

A History of Nederland

Nederland was officially placed on the map December 24, 1897. On that date, Robert Gilham, civil engineer, filed a certificate describing his finished survey of the town site. The name, Nederland, was given by its creator, Arthur Stilwell, owner of the Port Arthur Townsite Company. Mr. Stilwell had constructed the new railroad from Kansas City to Lake Sabine, financed in large part by investors from Holland. Stilwell hoped Nederland would become a Dutch Settlement in Texas.

In the late summer of 1897 the Port Arthur Land Company began construction of the Orange Hotel for the purpose of housing the immigrants that were brought to the area. This hotel (built on the site where Bank of America now stands) was to furnish a room and board at a reasonable rate while the newcomers were choosing their land and building their homes. The hotel was an attractive, well constructed three story building, consisting of 33 rooms. Beside the sleeping rooms, there was a combination dining and ballroom and a library, which contained 1,000 books. The hotel was painted a bright orange color in honor of the royal family of Holland.

Many of the immigrants took temporary jobs on the railroad, working on the jetties at Sabine Pass or on farms in the outlying areas. Those who were unable to adjust to the climate, the mosquitoes, and the lack of physical and material conveniences moved on to other towns or states, while some returned to Holland. Of those who remained most were engaged in rice farming, truck farming and dairy farming.

On January 10, 1901, the Lucas gusher erupted at nearby Spindletop, seven miles to the north of Nederland, ushering in the petrochemical age and establishing the economic base which has accounted for Nederland's continual growth. The greatest impetus to Nederland's economy came in 1922 when Humphrey Oil Company located at nearby Smith's Bluff. In 1923 the Pure Oil Company took over and started building their refinery which is now Chevron Pipeline Terminal.

Nederland is still motivated by the same ideals, dreams, enthusiasm, and desire to achieve that existed in those early adventurous days.

Demographics

Population:
17,422

Climate:
Avg. Temperature - 69°F
High Temperature Jan - 50°F
High Temperature Jul - 90°F
Avg. Precipitation - 55 inches

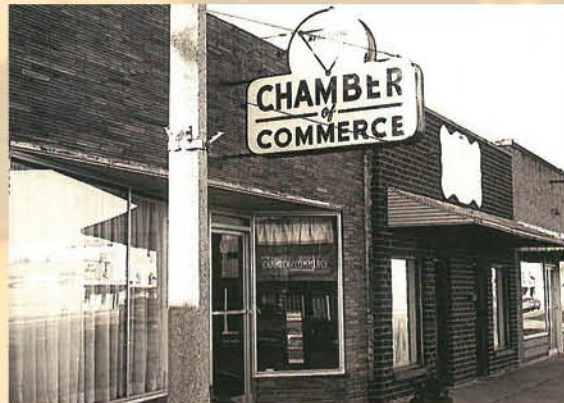
Elevation:
7 - 21 feet above sea level

Government:
Council / City Manager System

Median Family Income:
\$51,525.00

Schools:
Helena Elementary
Highland Elementary
Hillcrest Elementary
Langham Elementary
Central Middle School
C.O. Wilson Middle School
Nederland High School

Colleges:
Lamar University
Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Lamar State College-Orange
Lamar Institute of Technology



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Dutch Windmill Museum

As a tribute to the heritage of Nederland, Texas, settled by immigrants from Holland in 1898, citizens of the city erected an exact replica of a Dutch windmill. The 40 foot tall structure houses a museum.

The Dutch Windmill Museum was a project of the Nederland Chamber of Commerce, started and led by an Englishman, M. L. C. Lucke, who was president. Sam Bass, a German engineer, built a scale model of the proposed structure that was displayed in the Chamber of Commerce office. The windmill was built on a small tract of city property. Mrs. Dan Barras donated a lot and another was purchased by the city adjacent to the original tract to form Tex Ritter Park. Ground was broken for the structure on January 11, 1969. Dedication ceremonies were held July, 1969, with the principal address by the Vice Consul of the Netherlands.

Artifacts in the Windmill Museum include a trunk brought from Holland before the turn of the century, wooden shoes, a tribute to 1952 Olympic Gold Medalist W. F. (Buddy) Davis, a native son (a patch is displayed at the museum), and mementos of the late Tex Ritter, country and western music star, who called Nederland home. Museum displays occupy two floors of the building along with a small gift shop stocked with imported items from Holland.

The Texas State Historical Survey Committee erected a historical marker in front of the building in 1970.

Admission to both museums is free although donations are welcomed. For hours or tour requests, please call 409-723-1545 or contact the Nederland Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Bureau at 409-722-0279 or by email nedcofc@nederlandtx.com.

Historic Downtown Boston Avenue

Nederland's Historic Downtown Boston Avenue consists of six blocks of shopping available for anyone to take in the local flavor. Old-fashioned shops, filled with antiques, clothing, and home interior items, can be found here. Everyone will enjoy a stroll down the brick sidewalks to soak up the view that includes 1800-era cast-iron light posts and benches.

La Maison Acadienne

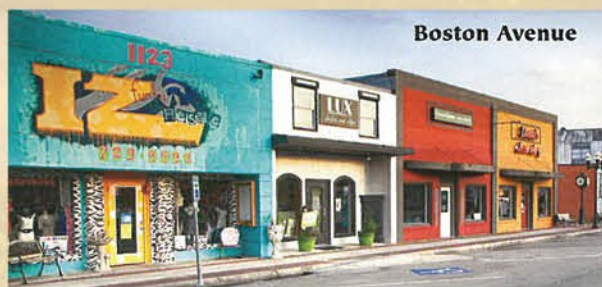
Soon after Nederland was settled, many French people came from South Louisiana, an area populated by a great number of the nationality, to make their home here.

After completion of the Dutch Museum, M. L. C. Lucke and Sam Bass suggested that a French Museum be constructed adjacent to the windmill. In 1974, Lucke proposed that this building be started with completion scheduled in time for the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976.

An association was formed to build the new museum with Loveless Theriot, a Frenchman who had lived in Nederland for over 50 years, as chairman. The Chamber of Commerce later took over responsibility for the building. It is a replica of early Acadian homes in South Louisiana and is called La Maison des Acadiennes, "House of Acadia." Labor and funds were donated. The structure was completed and dedicated in March 1976.



Admission is free and the French House is open the same days and hours as the Dutch Windmill Museum.



Lighted Christmas Parade

The Annual Nederland Lighted Christmas Parade is held the first Tuesday in December with over 100 entries. This night parade is one of the most unusual and spectacular holiday events in the region.

For further information contact the Nederland Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Bureau at 409-722-0279 or email nedcofc@nederlandtx.com.

Nederland Heritage Festival

Every spring, spectators from the surrounding area come out for the Nederland Heritage Festival, also attracting revelers from all over. The family-oriented festival has been held for more than 40 years and aims to provide wholesome and fun community entertainment. The festival has delighted crowds with its week-long event schedule that includes a chili cook-off, treasure hunt, motorcycle show, carnival rides, games, food, and concerts.

Fourth of July Celebration



Thousands of people come out every year to enjoy Nederland's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration in Doornbos Park. You name it, we've got it! Food, entertainment, games for the kids, and those famous fireworks everyone looks forward to every year! Join us as we show our sincere gratitude to our military and to their families for the sacrifices they have made for our Country.



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