

WELCOME to the DICKINSON LITTLE ITALY FESTIVAL

The Dickinson Little Italy Festival of Galveston County is a family friendly event occurring annually during the month of March, on the Saturday preceding the feast day of St. Joseph, with the purpose of honoring and exhibiting Sicilian-Italian customs, traditions, food, music, contests, games, and culture!

OUR HISTORY

In the late 19th to early 20th century, Dickinson was referred to as an "Italian Colony" and also as "Little Italy" and has been documented as such in numerous resources. The Sicilian-Italian immigrants and their families had a significant impact on the economic development and growth of our community for almost a century, not only in farming and carpentry, but also through numerous thriving businesses and services. One of the most significant contributions of Italians in Dickinson was Dickinson Ice and Fuel which currently operates as WCID #1 and also St. Joseph Catholic Church which later became Shrine of the True Cross.

TRACING OUR ROOTS

While the Dickinson Little Italy Festival of Galveston County honors our Italian ancestors who sacrificed so much for our community, we are also laying the groundwork for future generations to know and understand each of these family's stories. This year we are beginning to compile a database of these family's lineages beginning with their immigrant ancestors. Fill out this document to gather information on your family's history.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Dickinson Little Italy Festival of Galveston County is to regenerate a sense of community and stimulate vitality and nostalgia of local Texas history by **preserving, honoring, and celebrating** the vast Sicilian-Italian history and culture which has been prevalent in Galveston County for over a century.

OUR VISION

The vision for the DLIFGC as an IRC 501 (c) (3) non-profit is to assist with community based support in education, local Texas and Cultural history, and the arts.

Join us for the **7th Annual Dickinson Little Italy Festival of Galveston County**, a free, family-friendly celebration of Sicilian-Italian culture. Attendees can enjoy authentic Italian food, live music, cultural displays, contests, games, and activities for all ages. This annual March festival brings the community together to honor Italian traditions while supporting local scholarships, churches, and nonprofit organizations