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**MUSEUM CLOSED AUGUST 11 – 17**

GALVESTON, TX – The Galveston Railroad Museum, 2602 Santa Fe Place, will be closed August 11 – 17, 2024. Visitors are invited to return after August 17 to enjoy the many exhibits and immersive experiences at the museum.

Located in the heart of historic downtown Galveston, the Galveston Railroad Museum is a living history museum featuring outstanding exhibits. Currently on exhibit are Dining in Style, a snapshot of the immense railroad porcelain china and silver serving pieces that are part of the permanent collection and Traveling on a City at Sea: The Story of the Battleship Texas, highlighting rarely seen artifacts from the famous warship.

The fully restored 1932 train depot offers insight into the luxurious surroundings experienced by past travelers. Resplendent in marble floors, handsome light fixtures and rich wood benches, the depot transports visitors to the golden age of railroad travel. Vintage phone booths where conversations can be heard between prominent Galvestonians and interactive railroad traffic signals entertain visitors. The vintage ticket office and newsstand seems to come alive for visitors and offers the opportunity to acquire a commemorative gift for travelers. Adjacent to the depot is the former site of the Harvey House Diner that once served not only travelers but was the hub for locals to congregate for good food and conversation. On display here is the Briscoe Collection of Railroad Calendars, award winning advertising railroad posters and The Orphan Train exhibit that chronicles a movement to relocated orphans from a hopeless situation to family environments.

Museum Executive Director, David Robertson, encourages visitors to take advantage of the many scenic outdoor opportunities for photos. “Don’t miss the Garden of Steam located on our 5 acres of railyard where kids – all sizes – can ring the gazebo bell, climb aboard a tractor or a steam engine, or see a

railroad postoffice, sleep car, dining cars or see tools and memorabilia in the exhibit cars, or sit in the train simulator and be an engineer for a moment. There is fun for everyone. “

The museum will soon host The Polar Express Train Ride, November 8 – December 23. A Christmas classic, tickets go on sale August 22. Seats sell quickly so purchase tickets early to secure passage. All Aboard!

The Galveston Railroad Museum will resume regular hours, open daily 10 am – 5 pm, on August 18. Admission tickets are available online at [www.galvestonRRmuseum.org](http://www.galvestonRRmuseum.org). Complimentary parking with museum admission. (409) 765-5700