



Yesterday and Today

HISTORIC CITY of JEFFERSON, Inc. ~ January 2007

24th Annual Membership Dinner Meeting Sunday, March 4, at the McClung Park Pavilion

*We are very pleased to have a very special guest speaker who is always a favorite and draws big crowds to hear him talk about Jefferson City. Gary Kremer is familiar to many people not only for his interesting presentations but also the wonderful books he has written about our history. That evening he will present his view: **Jefferson City: A Community at War with Its Destiny***

The City of Jefferson exists only because it is the permanent seat of Missouri Government. The city would not exist were it not for the fact that it is the state capital. And yet, Gary Kremer argues, that Jefferson Citians have always had great ambivalence about their relationship with state government. For more than a century there have been many struggles that have occurred over land usage in Jefferson City. That struggle, of course, has had tremendous consequences for the capital city's homes and buildings. Many of Jefferson City's most interesting structures have been destroyed as a consequence of this conflict over space.

Jefferson Citians love the State Capitol and they love the opportunities that being the seat of government provides; but they also dislike a great many things that are associated with being a capital city. Gary will try to articulate this paradox and provide lots of images of buildings that were destroyed because of the struggle for space. Jefferson City's destiny has always been to be the state capital, but residents of the city have often been at war with the consequences of that destiny.



Gary R. Kremer is the Executive Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, a repository of primary source materials operated jointly by the University of Missouri and the Society on the four campuses of the University. Previously, Dr. Kremer taught history at Lincoln University in Jefferson City (1972-1987) and William Woods University in Fulton (1991-2004). In between those academic appointments, he served as the State Archivist of Missouri from 1987 to 1991. He is a fifth generation Missourian who was born and raised in Osage County. Gary Kremer has written, co-authored, and co-edited ten books, including three volumes titled *Heartland History: Essays on the Culture Heritage of the Central Missouri Region* and *Exploring Historic Jefferson City*. He also serves as editor of the *Missouri Historical Review*.

Make plans to attend the Annual Membership Meeting

The social hour will start at **5:00** with refreshments and time to visit with friends and neighbors. Dinner will be served at **6:00**. The business meeting and election of officers will start about **6:30**. We will keep the discussion to a minimum so the program can start as close to **7:00** as possible. Please review the list of officers to be retained, nominees for board positions and the suggested change in the by-laws all of which will need a membership vote.

Our dinner will be catered again by the popular **Lutz's Famous BBQ**. The menu is listed below and is also on the dinner reservation form. Dinner reservations are **\$15.00** per person.

You may return the enclosed yellow reservation form with your check.

Or you may call **635-8512** to confirm your reservation to be paid at the door that evening.

We need to have your reservation by February 26.

If anyone needs transportation please call one of the officers or board members. Our phone numbers are listed on the next page. We would be glad to make arrangements to pick you up. We don't want anyone to miss this wonderful opportunity to hear Gary Kremer.

MENU

Lutz's Famous BBQ

Fried Chicken and BBQ Beef

Cole Slaw Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans

Rolls Tea and Coffee Dessert ~ Cakes



HCJ Officers to be Retained:

President—Mary Ann Hall Murphy

Vice President—Jenny Smith

Secretary—Laura Ward

Treasurer—Debbie Goldammer

President-Elect—Steve Veile

Board Position Nominees:

Deedie Bedosky

Sally Sprague

DJ Nash

Janet Maurer

*Please renew your
Membership.....
We need each and
Every one of you.*



By-Laws Change

Please review the following suggested changes in the by-laws which will be voted on by the membership at this annual meeting.

Article III Membership, Section B

Membership categories shall be as follows:

Individual, Family, Business, Lifetime and Honorary. Family members are entitled to two votes at the membership meetings, businesses one vote by a representative of the business, and others one vote.

Article VI Officers and Board, Section A

Amend by inserting "President Elect" into the listing of officers of the organization. **Section B** Amend to change term of President from two years to one year.

Sections D and E Amend by striking the word February and replace with "annual" referring to the "annual membership meeting", now held in March.

Article VII Duties of Officers and Board

Section B The President-elect shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and shall assist the President and the Board in the performance of their duties while preparing to assume the office of President. The President-elect will assume the office of President upon completion of a one year term as President-elect.

UPDATE: 200 Block of West McCarty

In the Summer of 2006 the City of Jefferson was ready to move forward with trying to get a convention center in the vicinity of the 200 block of West McCarty. There was concern among members of the historic preservation community that the Bassmann House, located at 207 West McCarty, and the three buildings west of that property, would be demolished. The City owns the Bassmann House, while the Housing Authority owns the other three. Members of the Historic Preservation Community spoke up regarding saving the streetscape. The city was open to our concerns.

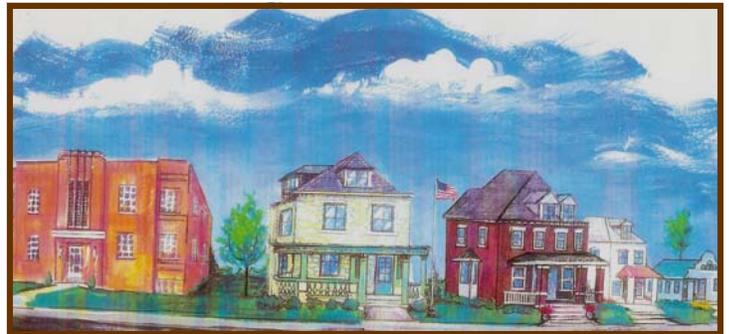
In September 2006 the City issued two Requests for Proposals (RFPs). One RFP was to develop the entire site (which did not require keeping any of the West McCarty houses). A second (small RFP) was for the redevelopment and/or restoration of the West McCarty houses.

No responses to the RFP's were received. In December 2006 city council voted to tell the Housing Authority to proceed with the demolition of all four buildings.

At the January 8, 2007 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission the application for a demolition permit on the Bassmann House was considered. The Housing Authority decided not to forward applications for demolition permits on their three buildings. They determined that it was necessary to get clarification from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Section 106 Review process. The Section 106 Review process is required when a federal agency plans to negatively impact a building on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

The Historic Preservation Commission voted to put a 60 day hold on the application for a demolition permit on the Bassmann House and requested the city go through the Section 106 process on the Bassmann House in conjunction with the Housing Authority's Section 106 Review of their property.

Several members of Historic City of Jefferson are working with other members of our community to save as many of these buildings as possible. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please call 635-8512 . Also, please consider writing a letter to the editor to express your views.



200 Block West McCarty
Artist Rendering by Carrie Carroll

Our organization has worked very hard over the last 25 years to preserve the rich heritage of Jefferson City. Hopefully, 25 years from now, future citizens of Jefferson City will look at the West McCarty streetscape in the manner we now look at the Jefferson Landing Historic Site. Hopefully they will have the opportunity to admire a renewed, restored and re-used Bassmann House, and other structures on this block over 100 years old. Maybe they will think how fortunate we are that this part of our past still stands, *renewed, restored and re-used*.



HISTORIC CITY of JEFFERSON Mission Statement:

To proactively preserve our historic resources and create an environment that makes preservation a viable focus for future development in the City of Jefferson.

Marketing Our HCJ Mission

As part of our community outreach Jenny Smith has created a PowerPoint presentation about HCJ which runs about 20 minutes. She has presented the program to a couple civic groups with very positive response and interest. This is a great opportunity for our organization to get the word out to the community about our mission, highlight some of our activities, fundraising efforts and make a pitch for new members. Jenny is an impassioned and informed speaker for HCJ. If anyone has a group that would like to schedule a program, call 635-8512.

Jenny and Tony Smith have put in hundreds of hours designing a web page for our organization. Some features seen are also on the PowerPoint presentation. On our web site there is information about scheduled activities, current preservation issues, membership forms as well as some interesting historic points. Another feature is the **HCJ Store** offering a variety of items, books, prints all related to Jefferson City. Very soon the newsletter will be offered on the site as well. Other features may be added and some changes made yet but check it out now and let us know what you think. We are proud and excited to finally be **stepping out in the wide wide world of the Internet.**

www.historiccityofjefferson.org

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NEWSLETTER

Officers, board members, committee chairs and members are encouraged to make reports, submit articles and share photos. The newsletter is shared with the HCJ membership and the community.

If you have any comments or suggestions for programs or articles please share with us at:

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