The southern most part of Old Munichburg will be featured this year in the Historic City of Jefferson Swifts Highway Homes Tour on Sunday, June 7. Tucked away on one of the highest points in Jefferson City, this historic neighborhood has one of the most magnificent views looking North to the Missouri River. The tour is a pleasant 1/2 mile walk from 711 Swifts Highway to 1310 Swifts Highway, Villa Panorama. The five homes shown below will be open for tours with other points of interest along the way.

Advance tickets will be $12, available after May 1 downtown at Samuel’s Tuxedo’s and Carrie’s Hallmark stores. Tickets the day of the tour will be $15. Two tents will be set up for sales of tickets the day of the tour. There will be ample parking in the Helias School lot or the Trinity Lutheran Church lot.

Last year people were still waiting to tour some of the homes after 4:00, so the hours have been extended this year for the homes to be open from 1:00 to 5:00. To alleviate lines at the sales tents, those holding advance tickets may start the tour at any of the five homes. An information flyer with the history about the neighborhood will be available at each home.

Volunteer hosts and hostesses are needed at each home to check tickets, hand out the information flyers and generally direct people through and keep them moving along. Some volunteers who may not want to stand for the two hour shift may be stationed to sit in a room. There will be two shifts to allow the hosts to be able to go on the home tours as well. Since this is a major fundraiser for HCJ, it was decided to ask the volunteers to buy a ticket at a reduced price of $5.00. Invite a friend to volunteer with you. You will be scheduled together at a shift time that works best for you. If you can volunteer for this important event, please call Mary Ann Hall 635-8512 or email mahalliart@embarqmail.com

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Some would have you believe that the path to economic development is to tear down the old and build up the new, even if the new is just another parking lot. Fortunately there are some enlightened developers in Jefferson City who have the vision, and the resources, to take the old and make it new again.

Developers Larry Kolb and Steve Rollins are doing just that in the 100 block of East Dunklin. In the heart of Old Munichburg, they say they are going to make this block look very much like it did as the calendar rolled around to 1900. It is a wonderful new approach to economic development in our city.

Also encouraging is the work of the new Old Town Redevelopment Corp. Created by the City at the urging of Councilman Ron Medin, this group is looking at new ways to entice people to move back to the older parts of Jefferson City, fix up their properties, and revitalize areas that have been in decline. I’ve been to a couple of the Old Town meetings and it seems they are moving in a very positive direction.

In March, HCJ was on the agenda for the Old Town group, in a way. We asked Bill Hart to come speak to the group about the fact that historic preservation IS economic development. Bill came to town representing the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Missouri Preservation. Not only did he speak at the Old Town meeting, but he also made a luncheon presentation to the Mayor, members of the City Council, and Chamber of Commerce board to brief them on the economic impact of historic preservation. We were fortunate to have Bill speak at our own annual meeting that same night.

Good things are happening in our community as attitudes do seem to be shifting away from “let’s tear it all down,” to “let’s make the old new again.” Of course, as you see elsewhere in this newsletter, not all have jumped on the preservation bandwagon. But, we are picking up new advocates and people are beginning to see what we have known all along: Historic preservation IS economic development.

Bring a friend with you to the HCJ Home Tour on June 7. Make a day of it! Do lunch, tour 5 magnificent homes then go for ice cream afterwards.

On July 16, there is a program on Stained Glass at the First United Methodist Church, then in October, a program at the Wallendorf log cabin at the Farm Bureau.

Help us encourage new membership!
July 16 Program: Gospels in Glass

“Gospels in Glass: Stained Glass Windows in Missouri Churches”
6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 16
First United Methodist Church, 201 Monroe Street

Featuring:
Authors
Ken Luebbering and Robyn Burnett

Co-sponsored by
The State Historical Society of Missouri
This event is free and open to the public.

May is National Historic Preservation Month

May represents a big push by historic preservations across the country to raise public awareness of their mission to preserve America’s architectural heritage. In Jefferson City, the following activities are on tap with an awards ceremony on May 14th at 4:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall:

LOCAL LANDMARK AWARDS: Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has selected 4 properties for this award: 1110 Moreau Dr.- home of Stu Murphy and Mary Ann Hall, 1005 Adams St.- home of Bob and Bobbie Herman, 1208 Elmer-ine- home of Governor and Mrs. Jay Nixon, 315 Jefferson St. - site of Town Grill.

HERITAGE ART & ESSAY CONTEST, coordinated by Dottie Dallmeyer for area school children. There will be 2 prizes in each contest for both the 6th—8th grades and the 9th—12th grades. The submissions will be displayed at Hawthorne Bank.

GREGORY STOCKARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: The selection of the recipient of this award by the HPC will be announced at the award ceremony.

More Demolitions in Munichburg

In what has become a disturbing trend, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has received two more demolition requests for review in the Old Munichburg historic district. This brings to seven the demolition requests in this area in the last 6 months. The newest additions to this growing list are: 801 and 805 Jefferson. 801 Jefferson is at the corner of Ashley and Jefferson and was built for a mercantile circa 1900. It has ornate sculptured brick and original wrought iron. Two lots south of this is 805 Jefferson, a German vernacular house also built circa 1900. The current owners, the Bob Kaufmann family, says that clearing the land will make it more attractive to potential buyers. A house between 801 and 805 burned down a year or so ago. With the historic renovations planned for Dunklin Street, just a block north, in this “TIF District” it would seem that an adaptive re-use of 801 and 805 would be a better economic opportunity than a new strip mall in the heart of Old Munichburg.

Earlier demolitions requests were reviewed for 1113, 1117 and 1119 Jefferson and for 506 and 508 Mulberry. The Mulberry properties were demolished in January this year by the owners of Arris’ Cafe. The owner of the 3 properties on Jefferson is Memorial Baptist Church. HCJ President Steve Veile sent them a letter in March asking them to consider selling the properties or donating them to Habitat for Humanity as an alternative to demolition since their stated reason for tearing them down was due to the cost of the upkeep. A reply from the Church Pastor indicated demolition would proceed as planned.
The HCJ Annual Meeting was held on March 20, at the Central United Church of Christ. The theme for the meeting was, “Looking Back…Moving Forward.” Just shy of 100 members and guests attended the 26th annual event. With the location in the heart of Old Munichburg, attendees were treated to welcoming remarks from HCJ member Walter Schroeder, president of the Old Munichburg Association, and were provided a history of the church by Rev. Steve Buchholz, pastor.

The main speaker of the evening was Bill Hart, representing the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Missouri Preservation. Hart explained the missions of the two organizations and showed examples of successful renovations in various parts of Missouri. Another speaker at the meeting was HCJ member David Mallory, a civil war re-enactor. Mallory portrayed himself as a private in Collins Battery B of the army of the Confederate States of America. After a brief history of the Civil War as it involved Jefferson City, Mallory invited guests to attend the civil war re-enactment scheduled for May 15-17 at Binder Park. Items of business at the meeting included a review of financial development efforts by board member Lois Heldenbrand and an update on activities by key HCJ committees. Mary Ann Hall announced details of the June 7 Homes Tour, DJ Nash updated the group on the Oral History Program, and Deedie Bedosky noted that the Golden Hammer Award program was about to begin its second year of recognition of notable historic renovations by private individuals and groups.

Music during the social hour and during dinner was provided on the piano by Michael LeRoy. Dinner was catered by Lutz’ BBQ. Dessert was provided by Chez Monet. Many thanks to Janet Maurer, board secretary for her coordination of the event and to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

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New Board Members Installed

Cathy Bordner presented a slate of candidates for election to the board at the Annual Meeting in March. Members of the slate were asked to stand before the membership and all were elected by acclamation. Elected were:

Lois Heldenbrand, who moves from a board member position to president-elect. New directors elected at the meeting include Fred Brown, Karlene Diekroeger and Ken Winn. The directors will serve three year terms.

HCJ Presents Program For City Officials

In conjunction with the recent Annual Meeting, HCJ arranged for programs to be presented to city officials featuring Bill Hart, from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Missouri Preservation.

Hart, who was the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting, began his day in Jefferson City with an early morning presentation to the Old Town Redevelopment Corporation. He presented information showing the impact of historic preservation on economic development. He also reviewed with OTRC members the various tax incentive programs and funding mechanisms that exist in Missouri in support of historic preservation.

At noon, Hart continued his speaking tour with a presentation to Mayor John Landwehr and members of the City Council. The focus of this talk was the fact that “historic preservation IS economic development.” The lunch meeting, held at the recently renovated Washington Park Center, was also attended by city staff and members of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors. HCJ board members also attended. In addition to the Mayor, other elected officials attending the luncheon were Council members Kenneth Ferguson, Carrie Carroll, Jim Penfold, Rich Koon, Ron Medin and Bob Scrivner. Carroll, Koon, Medin, Penfold and Anita Randolph also attended the HCJ Annual Meeting later that evening.
One of the highlights of the recent Annual Meeting was the recognition of the charter members of the new Thomas Lawson Price Society. Members of the society pledge to contribute $1,000 to HCJ over the course of 5 years. The funds are to be used to bolster the operations of the organization. “The TLP Society was created as a mechanism for members to provide even greater support for the work of HCJ beyond membership dues,” said HCJ President Steve Veile. “It is very gratifying to see the positive response to this new program.”

HCJ members are invited to become TLP Society members at any time. Veile noted that anyone who joins the society in 2009 will be designated as a charter member. In addition to the certificate they receive, the names of all TLP Society members will be placed on a permanent marble plaque that will be on display at HCJ events. Other benefits of TLP Society membership include special events and activities, to be announced as the year progresses.

The treasures of Missouri's State Capitol are right under our nose, yet how aware is Jefferson City of the extraordinary beauty they have? HCJ hosted a tour of the State Capitol on February 8th. It was aptly coined, "Hidden in Plain Sight - Art Treasures of the State Capitol." Bob Priddy, journalist, historian and author inspired a large group of HCJ members with awe and appreciation as he took them on a tour of the many paintings and murals. He gave histories of the scenes portrayed, their artists and how these events shaped the course of Missouri history. In his familiar flowing and descriptive narrative he presented a thoroughly entertaining and informative program. He has done much research into the art and artists commissioned by the State of Missouri to adorn the Capitol constructed between 1913 and 1917. Five million dollars was raised for the construction of the capitol, but it took only four million. The remaining one million could only be spent on the capitol and so was spent on art, commissioning some of the finest artists of the time from throughout the world.

For those who missed the tour or anyone wanting to learn more, Bob Priddy is writing a book on the subject to be published in the near future.
Submitted by Debbie Goldammer

In 1952, a visitor could pick up a guide to Jefferson City that included the story of Jefferson City, current events, attractions, a map, industries and churches. The traveler may have found the following information useful in this promotional brochure for Jefferson City tourism.

For something to eat make your first stop Stegeman’s Café for good food and fast service at 120 Bolivar near the bridge. There are three choices for Tremain Brothers’ Lunch Rooms at 620 Jefferson, 1145 East McCarty and 813 West Dunklin. For fine pit Bar-B-Que steaks, chickens and fish try Red J. Rolfes Café on Highway 50 East where you can also get beer, whiskey and set-ups. Also on Highway 50 East is Doehla’s Drive-In and Dining Room with excellent food, air-conditioning and curb service. If you are downtown, Kelley’s Tavern at 104 West High has excellent steaks, country ham dinners and snacks or try Adcock’s Café at 216 Madison for the house specialty Ole Missouri County Ham. The Café is opened round the clock (closed Mondays) with a private dining room for parties, luncheons and banquets.

For drinks you can go to the Brass Rail Cocktail Lounge which has excellent drinks, genial hospitality, good service and entertainment nightly at 216 Madison. Or, get your package liquors with free delivery from Diemler’s at 504 Madison.

Several lodging places are also available. The Hotel Missouri managed by Ralph Scott and distinguished by its modern rooms, attractive rates, coffee shop dining room, Steamboat Lounge, convention facilities and friendly service is on East High St. Your visit is their pleasure at the Hotel Governor, the center of activity in Jefferson City and the newest hotel featuring the Rathskeller (no minimum-no cover), coffee shop (fine food moderately priced) and convention facilities (ballroom and meeting rooms). The New Central Hotel can also be booked.

For something less formal, a motel or cottage court may be of interest. On Highway 50 East there is the quaint English Warwick Village with cottages or hotel rooms which are air cooled and steam heated owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grubb and Tower Court Cottages and Standard Station operating 24 hours a day with 20 cottages all strictly modern on a one acre beautiful shady park owned by Mr. and Mrs.

From a News Tribune file photo

West High Street looks a lot different today than this 1953 photograph. All of the buildings on the right side of the photo have been demolished. From right, they included the Central Hotel, Kelley’s Tavern, Missouri Power & Light Co., and the old federal building. At night, the old Capitol Theater sign at left spelled out the name of the theater and then blinked twice before repeating the cycle.
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