requirements

the same protections given to the buildings in the Commercial Historic District. -Article History Around Us (2016)

A photograph of a white, single-story house with a prominent front porch. The house features a gabled roof and a central wooden door with a transom window. To the left of the door, an American flag is mounted on a pole. To the right, a circular plaque with the Texas state seal is visible on the wall. The porch has white railings and steps. The house is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

*Preserve History * Celebrate Community * Inspire the Future*

Strengthening our Roots
McKinney Community Development Corporation



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History of Chestnut Square

Heritage Guild of Collin County

Total Investment: \$2,299,446

Year	Dollar Amount	Project Description
1996	\$44,500.00	• Repairs and renovations to structures at Chestnut Square
1997	\$150,000.00	• Repairs and renovations to structures at Chestnut Square
2000	\$225,000.00	• Restoration of the Chapel at Chestnut Square
2003	\$114,900.00	• Restoration of one-room school house and other structures at Chestnut Square
2004	\$105,000.00	• Acquisition of land and building at Chestnut Square/ McDonald Street
2005	\$56,000.00	• Complete land acquisition and relocation of Dixie's Store
2006	\$178,300.00	• Restoration of two buildings
2007	\$197,450.00	• Restoration of buildings; create storage and exhibit space; add lighting; signage; fencing.
2011	\$99,000.00	• Phase I restoration and improvements to various properties
2012	\$99,000.00	• Phase II restoration and improvements to various properties
2013	\$250,000.00	• Transition Dulaney House to Bed & Breakfast; repairs and renovations to other properties
2014	\$12,000.00	• Paint and upgrades to Bevel House, Chapel & Pavilion
2016	\$50,000.00	• Dulaney Cottage Improvements
2017	\$75,000.00	• Taylor Inn Improvements
2019	\$75,000.00	• Dixie's Store, speaker system, awnings.
2021	\$32,750.00	• Updates and improvements at
2022	\$73,765.00	• Bevel House updates and landscaping.
2025	\$25,481.00	• Improvements to historic properties.

COMING SOON...

\$148,000
 Restrooms on North Side of Project

Total \$2,299,446



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 MCKINNEY COMMUNITY
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THE CHAPEL



The Second Front

Guild adds to collection of vintage homes

By STEPHEN HADELER
Staff writer

Heritage Guild preservationists were worried they'd missed their chance.

They had just made the final mortgage payment on the guild's latest acquisition, the Johnson House, when they learned an 85-year-old church in far western McKinney was available to add to the collection of homes on Chestnut Square.

Preservationists had always hoped to have a church there, but finding one close enough was difficult.

"Moving gets more expensive the farther out you go," said Pat Dowell an officer with the Heritage Guild of Collin County.

"We worried that if we missed it there might not be another one available," Dowell said.

Graves streets through a donated last July.

Guild president Lynda Powell said the 65-year-old building was given to the organization by a descendant of W.R. Brimer, the man who opened and operated the general store it housed during the 1920s and '30s.

Dowell said both buildings, once restored, could provide the guild with ongoing income for other restoration projects.

The church would be available to rent for weddings, funerals, meetings and the store would function as a gift shop, she said.

Powell said the buildings have significance, not only because they're part of Collin County's history, but because they remind people of their past.

"They cause us to look back at a time when it was a



Inside: Several couples hear wedding bells and announce engagements; Golden Anniversary celebration

Lifestyles

SECTION III - The Courier-Gazette

Restoring McKinney le



It took 14 hours to relocate the Foote Baptist Church. Now the church is one of the highlights of Chestnut Square.

Chestnut Square newest

After a laborious relocation, the Heritage Guild is proud to share with McKinney the newest addition to Chestnut Square. Pending additional funding, the chapel is set for a wedding.

Two years ago, the Guild purchased the old Foote Baptist Church as an income-producing property. Formerly owned by Parkway Baptist Church, the growing congregation needed a larger facility for its regular assembly. An agreement with Stone Ranch required assembly on a regular basis in order to land.

"We didn't want to see it destroyed because it's historic," explained Herb Yochle, chairman of the properties.

Once under Guild ownership, the first thing to do was to relocate the church. Following a year of preliminary work, the church was ready for transit. The trip across town totaled 14 hours because of the 33-foot stature. It's now nestled on the corner of McDonald and Anthony streets.

Completed earlier this month, Guild members have worked incessantly on the interior of the chapel.

Taking bits and pieces from other churches, the future wedding chapel maintains historic charm. Doors were purchased from the City Temple in Dallas—the first Presbyterian church in this part of Texas. And the windows were taken from the old Walnut Grove church. An antique lectern, utilized by the old church minister,

We got a lot of help from the community. But if it weren't for Herb Yochle, none of this would have happened. He did all the work.

The first wedding for the new chapel was scheduled for Saturday, and several additional weddings are already booked.

It also will serve as a meeting place and museum, complete with church and Foote family memorabilia.

Chapel at Chestnut Square will help set the stage for opening all the buildings on the Square on a daily basis. Plans include a general store as well as the opening of the museum more than on a once-a-week basis. Gardens complete with benches will also be added.



THE BEVEL HOUSE



Bevel House c. 1920

405





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CHESTNUT ST.

**1870 THE JOHNSON HOUSE
EST. 2000'S**

**1870 DULANEY COTTAGE
EST. 1973**

**1918 DIXIE STORE
EST. 1988**

**1920 THE BEVEL HOUSE
EST. 2007**

**1916 DULANEY HOUSE
EST. 1973**

PAVILION

**1863 TAYLOR INN
EST. 1990'S**

**1908 THE CHAPEL
EST. 1993**

**1854 FAIRES HOUSE
EST. 1980'S**

**1892 SCHOOL HOUSE
ETS. 1985**

HWY 5

PRESERVE HISTORY * CELEBRATE COMMUNITY * INSPIRE THE FUTURE



#1
**McKinney's
Farmers Market
at
Chestnut Square**

**200K-400K
GUESTS
ANNUALLY**



**Village Museum, Tours,
Exhibits and Youth Camps
at
Chestnut Square**

**5K-10K
GUESTS
ANNUALLY**



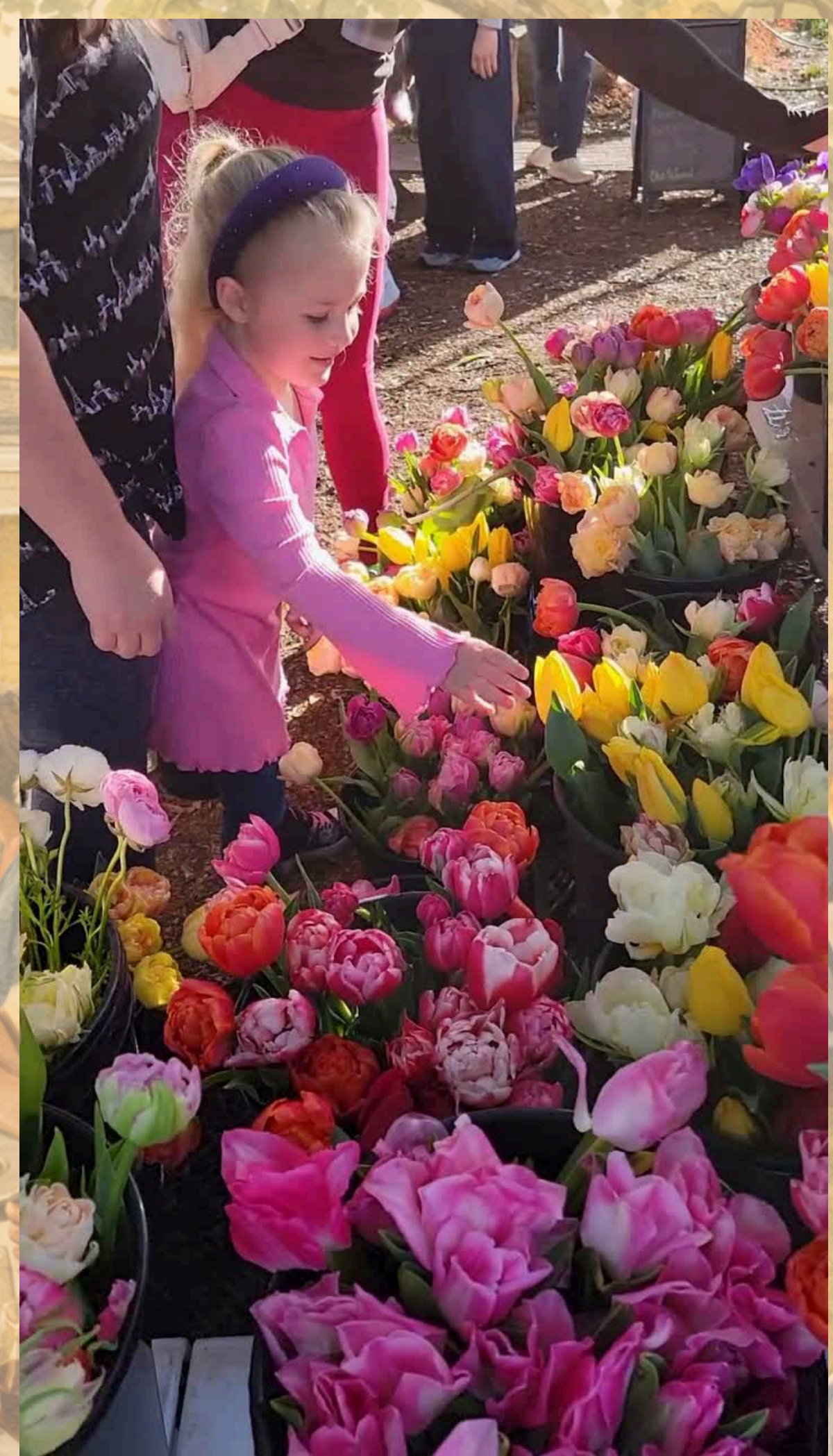
**Celebrations
at
Chestnut Square**

**8K-12K
GUESTS
ANNUALLY**

**THE MCKINNEY FARMERS MARKET
WELCOMES AN AVERAGE OF 2K-4K
GUESTS WEEKLY!**

**FOR EVERY \$1.00 SPENT AT THE MARKET
IT WILL GENERATE .48 BACK INTO THE
COMMUNITY.**

**EVERY PURCHASE AT THE MARKET
DIRECTLY SUPPORTS LOCAL VENDORS,
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