



Morgan County Historic Preservation Society
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Fall 2007

PRESERVATION NEWS

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Sunday, December 2, 2007 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Featuring ten homes in the East Washington Street Historic District. MCHPS members receive complementary tickets as part of your membership package. Individual memberships receive one ticket. Joint memberships receive two tickets. Tickets MUST BE RESERVED by 9:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, by calling Joanne Stuttgen at (765) 349-1537 or email stuttgen@insightbb.com. Tickets must be claimed at the May-Duncan-Stieglitz House at 339 E. Washington Street. You must begin your tour here. Any tickets not claimed by 3:30 p.m. will be sold.

Behind the Scenes . . .

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Our big news is that the Barnard House still stands. We were progressing nicely with plans to move the house when we received an unexpected visit by a Martinsville native who is returning home after many years away. She wants the Barnard House, and she wants it where it is. We have now changed gears—you must be flexible in the preservation business!—and are working closely with her to preserve the Barnard House and adapt it for a small business. On her behalf, we have applied to and received a grant from Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana to conduct a feasibility study on the house. Tom Meredith, a Morgan County-based preservation architect, is now at work.



We are not at liberty to say exactly what is going on behind the scenes, but be assured that we are working very hard to save the Barnard House. The situation has become multi-faceted, so we are proceeding with deliberate care. We must be shrewd, organized, and thorough in order to maximize every available preservation tool—these include but are

grants, and low-interest loans—while satisfying legal requirements of both the City and County.

Other good news is that after a break last year, the annual historic homes tour has been reinstated. The tour committee has been working hard to line up a number of homes on East Washington Street, including three that have never before been open to the public. We hope to see all of our members turn out for this fun event.

Rezoning Ordinance for Downtown Martinsville Scheduled for First Reading

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As the first step towards downtown revitalization, the Martinsville Plan Commission will review a draft of an ordinance to rezone Martinsville's downtown on Tuesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. This is the first of several required public reviews and hearings before the ordinance can be approved. Current zoning is for business use only. The proposed ordinance provides for multiple uses and addresses issues such as parking, building maintenance, signage, and aesthetics.

News Briefs

Board of Directors

Old Monrovia Methodist Episcopal Church (Joe Mills)
 Sadly, the church was recently torn down. It will be replaced with a new building.

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FOR SALE: Old Jail (Joe Mills) • The price has recently been lowered to \$135,000. There has been very little interest in the property.

Façade Grant Projects Completed (Del Chafey) • Payment has been made to both recipients of the 2007 Façade Improvement Grant. Bill and Kelly Jo Wells, 389 S. Ohio St., Martinsville, used their \$1500 towards duplicating missing exterior and molding shutters. The Wilbur Community Center Corporation paired MCHPS's grant with an Operation Roundup grant from SCI-REMC rebuild and restore several of the schoolhouse's original windows. Contractor Ron Zmyslo teamed with WCCC board member Tom Meredith to complete the work.

Applications for the 2008 grants will be available in March. One grant is awarded for a residential property owner, and one for a non-residential property. Projects meeting the U. S. Department of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Properties must be 50 years old, must be individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or be eligible for nomination, or be in a designated historic district.

Morgan County's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties (Joe Mills) • Cunningham Cemetery, on the hilltop overlooking the former North School in Martinsville

is a severely neglected burial site of Martinsville's earliest settlers. The Morgan County Community Corrections team Built in 1939, the Grassyfork Fisheries Office and Showroom has been a vacant eyesore for a decade. We understand that a verbal agreement has been reached on the contract sale of the property but that legal paperwork has not been forthcoming.

began clearing and cleaning the property earlier this fall, but the abundance of poison ivy has put off the work until winter.

Fundraising (Joanne Stuttgart) • *Morgan County*, a new history based on vintage postcards and careful research, features nearly 220 postcards contributed by a variety of local and area collectors. *Café Indiana* is a guide to Indiana's hometown mom-and-pop restaurants, Hoosier foods and foodways, and an examination of small-town Both books, and all other items for sale by MCHPS, are available at Hummingbird Heaven and the Martinsville Candy Kitchen. Members receive a 20% discount.

The special edition Cat's Meow piece for 2007 is the Martinsville Sanitarium/Kennedy Home. It is now available at Hummingbird Heaven and the Martinsville Candy Kitchen. Cost is \$21.95/\$17.56 members. A photo will be posted on the website when one is available.

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Unless otherwise noted, your membership expires on December 31, 2007.
Before the end of the year, please print and fill out the membership form on the next page and send it with appropriate payment to:

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