HCJ Members are in for a visual feast at the Annual Meeting as Captains Tim Young and Steve Holtmeier with the Jefferson City Fire Department present a slideshow of the city’s fire fighting history that spans nearly 200 years. The growth of the fire department closely paralleled the city’s growth through the 19th and 20th centuries’ ensuing fire disasters. Prior to the 1837 fire that destroyed the first Capitol, no organized fire department existed, not even a bucket brigade; the horrific fire produced the initial Volunteer Fire Department. Then, in 1912 after the second Capitol burning, the Career Fire Department was created to meet a growing need in the Capital for professional fire fighters. Captain Young cites two major social changes that affected the Jefferson City Department’s professional growth. After the Civil War, migrants from larger southern cities—Atlanta, Richmond, St. Louis—demanded similar organized fire-fighting services in the Capital. Then, in 1888 the city installed water works via underground pipes that simplified putting fires out, especially when hose carts were located in various town locations.

Captain Young credits retiring Captain Donald Thompson with the initial historical study, who in 1996 handed his stack of notes to Young, asking him to do something with his “stuff.” So, Captain Young has been collecting fire-related City Council minutes, old log books back to 1926, and fifty and hundred-year-old newspaper clippings.

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Upcoming Events

February 28—HCJ program: Civil War in Missouri, Dr. Gary Kremer, City Hall 7 pm

March 7 and April 4—“Museum After Hours” 7 pm Missouri State Museum

March 25th—HCJ Annual Dinner meeting, 4:30 pm McClung Park

May 12 - Golden Hammer Award Presentation TBA

September 30—HCJ Annual Homes Tour featuring Elmerine Avenue.

Reservations for Annual Dinner Meeting Due by Mid-March

Preparations for the March 25 Historic City of Jefferson’s Annual Dinner Meeting are in full swing with many special events planned you won’t want to miss. A wine reception and social will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner by Argyle Catering at 5:15. The dinner entrees will include a choice of German pot roast or chicken cordon blue, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots and green beans with desserts of German chocolate cake and carrot cake. A business meeting, year-in-review, election of officers, and presentation of awards will follow dinner.

The keynote speaker will be Captain Tim Young with the Jefferson City Fire Department, commemorating 100 years of the full-time service department.

In its second year, the Preservation Pioneer Award will be presented to Nicholas M. Monaco and his late wife, Mildred (see page 2). The late Joann Oehrke will be honored posthumously with the Volunteer of the Year award.

If you have not done so, please RSVP by March 14 to reserve your place. Reservation forms were mailed to all members, but you can also print a form from our web site and mail it in with your payment: $20 for members or $22 for non-members.

For more information call Lois Heldenbrand at 619-9376.
Despite his wish “to work behind the scenes,” the many contributions made by Nick Monaco and his late wife, Mildred, to promote historic preservation in Jefferson City is no secret. This much-deserved recognition will be awarded to Mr. Monaco at the HCJ Annual Dinner meeting on March 25. Our congratulations to Nick for this well-earned honor!

Since a young man, Captain Steve Holtmeier had followed his fireman father in Washington, Missouri, joining the Jefferson City Department in 1994, ranking as Captain since 2003. Currently, Steve wears many hats: Captain on Engine Company No. 1, a paramedic, and medic on the JC Police Department SWAT Team. Steve and his wife Lori have two daughters and three grandchildren.

The Thomas Lawson Price Society is pleased to welcome its newest member, Betty Jo DeLong, a long-time supporter of historic preservation in Jefferson City. This brings to 33 the number of TLP members. If you would like more information on becoming a member of the TLP Society, please contact Steve Veile at 635-3265.

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**The Civil War in Jefferson City**

Upcoming HCJ program features Dr. Gary Kremer

You don’t have to be a Civil War buff to enjoy the upcoming HCJ sponsored program with local historian, **Dr. Gary Kremer**. Here are just a few tidbits to spark your interest, facts not widely known about the Civil War years in Jefferson City: Missouri’s governor in 1861 was **Claiborne Fox Jackson**, a confederate sympathizer and slave owner who fled Jefferson City, burning bridges behind him with Union Gen. **Nathaniel Lyon** and his mostly German-speaking immigrant troops in hot pursuit. A loyalty oath to the Union had to be taken before one could vote. Elaborate preparation by Union officials for an imminent attack on Jefferson City by Confederate Gen. Sterling Price resulted in significant property damages as troops dismantled fences, cut down fruit trees and built ditches in yards. The Union-fortified city became a refuge for run-away slaves fleeing the guerrilla activity in surrounding counties. And what were the longer term legacies in Jefferson City in the Civil War’s aftermath? Come to the talk to find out!

HCJ is very pleased to sponsor this event with one of our favorite speakers. Dr. Kremer is executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri. He has authored many books and articles on Missouri history and, in particular, Cole County history. In the January 2012 issue of *Missouri Historical Review*, he published the article, “ ‘We Are Living in Very Stirring Times’: The Civil War in Jefferson City, Missouri.” His talk will be based on this article.

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**Investment Group Considers Purchase of Bolton House**

A group of preservation-minded investors are banding together to examine the feasibility of purchasing the **Col. Lewis Bolton** House in Wardsville. Although these investors are very interested in seeing this historical treasure preserved, they also expect to see a return on their investment. The house, built circa 1833, has been for sale and vacant for almost one year. The Bolton house was on HCJ’s 2011 Homes Tour that celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The investment group will form a limited liability corporation (LLC) with a business plan that would include a bed and breakfast (with a live-in manager); rental space for dinner parties, retreats, and weddings; an historical museum; and Civil War reenactments. They envision the Bolton house as a tourist destination for historical tours tying in with MSP tours and for school field trips.

Constructed with locally quarried stone and built with slave labor, this Greek revival house is probably one of the finest pre-Civil War houses of its style and soundness in the entire state. The house is on 6.83 acres with a commanding view of the Osage River valley below. Col. Lewis Bolton was the first Warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary. Since Bolton owned slaves, slave cabins stood on the property well into the 20th century. In 1864, some 6,000 Union troops occupied the grounds. The property stood vacant for forty years until 1998 when local contractor **Jude Markway** undertook this impressive renovation.

If you are interested in more information on this investment venture, call or email Jude Markway at 690-8792 or marymarkway@embarqmail.com.

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**NOMINATE YOUR HOUSE FOR A LOCAL LANDMARK AWARD!**

Jefferson City Historic Preservation Commission is accepting applications for Local Landmark Awards. You can find more information and an application at www.jeffcitymo.org. On the City’s home page click on the link for the Historic Preservation Commission. Once there, scroll down to find a link to “Application to nominate your property.” This will open up a form that you can print and mail to the Community Development division of City Hall. If you have more questions, please call **Cathy Bordner** at 893-2729.
Looking Back at Historic Preservation in 2011
Successes, Concerns, and Disappointments
By Cathy Bordner

When looking at the history of historic preservation in Jefferson City, one can say that we have definitely turned a corner in this community. The “Win” column is more encouraging than the “Loss” column is discouraging. However, just like a coach who trains a team, we have to look at both the wins and losses. Where do we need to focus attention and resources? What do we need to do in order to have a winning season and get a chance at the playoffs?

So what do we have in the win column?

The Golden Hammer Award Recipients:
For four years Historic City of Jefferson (HCJ) has awarded the Golden Hammer Award to owners who have completed a positive renovation of an older building in our community. As of the end of 2011, about 25 awards had been presented. In addition to giving positive attention to these owners

Success stories. Space does not allow photos of all the recent success stories, but worthy of mention is the Landmark Lodge (Warwick Village) renovated by Hank and Linda Stratman; 1102 E. McCarty renovated by Dave and Cathy Bordner; 600 block of E. High renovated by Darryl and Connie Hubble; the Ash Street entertainment district with Prison Brews, O’Donoghue’s, the Mission, and Cadillac Inc; the 100 block of E. Dunklin; and the Lincoln University President’s residence. In addition, Habitat for Humanity has completed several impressive old house renovations.
and their buildings, we have heard several stories of neighbors hoping that they too will receive the award. It is good to know that there is “hammer envy” among friends and neighbors who love their old homes and neighborhood. Success is contagious!

The Lower Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District:

Our city has one local district: the Lower Jefferson Conservation District located on a two-block section of West Main St. This small area illustrates the long-term benefits of a local district. The Conservation District recognition has brought numerous positive improvements to the buildings and landscaping, more so than in many of our older neighborhoods, with several winning preservation awards. Just like a football coach will tell his team they have to lift weights to build strength and be competitive, so preservationists will say that forming historic districts is an important tool in preserving older neighborhoods. This can be done by forming a local neighborhood conservation or historic district or getting properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Having an area listed as a district sends a message to potential buyers that the locale is less prone to suffer from absentee landlords, poor maintenance, and improper renovations.

The Painting of Ivy Terrace on Capitol Ave.

City staff are to be commended for their hard work taking this significant step in addressing this maintenance concern.

The 100 Block of Dunklin Street

This project is definitely a shining moment in our recent history. Private developers Larry Kolb and Steve Rollins took the initiative to invest in this area, joining with City staff to make the block a reality.

Lincoln University President’s Residence at 601 Jackson

Lincoln University has completed a commendable restoration of this important University residence. This example shows what an institution can accomplish when it owns and protects historic buildings.

328 Ash St. – Owned by Debbie Brown

This beautiful old home at the corner of Ash and E. McCarty Streets has been restored and is now occupied by a business. This property is one of several that is helping to improve a neighborhood that, not long ago, was considered a blighted, undesirable area. It is now welcoming.

712 E. High St – Owned by Donna and Michael Deetz

This is another example of an area that is turning the corner, transformed from structures visibly needing maintenance that deters tenancy, to a neighborhood with restored buildings that attract attention and tenants.

Habitat for Humanity Rehab Projects

Habitat for Humanity completed a significant rehab home on East McCarty, partnering with the Home Builders Association, students at Nichols, and others to complete a green rehab of an old home. The attractive residence is now a definite asset in this neighborhood. They are now working on their 70th build, a rehab project on Clark Street, partially funded by HCJ. It is very encouraging to see Habitat projects that renovate old history-filled buildings rather than demolish an old home to construct anew. Also, the contributions of the Home Builders Association and others add positive community interest.

Warwick Village

Hank and Linda Stratman continue to amaze the community with the new life they have brought to this Jefferson City Landmark. The lodge has wonderful apartments, the popular Brew House that occupies the former restaurant, and restored cottages available for lease.

Now let’s talk a little bit about losses:

Capitol Avenue and Area – Demolition by Neglect

Several of our most impressive old buildings on East Capitol Avenue continue
Looking east toward the old Missouri State Pen across cleared ground where two 120-year-old houses were recently razed on State Street.

A Fond Farewell to HCJ Founder

MaryAnn Caplinger
Aug 31, 1933—Feb 1, 2012

HCJ mourns the passing of one its founders and a legend among local preservationists, MaryAnn Caplinger. She was a wonderful and inspiring woman, and instrumental in many early preservation efforts in Jefferson City, back before it was a generally accepted notion that some old buildings are worth saving. A true pioneer, she blazed a path for us to follow. She will be greatly missed.

Scenes from the Dec. 8 HCJ Christmas program presented by Sam Bushman on “Christmas Past” at the beautifully renovated Lincoln University President’s Residence.
Many Thanks to Lincoln University President Dr. Carolyn Mahoney!
Getting to Know You

**Dorothy (DJ) Nash**
has been a member of the HCJ board of directors for four years. She is the chairperson of the HCJ Oral History Program which she has nurtured and guided since its inception. Active in many community organizations, she is always willing to give of her time and talents when asked to do so.

**Lois Heldenbrand**
is president-elect of HCJ. She has been a member of the board for more than four years and for the past three years has also served as the chairperson for the HCJ annual meeting. She is co-founder of the HCJ Foundation and serves as a member of the Foundation’s board of trustees.

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**Why did you join HCJ?**

I was working at the Governor’s Mansion and HCJ had a Chautauqua on the grounds and I was mesmerized by the program and by Greg Stockard, who was president.

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**What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?**

The people and their commitment to preserving the best of Jefferson City. I enjoy the variety of programs, and as a non-native, the opportunity to learn the rich history of the community.

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**Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?**

That’s a hard question. I suppose the Homes Tour and the Oral History Program. I love doing the interviews and hearing the stories people have to share. Then, there is the annual meeting in March which always features an outstanding speaker.

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**Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?**

Absolutely. I think there is greater awareness of our progress as a community as highlighted by our own Golden Hammer Awards.

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**If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?**

Becoming more aware of the historic side of Jefferson City, both the physical and the stories that are told through the Oral History Program and the educational programs. All of these opportunities make an HCJ membership one of the best bargains in town.

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**What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you?**

I was very, very shy in high school. Later, I was a reporter and photo editor for almost ten years for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. I loved every day of it. But I left to take a job with the Committee to Re-Elect the President—Nixon, that is!

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**Why did you join HCJ?**

Even before moving to Jefferson City, I was impressed with the beautiful downtown and the area surrounding the Capitol. I have a lifetime membership in the Missouri Historical Society so I thought membership in HCJ was one way I could support the preservation of living history.

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**What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?**

Meeting the extraordinary and fun people who are members and friends of HCJ.

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**Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?**

Some of my favorite programs are the Thomas Lawson Price Society events. I encourage others to join TLP, both to further support HCJ and enjoy friendship and learning through the TLP events.

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**Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?**

Yes. HCJ is more involved proactively with other groups within the city who are trying to promote preservation and re-adaptive use of older homes and buildings. However, I would like to see the City adopt policies and codes so that new buildings in designated historical neighborhoods would be required to match the architectural style of the older buildings.

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**If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?**

You are contributing to a legacy so that the next generation of residents and visitors can enjoy the beauty of the older buildings and neighborhoods.

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**What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you?**

I’m a sailor. My husband and I sail at Mark Twain Lake where we dock our boat. A couple of summers ago some girlfriends and I lived on a sailboat for a week as we sailed the British Virgin Islands.
JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT HCJ PROGRAM!

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