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**CITY PARTNERS WITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO RELEASE
PEARLAND: BEFORE 518**

Documentary aims to document the City's varied history

PEARLAND, TEXAS – May 30, 2015 – In partnership with the Pearland Historical Society, the City of Pearland is proud to release *Pearland: Before 518*, a documentary that embraces the past and links it with present day Pearland.

Through interviews and photographs used in the documentary, viewers see the city transition from a rural farming community to a booming municipality with more than 100,000 residents.

Pearland residents, leaders and officials recount memories of the City's beginning that includes open prairie land and dedicated settlers looking for better education, mobility, entertainment and social opportunities.

"Documenting the history of Pearland is important because it allows us to take a look at the legacies of the past in the present. It connects things through time and encourages its students to take a long view of such connections," said Mayor Tom Reid.

"I am excited that we have partnered with the Historical Society to produce a video that tells the history of this amazing City. I have long been a supporter of the Pearland Historical Society and their efforts and this is one way that we can

support them in documenting those things that make Pearland great,” he continued.

The hardship endured as a result of devastating storms, the City’s dependency on railroads in earlier years and the rich farm culture are the foundation that inspired the production of the documentary.

“I wanted to communicate Pearland history in a way that was interesting, but also produce a video that could serve as a mechanism to teach individuals, both young and old, the City’s storied history,” said Mike Brown, City of Pearland Videographer/Editor who shot, produced and edited the video.

The documentary is now available for viewing on the City’s YouTube Channel at [YouTube.com/copearland](https://www.youtube.com/copearland) or on Pearland TV (Comcast Ch. 16 & U-verse Ch. 99). Residents can also order a copy at pearlandtx.gov/before518.

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