For the first time in its 29 years, the Historic City of Jefferson has an official office! We are excited to be leasing the restored F. Joe DeLong II boyhood home at 108 West Atchison, a home that was the Golden Hammer award winner in May, 2010. It is fitting to be located in the historic neighborhood of Old Munichburg.

In 2008, the DeLong family repurchased the home, which had fallen into disrepair. Renovations were then completed both internally and externally. Joe DeLong II, who established DeLong’s Inc, a metal-fabricating company, was born in this house in 1920. In his early years he helped his father in the family blacksmith shop that soon transitioned into a gas station. When Joe II learned welding skills, he began the steel fabricating business. The first shop was on Jefferson Street.

This former duplex boasts an open floor plan on the lower level with kitchen facilities. Plans for the lower level include a reception area, small dining area, and office space. The upstairs rooms have also been given a purpose. The Board currently meets monthly in the Board Room, items line the storage room, and we are working on the addition of a library/research room. The library/research area will offer historical materials and computer access. HCJ also has a collection of local paintings and prints, which will be featured in various rooms. Additional plans include an area to promote the Oral History project, where we can also host small social and educational functions. The Civic Dinner hosted by HCJ each year for the City’s elected officials will be one of the first receptions planned in the new home, scheduled for later in May.

Furnishings are currently being requested, in particular, office items, rugs, bookcases, storage shelves or a filing cabinet, etc. If you have some items you would consider donating or placing “on loan,” please contact Tammy Boeschen at 573-893-4121 or tboeschen@gmail.com.

Eventually, there are plans to have limited office hours, staffed by volunteers. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony are being planned for this fall. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

May 10—Golden Hammer, 2027 W. Main, 4:30 pm

May 24—Heritage Award ceremony, City Hall, 4 pm

June 6, July 4, Aug 1—Museum After Hours, State Capitol, 5-8 pm

September 14—Ribbon Cutting for new HCJ Office, 108 Atchison, 4-6 pm

September 30—HCJ Annual Homes Tour, Elmerine Avenue, 1-5 pm

March 24, 2013—HCJ’s 30th Annual Dinner Meeting, McClung Park Pavilion—TBA

Visit our web site at www.historiccityofjefferson.org
**HCJ Annual Homes Tour to feature Elmerine Avenue**

HCJ is making plans for our 7th Homes Tour on September 30. This year we will be back to a leisurely walk through an historic neighborhood.

Last summer Elmerine Avenue received a complete upgrade with new sidewalks, curbs and street. Now everyone can admire the lovely homes instead of carefully watching where their feet are going.

Elmerinos, as they refer to themselves, have always been a close neighborhood with several functions throughout the year. In May they have an ice cream social; 4th of July brings their own parade and picnic; and at Christmas their street is lined with luminaries as they go caroling. It is a unique neighborhood with their own newsletter keeping families updated and participating in fun activities.

We will celebrate the Elmerine neighborhood by inviting the community to walk their new streets and sidewalks, meet their families and pets, visit some homes and gardens, and generally share in the important history and good feeling of Elmerine.

The success of our Annual Homes Tour depends upon many volunteers. Please call one of us to let us know you will help. The Homes Tour Committee is Mary Ann Hall 635-8512, Jenny Smith 635-9064 and Deedie Bedosky 635-2177.

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**Please Join the Ceremony!**

As part of National Historic Preservation Month the Jefferson City Historic Preservation Commission will announce its selection of the Local Landmark winners, the Greg Stockard Distinguished Service award, and Art and Essay Contest Winners.

**Thursday May 24th 4pm**

City Council Chambers—204 E. McCarty

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The following is a letter of thanks received from River City Habitat for their partnership with them on a rehabilitation project on Clark Ave. HCJ feels it is a part of our mission to support the adaptive reuse, rather than the demolition, of our older-built architecture while also fulfilling Habitat’s mission.

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**To our Friends at Historic City of Jefferson:**

On behalf of everyone here, we would like to thank the Historic City of Jefferson and all of its membership for your 2011 donation of $5,000 to River City Habitat for Humanity. Your support of our 70th build project at 819 Clark Ave means so much to us and will help us to provide a hand-up, not a hand-out, to Jefferson City families. Habitat builds simple, decent and affordable homes throughout our community. Financial support by groups, businesses and individuals combined with thousands of hours of labor provided by volunteers and Habitat families keeps costs low and houses affordable for families in need.

Since 1993, we have helped 70 families become Habitat homeowners in Jefferson City. We currently have 4 builds underway that are matched with families, and 6 families who are in the process of being matched to properties. Your contribution will be put to good use immediately to support the rehabilitation of the house at 819 Clark Ave so that it will become a home to a hard-working Jefferson City family.

Sincerely,

Kelly Smith, Executive Director
River City Habitat for Humanity
THE HCJ FOUNDATION, INC.
Leaving a legacy worthy of preservation
By Stephen Stark, Foundation Chairman

Our community is very fortunate to have a rich heritage worthy of preservation. Studies indicate that historic preservation makes sense economically in terms of job creation, property value, tourism, quality of life, and revitalization of communities besides preserving a community’s cultural heritage.

Members of the Historic City of Jefferson are fortunate that its leadership created a foundation as a means to enable individuals and families to support their own legacies to this community. The HCJ Foundation, Inc. is that mechanism for investing and managing efforts to advance the appreciation of historic preservation in the City of Jefferson for future generations to enjoy. The Trustees of the Foundation have been meeting and discussing a strategic plan and an investment policy that will enable the Foundation to raise and retain funds, create a revolving loan program, acquire endangered historic properties, and provide leadership and advocacy in the appreciation of historic preservation.

The Trustees of the Foundation are meeting with City government and the Old Town Revitalization Company in the hope that such collaboration will enable us to learn about the needs and desires of property owners in targeted neighborhoods. Plans are still being made to hold a neighborhood meeting in an area that Old Town has chosen, likely on the near eastside, to discuss planning for renovations and learn about incentives and determine if interest exists at the neighborhood level and then proceed to seek the city’s involvement with infrastructure improvements.

We hope these neighborhood meetings will spark a pride of ownership and improvements for our neighborhoods. We invite each of you to learn more about the Foundation and let it serve as your opportunity to leave a lasting gift for our community, whether through annual gifts or through making HCJ Foundation, Inc. a part of your estate plan.

Fond Tribute to Juanita Donehue

The members of HCJ were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Juanita Donehue, a true pioneer in historic preservation, as the first recipient of the HCJ Preservation Pioneer Award in 2011. Having operated the C&H Tavern for some thirty years with her late husband Pete Donehue, Juanita saw the potential for restoring the once stately 1895 Kaullen Mercantile on East High into a formal restaurant and loft apartments. Her vision and courage to renovate the derelict building in 2003 amidst a distressed neighborhood won her acclaim from the community as well as by the Missouri House and Senate and the Cole County Commission. O’Donoghue’s Steak & Seafood Restaurant is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Juanita leaves a memorable legacy of contributions to her church and community where she has touched so many lives. We celebrate her wonderful sense of humor and determined spirit and her vision in seeing what many could not.

HCJ Co-sponsors Application For National Register Listing

The placement of a Moreau Heights Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places is being co-sponsored by the Historic City of Jefferson.

The board of directors voted to allocate $1,000 to the application effort as part of a three-way partnership between the City of Jefferson, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and HCJ. The application will be prepared by a consultant with the total cost expected to exceed $10,000. The additional cost will be paid for by the City’s Historic Preservation Commission from funds appropriated by the City Council.

City Councilman Ralph Bray took up the cause before the City Council after SHPO laid the ground work for the application with a study of the area conducted last year. HCJ President Steve Veile will present a check to the Historic Preservation Commission at a May meeting of the City Council.

HCJ members were treated to a program presented by Dr. Gary Kremer at City Hall, February 28 on the Civil War in Jefferson City.
When the Moreau Drive area was developed in the early part of the 20th century, the homes of many prominent Jefferson Citians and five Missouri governors made it a highly desirable residential area. But by the 1960s it was in slow decline as the new residents were moving to the suburbs on the West End. In 1964, when Nicholas and Mildred Monaco bought Vineyard Place at 1122 Moreau Drive, the former stately residence had been vacant for eight years. The neglect of many years was evident in peeling wallpaper, nineteen broken windows, warped wooden floors, a dirt-floored basement, and extensive moisture damage. The structure “just smelled bad,” as Nick tells it; “It was a mess.” Now, forty-five years later, Vineyard Place stands as a Jefferson City treasure, elegantly restored and probably better than it ever looked in all its 165 years. And with its new life, the Moreau Drive District has come back to life as well, proving that often neighborhoods go down one house at a time, just as they surely come back.

Vineyard Place is a twenty-three room Georgian Colonial Mansion built circa 1849. Its history began with the purchase of 80 acres by Missouri Governor John Edwards (1844-1848) who first built and lived in what is now the back “L” of the mansion before building the main mansion.

According to a plat map, found by the Monacos in the basement, the original plans included a portico with columns and a widow’s walk. But the construction of the portico and widow’s walk was not completed, presumably when Edwards’s engagement and marriage plans collapsed. The house was sold in 1858 to Paul and Phoebe Edmunds, and Edwards headed west in 1849, seeking gold.

The Edmunds owned Vineyard Place during the Civil War and threat of an attack on Jefferson City by Confederate General Sterling Price. Union soldiers occupied the house during this time, sitting on the front lawn and observing Price’s movements from the rooftop. The Edmunds sold the house in 1865 to Christopher Wagner and Andrew Gundelfinger; Gundelfinger sold his share to Wagner in 1866. When Wagner died, his widow Elizabeth sold the house in 1888 to Mrs. Lou Bolton, who in turn sold the house on 15 acres in 1892 to Mrs. Mary Haviland from New York, widow of Frank Haviland of the Haviland china family. Mary was a Hamman from Callaway County. The Havilands had one child, Mayme Vineyard, who after also becoming a widow, moved back to Jefferson City to live with her mother. Thus, the house was occupied by Mary Haviland until her death in 1934 and by daughter Mayme until her death in 1948. During this time the house at 1122 Moreau had acquired the name of The Vineyard Place.

Mayme Vineyard was reportedly quite a character. She defied the social norms of the day by developing the street of Vineyard Square against a male-dominated business world. When the city refused to build the street, she had it built for about $6,000, then gave it to the city. Besides the residences on Vineyard Square, Mayme also designed and built twenty-three houses on Moreau Drive and Elmerine Avenue. She built her houses with quality materials, but may have spent too much and sold them for too little; sadly, she died broke. Her financial position explains why repairs and updates to Vineyard Place were neglected and why she was reduced to renting rooms and selling eggs from her backyard chickens. County records show that the deed to Vineyard Place was acquired by Elmer Ott in 1947, but oddly, there was no record of a sale.

Mrs. Elmer Ott was a friend of Mildred Monaco, as was Mrs. Neida Raithel, principal of old Moreau Heights School; the three women enjoyed plotting the Monaco’s next move. At about the time that Nick and Mildred were looking for a larger place for their expanding family, the Louis Ott house at 1201 Moreau Drive, located across the street from both Vineyard Place and Elmer Ott's house, was for sale. Nick Monaco wanted to buy the Ott house. But when he presented a check to the Ott estate for the family home, Elmer told him he needed to buy Vineyard Place instead. Central Bank president Howard Cook made sure Nick had the funds available to restore it. "They
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walls, topped by twelve-foot high ceilings. The interior decorating of antiques is French provincial on one side of the central hallway and elegant colonial on the other, all with selected antiques throughout. Amazingly, it has been forty-five years since all the restoration work and redecorating, yet it is all still in beautifully maintained condition. It was all done right the first time!

Legends of a secret tunnel in the basement are apparent and true! The opening in the east wall of the basement is about five feet in diameter, heading east from the house and down Elmerine. According to Monaco, a neighborhood teenager, Chris Graham, and other cub scouts, actually explored the tunnel at one time, going in “quite a ways until he did not feel comfortable going further.” It is intriguing because of the tunnel’s actual use as an underground railroad.

The Edmunds, who owned the house during the Civil War, were sympathizers, but allegedly not known to be abolitionists. However, the tunnel is now mortared closed with rock, the old artifacts sealed inside.

Vineyard Place was only the beginning of ambitious restoration projects for Nick Monaco. He bought the Monroe House at 222 Monroe Street at High and Monroe Streets in 1974 which was also owned by the Wagner Family whose son, William, was Sheriff of Cole County and proprietor of the Monroe House Hotel. The Inglish & Monaco Law Firm is now housed in the Monroe House. He again hired Elmer Goldammer to restore this grand building built in 1879 and updated in 1884 by William Wagner who had originally planned for a one-hundred-room hotel on four floors. He got as far as forty-three guest rooms on three floors, but then Wagner died before he could complete the project. Nick dreams of someday finishing what Wagner started.

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Record Crowd Attends HCJ March Annual Meeting

The HCJ annual meeting and dinner, held Sunday evening March 25 at the McClung Park Pavilion, honored two members for their devotion to historic preservation. HCJ President Steve Veile awarded posthumously the newly designated HCJ Volunteer of the Year Award to the late JoAnn Oehrke, who volunteered in many capacities. The award was accepted by Lisa Rackers for the family. The second annual HCJ Preservation Pioneer Award was presented to Nicholas Monaco and his late wife Mildred for the couple’s historical restoration in the 60s and 70s, “well before most folks in Jefferson City were thinking about historic preservation,” said Veile. Nick Monaco credits his wife for her vision and for her restoration talents after she convinced him to purchase Vineyard Place. Monaco also restored the Monroe House downtown and is currently restoring the Lester Shepherd Parker residence on E. Capitol.

President Veile reviewed the past HCJ Year to a record crowd of 120 members and guests. Veile recapped the highly successful Annual Homes Tour in September celebrating the historical Civil War connection of six Landmark homes. Members enjoyed Sam Bushman’s nostalgic program, “Remembering Christmas 1860-1960” at Lincoln University President Carolyn Mahoney’s residence in December. Highlights of the Golden Hammer Awards included Landmark Village (Hank and Linda Stratman’s renovation of the historic English Tudor Warwick Village); the Victorian Gothic Merchant’s Bank (Central Bank); and Habitat for Humanity’s first “green” build.

Several programs and tours entertained and educated HCJ and Thomas Lawson Price members during the year. Featured speaker Captain Tim Young with the Jefferson City Fire Department presented a pictorial review of Jefferson City’s fire department from the 1837 Capitol fire that produced the first Volunteer Fire Service to the 1888 installation of the city’s water works and hose carts and to the 1912 Capitol burning that created the professional Career Fire Department.

The 2012 slate of officers and directors were elected and installed. See page 2 for the list of current office holders.
Getting to Know You

Tammy Boeschen has been a member of the HCJ Board of Directors for two years. She immediately became an active member as an Ambassador and as a volunteer for the Homes Tour. With a degree in interior design, most recently she planned the decorations for the 2012 HCJ annual meeting. Her current challenge is the planning and decorating of the new HCJ office.

Why did you join HCJ? I have always been interested in historic preservation. I joined to support such efforts locally and to learn more about the history of Jefferson City.

What do you like best about being a member of HCJ? The HCJ presence in the community, and the friendliness and helpfulness of other members. I have been impressed by the way the Board works together and the ideas the board pursues.

Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity? All of them, but especially the Homes Tour because I get to enjoy the inside of the home as well as the outside, which helps satisfy my Interior Design profession.

Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation? When moving here six years ago, I was very disappointed that Jefferson City had “fallen short” in preserving its heritage. This organization continues to promote the saving of our history, and to promote public opportunities for participation, such as the Homes Tour and various community awards. I feel that some of the city leaders are starting to come on board.

If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say? The newsletter is wonderful, and the programs are interesting. It’s also great to be part of a group that pulls together toward a common goal.

What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you? I actually took lessons for belly dancing – but don’t ask me to demonstrate!

Connie Hubble has been a member of the HCJ Board of Directors for two years and is our Program Committee Chair. Connie and her husband, Darryl, are charter members of the Thomas Lawson Price Society and are always willing to pitch in and get to work at HCJ events. The Hubbles own and operate Whaley’s Medical Center pharmacies.

Why did you join HCJ? I have been a docent at the Missouri Governor’s Mansion for 18 years. I joined HCJ in order to learn more about Jefferson City’s beginnings through the many programs offered by the organization. My husband Darryl and I own three old buildings on E. High Street, one of which is on the National Register. We want to be a part of encouraging others to renovate old buildings in an attempt to save the heritage of our historic city.

What do you like best about being a member of HCJ? I like the connection with the other members who have common goals and interests for our community.

Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity? I enjoy helping with the Homes Tours. It is a huge undertaking for our size organization and I am always amazed at the number of people who volunteer their time for this worthwhile and profitable event.

Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation? I do, but I also feel we have a long way to go in applying the TLC that is so needed by many of our old boarded-up structures while also keeping alive the stories of families who made those dwellings their homes.

If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say? Educational programs, socialization, the sharing of the interests with its members, and of course, being part of the historic preservation efforts in Jefferson City.

What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you? I can’t think of a thing...I was tempted to say I used to compete in the rodeo or performed in the circus: however, that would be a lie!

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GOLDEN HAMMER AWARDS RESUME
Thursday May 10, 4:30 pm
2027 West Main St.
Home of Duncan and Lucia Kincheloe
SAVE THE DATE!

7th Annual Historic City of Jefferson Homes Tour
Featuring Elmerine Avenue

Sunday, September 30, 2012  1:00—5:00 PM

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