Olde Time Fall Gospel Meetin’

Sunday, October 14, 2007 ~ 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
Zion Historic Chapel
2346 Zion Road… off Route C, Jefferson City

What better way to spend a fall Sunday afternoon in the country enjoying the beautiful scenery, changing leaves and celebrating our 25 years in this historic chapel.

The Reverend David Clifton, a re-enactor, will bring to life the Reverend Peter Cartright, a 19th century unpredictable backwoods circuit riding preacher from Kentucky. The Reverend will lead us in robust gospel singing accompanied by the Gospel Acoustics of the Ozarks. He will share amusing anecdotes about the life of a circuit rider and tell the remarkable story of John Newton, composer of “Amazing Grace”.

Afterward, we will gather on the lawn or if the weather is inclement, in the Zion Chapel Community Center, for visiting and for some wholesome apple pie or pumpkin pie and spice cake with coffee and cider. There will be an opportunity to bid on some very unique silent auction items. There are antiques, collectibles, ornaments and gift baskets that would make nice holiday presents. Come prepared to join in all the fun!

This very special event is open ONLY to our members and their guests. Reservations are necessary and must be in by October 11. The registration form can be printed from our website www.historiccitoyofjefferson.org or call 635-8512 to make phone reservations. If anyone needs transportation we would be glad to make arrangements to pick them up.
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

A City Within a City: The Missouri State Penitentiary, 1863-2004

If you haven’t visited this extraordinary exhibit yet, we suggest you put it on your calendar. Plan to spend at least an hour going through the exhibit and reading about all the fascinating events and artifacts on display. There is even an actual prison cell set up.

This display will be at the Rozier Gallery, Jefferson Landing Historic Site through November 30.

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation Conference

The annual conference will be held in Jefferson City October 18-20, 2007, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. This conference is packed with sessions focused on historic preservation. Bob Priddy will be the key note speaker at the opening session. Attendees will be able to choose from sessions on Restoration of Historic Windows, Historic Tax Credits, and Funding Sources for Landscape Preservation, to name a few of the programs offered.

Mark Schreiber and John Viewssman will also do a session on "Somewhere in Time: History of the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City."

There will be receptions, as well as tours offered to attendees. For a copy of the conference brochure and registration form go to the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation web site at www.preservemo.org or call 573/443-5946 or fax 573/449-4079.
1102 East McCarty

Since we will not be renovating the Bassmann house and this house still needs love and attention, we’ve been working on the interior to spruce it up for a potential buyer. Cracked walls are being repaired and painted, wood work cleaned and we may even sand the oak floors.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and sometimes even well fed. Please call if you can join us on one of our work days. It is a fun way to get acquainted with your HCJ friends and lend a little elbow grease.

Mary Ann Hall 635-8512

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Eastside Neighborhood Development Association (ENDA)

ENDA held a meeting on July 19, 2007. Janice McMillan from Jefferson City’s Community Development Division reported on the Highway 50/Whitton Express Study and on upcoming plans for an overlay district in the East Capitol and East High St. areas. These districts are planned as a result of the Central East Side Neighborhood Plan that was incorporated into the city’s comprehensive plan. That plan recommended these overlay districts to assure that development maintained the character of these historic areas. Janice believes that public meetings may start in the next few months to discuss these plans with property owners and the public in general. Property owners and the public will have the opportunity to give input before overlay districts are implemented.

ENDA members also discussed forming a steering committee to help the group re-visit goals and the structure of our organization. This steering committee met in August and are developing a survey to distribute to members. This survey will help the steering committee identify areas on which to focus. The steering committee also hopes to develop a web site in the next couple of months.

The next ENDA meeting will be Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 PM in the Missouri Police Chief’s Association at 1001 East High. Anyone with questions contact Cathy Bordner at 893-2729.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony
October 4, 2:00 pm

The time has finally arrived for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lewis and Clark Monument and the Katy Trail Head Park where it will be placed. This location is in the green space across from the Governor’s Garden known as the Jefferson Landing Historic Site. Sally Sprague has spent 7 years bringing this dream to reality with the assistance of many volunteers from the L&C Task Force, JC Parks and Recreation and many others. We hope to see as many of us there as possible.
Eight years ago John Landwehr put the decision of what to do with the Bassmann house on hold. He wanted to wait and see what was going to happen with the state property in the next block as a potential site for a conference center.

Eight months ago John Landwehr offered to sell the property for $1.00 for renovation.

For 8 months HCJ worked diligently bringing forth potential developers, presenting a proposal, providing information and credentials the city required, attending city council meetings. All along we were assured the proposal was to be given fair and open consideration. After all, the mayor is the one who made the offer in the first place to sell the property to a developer with a viable plan.

There were many twists and turns along the way. Rules were changed with more obstacles and time frames required. HCJ hired an attorney to work through negotiations and present an acceptable contract to the city. Many many hundreds of hours were spent working through this maze of city red tape. We persevered thinking there was finally a chance to make a change in this community in the attitude about preservation and save this beautiful structure. We even canceled our annual fundraiser ice cream social for the sake of time needed to pursue this important issue.

With the support of a majority of six progressive city councilmen led by Ron Medin of the 5th Ward, an ordinance to accept the HCJ contract for renovation of the property was passed on September 3.

The mayor allowed this to drag on for all these months knowing all the time he had the upper hand to deal the final blow which he did with his veto. In his disapproval message, the mayor stated that the Bassmann house has no historic value, an incredibly inaccurate statement. The full statement which is public information can be read on our web site on the West McCarty page.

Thanks to our mayor, this grand old Queen Anne style house will be reduced to a pile of stone to be hauled away leaving yet another empty lot for years to come.