

OAM Presentation

Still active in the electric utility industry after more than 45 years, with companies such as Texas Power & Light (now Oncor), Garland Power & Light, McCurley Enterprises, and EnerVision, LHUMC member, Jack Brown, will present his study of *“Electrifying Dallas: The Introduction and History of Electricity in Dallas”* for the Older Adult Ministry on Tuesday, August 19, 1:00pm, in Fellowship Hall.

His presentation was originally authored as a master’s research project at SMU and was subsequently published in a quarterly issue of *Legacies* magazine, a joint publication of the Dallas County Heritage Society and the Dallas Historical Society.

Could Dallas function without electricity? Certainly, the city managed to do so for several decades without it, but the growth of Dallas has been largely determined by such factors as electric street cars and air conditioning. Most modern Dallasites would be helpless without electricity to power the myriad appliances now part of daily life. The introduction of electricity to Dallas was initially greeted with suspicion by many, but it was quickly accepted as an integral part of life.

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