

Liberty library gives a short history of Liberty’s “Liberty Bell”

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History is constantly in motion. Because of that, we sometimes forget that the places we have visited, wish to visit, or have never even heard of all have their own history and shared community connection.

Recently, we were all saddened by the news of the removal of a beloved bridge. For many years, the bridge has been a site that everyone has seen while travelling between Dayton and Liberty. It is a memory, a connection shared by many. I have no way to console those who wish for a different outcome, nor is this article about the bridge. Instead, what I want to share is information about another landmark in Liberty with tremendous history. Liberty’s “Liberty Bell” currently sits in the heart of the Geraldine D. Humphrey Cultural Center, operated by the Lib-

erty Municipal Library under the City of Liberty. The library’s Liberty Bell, while not as time-honored as the nation’s Philadelphia Liberty Bell, is equally historical in its own way.

Most might not know that the bell housed in Philadelphia was not the very first bell that rang before the founding of our nation. The original bell was created for the American Colonies by Whitechapel Bell Foundry, located in London, England, in 1752. There are various accounts of what happened to the original bell. However, what is recognized is that the bell was damaged and was later recast by Pass & Stow. The Pass & Stow version is currently housed in the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia.

Liberty’s “Liberty Bell” was cast in 1960 after correspondence with the owner of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, A.A. Hughes. Using the

same methods and mold as were used in the creation of the 1752 bell, Whitechapel created a new bell to serve as a symbol for Muscular Dystrophy. On September 13, 1960, the bell was dedicated on the Liberty County Courthouse steps by none other than the Duke himself, John Wayne. Sallie and Nadine Woods gave the bell to the City of Liberty in 1974.

The bell once hung in a tower located behind the library until it was damaged by Hurricane Ike. To protect the bell, it was removed and placed within the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center. The tower was then demolished due to structural complications. Eventually, it is hoped that we can rebuild the tower to house the bell where it can ring proudly once again.

In this 250th year of our nation’s founding, the public is welcome to visit our own piece of history located at 1710 Sam Houston Liberty. There is a recording located near the bell that was created by Liberty’s own Bill Buchanan. The recording includes the original sound of Liberty’s “Liberty Bell” ringing followed by the story of its creation and history.

While on-site, visit the Liberty Municipal Library. Check out a wide range of books, movies, and magazines, access free Wi-Fi and computers, or just find a place to sit and take in the history of our wonderful city.

The Liberty Municipal Library and Liberty Bell are located inside the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center at 1710 Sam Houston in Liberty, across the street from the Catholic church. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 936-336-8901.



John Wayne ringing the Liberty Bell at the dedication ceremony on the steps of the Liberty County courthouse, September 13, 1960. Sallie and Nadine Woods are at right.

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On September 25, 2026, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("Entergy Texas") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to reconcile its eligible fuel and purchased power costs incurred during the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 ("Reconciliation Period"). This filing was made pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Texas Utilities Code and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.236. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 60301 to the Application.

In its Application, Entergy Texas seeks to reconcile approximately \$1.23 billion of fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period to generate and purchase electric energy for its retail customers. In this reconciliation proceeding ETI seeks Commission review of Entergy Texas' eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period and a determination they were reasonable and necessary to serve retail customers.

Entergy Texas's over-recovery balance for the Reconciliation Period totals approximately \$90 million, which includes interest expense on the over-recovered amounts. Entergy Texas does not seek to implement a fuel-related refund or surcharge of its eligible fuel costs in this case. Entergy Texas proposes to roll any ending fuel balance resulting from this proceeding forward to serve as the beginning balance for the next reconciliation period.

All customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from Entergy Texas whose electric service rates include charges pursuant to Rate Schedule FF (fixed fuel factor) will be affected by the Application. This Application has no effect on Entergy Texas' non-fuel rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service – Fuel Reconciliation, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above, by email at tcr@entergy.com, or at the following websites https://www.entergytexas.com/residential/tariffs or https://www.entergytexas.com/business/tariffs.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals may contact the commission through Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-800-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. All communications should refer to Docket No. 60301.

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