

University of Houston Clear Lake

Archives and Special Collections

CLA-1 Clear Lake Area Reference Collection

[Clear Lake Area Collection]

Collection Number: CLA-1

Title: Clear Lake Area Reference Collection

Dates: 1963-2016

Creator: University of Houston-Clear Lake

Abstract

The Clear Lake Area Reference Collection contains brochures, pamphlets, newspaper articles, event programs, flyers, publications, and miscellaneous materials, collected by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections to document the history of the Clear Lake area of Houston. The materials were originally organized as the “Clear Lake Vertical Subject Files”. The materials generally represent published and printed materials accessible to the local public, particularly area residents or visitors, including publications like quarterly newsletters.

Many of the items were published by commercial entities, such as business organizations or chambers of commerce. The collection also includes a significant amount of newspaper or magazine publications, both clipping copies and full documents.

Extent: 1.60 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository

University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, TX 77058-1002

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing this collection.

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Preferred Citation

[Item name or title], [Box Numbers], [Folder Numbers], Clear Lake Area Reference Collection, CLA-1, University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, TX 77058-1002

Acquisition

This collection previously constituted vertical files within the UHCL Archives. The materials were not acquired at one single time. Instead, the collection was assembled by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives over an extended period. Some of the materials were donated from the Freeman Library in Houston, Texas (in the Clear Lake City region), who had previously kept an archive on local history, while other materials were compiled with those donated. The collection was often a destination for items from other acquisitions that were not connected by topic or purpose to the rest of those collection materials, such as unedited publications stored in a collection of personal papers. These assembled materials were stored as vertical files and were not assigned an acquisition collection number before they were compiled and reprocessed as a collection in 2022.

Separated Material

One item from "Clear Lake Area-- Promotional Brochures" has been moved to oversize storage.

Related Material

Some of the materials in this collection were originally collected by the Freeman Library alongside those that later became the Clear Lake Subject File (CLA-2) collection donated at different times.

Processing Information

The Freeman Library built and kept a large local history vertical subject file collection over a long period. The large bulk of that collection was donated to the Archives and was processed as Clear Lake Subject File (CLA-2) collection. Some of the items not donated as part of the CLA-2 acquisition were later donated as well and became a component of the CLA-1 collection. Some of the vertical subject files in CLA-1 are composed of files or materials donated to the UHCL Archives by the local Freeman Library, which may have originally been in this collection but got separated with time.

In the spring of 2022, the UHCL Archives began utilizing a new collection numbering system to better represent its collecting areas by using abbreviations for the collecting areas. Previously the Archives used its accession numbers as the collection number, such as "2011-0001," where the year indicates the year it was official accessioned and the number "1" is the order in which it was

accessioned that year. For Clear Lake Area Collections, the new numbering abbreviation for Clear Lake Area Collections is “CLA.” The Clear Lake Area Reference Collection was assigned the first number in this new numbering system, as “CLA-1.”

The original collection, stored in vertical files by the UHCL Archives once received into its holdings until early 2022, was originally organized alphabetically by the name of the item, topic, event, or institution. An inventory of all the folders was produced and updated until 2021. During reprocessing of the materials to convert them into a reference collection, materials were reordered to improve relevance. Some coverings and bindings on the archival items were removed, due to their acidic nature or bulkiness, to improve long-term preservation in storage.

Non-unique duplicates for some items within the collection were removed in keeping with UHCL Archives processing procedures. Some of these items were determined to be duplicates of materials located in other collections in the Archives, and extra copies were determined to not be needed for retention. The items were removed from the collection.

Processed by: Alexander Rodriguez, Matthew M. Peek, July 2022

Arrangement

Items are organized into two sections. Those pertaining to a particular area or region are organized at the front, alphabetized by region; those not attached to a region are grouped at the back. Within these sections, items are stored alphabetically by name.

Scope and Content

This collection contains brochures, pamphlets, educational handouts, programs, flyers, guides, articles, and miscellaneous materials, collected by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections to document the Clear Lake region of Houston. The materials were originally organized as the “Clear Lake Vertical Subject Files” and include materials originally acquired by the Freeman Library and later donated to the UHCL Archives.

The materials generally represent published and printed materials accessible to the local public, particularly area residents or visitors, including publications like quarterly newsletters. Many of the pieces of ephemera were produced by local professional organizations such as chambers of commerce. The vast majority of the materials are printed paper items, including booklets, brochures, and newspaper copies. There is one compact disk within the collection, identified in the folder title where it is stored.

Subject Terms

Corporate Names

Friendswood Development Company
Lunar and Planetary Institute
University of Houston--Clear Lake

Geographic Name

Clear Lake City (Tex.)
Galveston Bay (Tex.)
Houston (Tex.)

Topical Term

Cities and towns—Texas--History
Coasts--Texas--History
History, 20th Century--Texas
History, 21st Century--Texas
Land use--Texas--History
Public libraries--Texas
Texas--History--20th century
Texas--History--Archival resources
Texas--History, Local
Texas--History--Sources

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Booklets
Brochures
Clippings
Correspondence
Flyers
Maps
Newsletters
Reports

Collection Inventory

Box/Folder	Description	Date
1/1	Bay Area Citizen Newspaper, Section C	February 21, 2008
1/2	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) 2003 Annual Report/2004 Plans	2003
1/3	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) 2008-2012 Strategic Plan	September 2007
1/4	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) 2011 Annual Report	2011

1/5	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) 2013 Annual Report	2013
1/6	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) 2014 Annual Report"	2014
1/7	Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) Business Briefs, Vol.2, No.2	Spring 2009
1/8	Bay Area Houston Symphony League Concert Programs, Newspaper Clippings	1982-1991
1/9 1/10	Bay Area Professional Communicators Pamphlet Friends of CIS–Bay Area News (Communities In Schools) Newsletter	1993 January 2004
1/11	Brookwood Community Association Guidelines, Form Letters, Map	1998-2003
1/12	Clear Creek Country Theatre Brochures	1980
1/13	Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Brochures	1973
1/14	Clear Lake Area–Art Exhibitions Booklets, Newspaper Clippings (Copy)	1982-2012
1/15	Clear Lake Area–Apartments Flyers	circa 1999
1/16	Clear Lake Area–Real Estate and Business Flyers	1978-1980
1/17	Clear Lake Area–Maps	1975-2003
1/18	Clear Lake Area–History Development Reports, Directories, Newspaper Articles (Copy)	1963-1979
1/19	Clear Lake City New Homebuyer’s Guide	1988
1/20	Clear Lake Area Magazine (CLAM) (3 Editions)	1983
1/21	Clear Lake Area Newcomer and Relocation Guide	2010
2/1	Clear Lake Area–Promotional Brochures	1970-1977
2/2	Clear Lake Area–Restaurant Menus	2013

2/3	Clear Lake Area–Tax Information	1977
2/4	Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation "Foundation Forum" Newsletters, Items Folder	1985-1986
2/5	Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, Newsletter (2 Editions)	1977, 1978
2/6	Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce Profile of the Clear Lake Area (3 Booklets)	1967, 1971, 1973
2/7	Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce– Profile of Progress (2 Booklets)	1979, 1989
2/8	Clear Lake Circle–Handwritten Memo by Paul Wagner	Undated
2/9	Clear Lake Annexation (1 of 10)–Campaign Documents	1977-1978
2/10	Clear Lake Annexation (2 of 10)–Campaign Documents	1979-1986
2/11	Clear Lake Annexation (3 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1977
2/12	Clear Lake Annexation (4 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1978
3/1	Clear Lake Annexation (5 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1979
3/2	Clear Lake Annexation (6 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1980-1982
3/3	Clear Lake Annexation (7 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1983
3/4	Clear Lake Annexation (8 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1984
3/5	Clear Lake Annexation (9 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1985
3/6	Clear Lake Annexation (10 of 10)–Newspapers (Copy)	1986-1987
3/7	Clear Lake City Community Association Communicator Newsletter	Fall 2009
3/8	Clear Lake City Water Authority– Court of Appeals Opinion	February 2011
3/9	Clear Lake Lifestyle Magazine, 3 Editions	1991-1992
3/10	Clear Lake Metropolitan Ballet Programs	1999-2001

3/11	Clear Lake Symphony Orchestra– Programs, Newsletters, Articles	1982-1997
3/12	Clear Lake Theater Time Capsule Opening	April 2016
3/13	Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Issues and Impacts–72nd Texas Legislative Session Agenda	1991
3/14	Friendswood Development Company Promotional Brochures	1973
3/15	Galveston Bay Foundation, "Soundings" Newsletter	1991-2002
4/1	Galveston Bay National Estuary Program Planning Documentation, Newsletters	1989-1992
4/2	Galveston Island State Park, Maps, Pamphlets	2010
4/3	Greater Houston Area Reading Council, Newsletters, Programs	1992-1993
4/4	Greater Houston Area Writing Project, Pamphlets, Publication	2006
4/5	Go Gulf Coast, Newsletter	June 2001
4/6	Rotary Club of Pasadena Bulletin	June 1999
4/7	Business Today, Magazine Article on Pearland	2004
4/8	Pearland Chamber of Commerce Booklets	2004-2012
4/9	Pearland Developments Newsletters	2003-2008
4/10	Pearland Economic Development Corporation Reports	2001-2015
4/11	Pearland Insider Magazine	April/May 2010
4/12	Pearland Summary Appraisal by Integra Realty Resources	May 27, 2005
4/13	City of Pasadena Proclamation, National Higher Education Week	October 1991
4/14	Pearland "Who's The Boss?" City Council Guide	circa 2011
4/15	West Pearland Area Map	2007

4/16	Armand Bayou Nature Center Guidebook, Magazine Article, Handouts	1977-1998
4/17	Ballunar Liftoff Festival Volunteer Flyer	August 2002
4/18	Freeman Memorial Library, Houston Chronicle Article (Copy), Program	April 2006
4/19	Harris McFaddin Hammer Cemetery (Compact Disk)–by Jean West	Undated
4/20	The Houston Orbit: A Survey of the Bay-Channel Region	circa 1961
4/21	Lunar and Planetary Institute, Brochures	circa 2010
4/22	Rosenberg Library Centennial, Brochures, Newspaper Article	2004
4/23	San Jacinto Battleground and Battleship Texas– Pamphlets, Maps	2000-2010
4/24	SouthEast LifeStyles Magazine	June 2003
4/25	Texas 288 South, Newcomer and Relocation Guide	Fall 2010
4/26	Texas Chiropractic College, "The Power of Healing" Booklet	2010
4/27	West Mansion Preservation, Newspaper Articles	2007