



Grand River Trail

TRAIL TALES

Brighton Area Preservation News

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BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AT THE LOCAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING, AS WELL AS WORKSHOPS ON ORAL HISTORY, GRANT APPLICATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION. KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED FROM THESE EVENTS HAS BEEN RELAYED TO THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT. INFORMATION ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX BENEFITS HAS BEEN SENT TO THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPERS TO CONSIDER RESTORATION. WE HAVE ALSO OFFERED TO HELP SELECT NAMES OF AN HISTORIC CONTEXT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS. HBA IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTINUED RESTORATION OF 132 E. GRAND RIVER INTO A VIABLE COMMERCIAL SITE. RON MOREY HAS BEEN HELPING WITH THE BOOKWORK CONNECTED WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THIS PROJECT AND CONTINUING A GREAT JOB AS SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- \*DEC. 2, 7:30 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING.
- 5, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS, 227-1760.
- 6, 7 P.M. CAROLING AT KEMPFF HOUSE, 312 S. DIVISION, ANN ARBOR
- 7-8, 1-4 P.M. CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, KEMPFF HOUSE, ANN ARBOR.
- 7-8, NOON-5 P.M. VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE WATERLOO FARM MUSEUM, WATERLOO RECREATION AREA.
- 7, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. CHRISTMAS WALK, GREENMEAD, LIVONIA, \$8.
- 11, 5-8 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT BRIGHTON LIBRARY WITH MARGE WILCOX, 227-1760.
- \*JAN. 6, 7 P.M. 1997 PROGRAM PLANNING, BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
- \* 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS. WELCOME.

RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE BRIGHTON CITY MANAGER SUGGESTING ADVANTAGEOUS USES OF AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND SITE PLANNING. THE BOOK, "HOW SUPERSTORE SPRAWL CAN HARM COMMUNITIES" HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY. THE AREA TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF ITS AVAILABILITY.

THE SOCIETY WAS PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES AT THE LIBRARY AND AIDED IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRIGHTON ROOM. MICROFILM OF EARLY ISSUES OF THE BRIGHTON ARGUS HAVE BEEN DONATED AS WELL AS COPIES OF LOCAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

WE COOPERATED WITH RESEARCH FOR THE CIVIL WAR DAYS HELD AT SCRANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL; TOURED MAIN STREET WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS; SPOKE ON THE HISTORY OF BRIGHTON AT THE SR. BRIGHTON MEN'S CLUB AND HOSTED A  
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PATRONS: RICHARD & BARBARA SMITH (98), ELSA STEGENGA (98), DR. GERALD & EVA WHALEN, (FRANKENMUTH).

COUPLES/INDIV: BEN CLARK (SHEPHERD), EUGENE EUGENE & JUDY DAHLIN, DON & SALLY KEEHN, RUDY & VIRGINIA HERRMANN, ROYDEN & DOROTHY JONES, HERB & ARLENE WARNER.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR DUES ARE UP TO DATE? THE YEAR FOR WHICH DUES HAVE BEEN PAID IS NOTED ON THE MAILING LABEL. IF THERE IS NO DATE, OR IT'S LESS THAN '97, PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER A CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUDGETED EXPENSE OF TRAIL TALES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE SOCIETY ARE WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT.

THANKS      THANKS      THANKS

CAROLINA DELUCA FOR HER SERVICE ON THE SOCIETY BOARD.

SHERYL JAMES, FOR TRANSCRIBING ORAL HISTORY TAPES.

ALICE NEWCOMB FOR A COPY OF A 1904 PICTURE OF A CHARMING BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 616 SPENCER.

BUD STEDMAN OF FLORIDA FOR PICTURE I.D.

IAN AND MARION GRAHAM FOR COPY OF RECORDS PERTINENT TO HER GREAT GRANDFATHER WHO WAS WOUNDED AT GETTYSBURG WHILE SERVING IN THE 5TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

BERT BAIR, JOANNE CERU AND JUNE KIMBLE FOR HELPING WITH NEWSLETTER MAILING.

SYMPATHIES OF THE SOCIETY  
ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF

ULA DAVIS  
FRED HYNE  
JOHN PENNALA  
FRED SCHILLER

ALL WERE LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF THE AREA  
AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

BOOTH AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR. WE TOURED WITH AN MDOT REPRESENTATIVE TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF HISTORIC SITES PRIOR TO INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION.

TRAIL TALES, THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY, HAS HAD LOTS OF SUPPORT. ANNE STRATIGOS' CLASS AT MALTBY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OTHERS HAVE HELPED WITH THE FOLDING, ETC. ANNE ALSO DELIVERS COPIES TO THE ADMINISTRATION, BOARD, TEACHERS, ETC. JOHN LINAHAN IS STILL FAITHFULLY DELIVERING EXTRA COPIES TO MANY LOCAL COMMERCIAL ADDRESSES. TRAIL TALES IS ALSO MAILED TO MANY AREA BUSINESSES. THE COOPERATION OF SINGER PRESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE EDITOR IS LATE PROVIDING COPY, IS APPRECIATED. PERSONNEL AT THE POST OFFICE HAVE BEEN HELPING US MEET NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS; LABELING CHANGES HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED. CASS (CODING ACCURACY SUPPORT SYSTEM) CERTIFIED MAILINGS WILL RESULT IN LOWER MAILING EXPENSES.

THE HOME TOWN NEWSPAPERS AND LINDA NEFF'S COMMUNITY PAGE HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE WITH PUBLICIZING SOCIETY INFORMATION. PUBLIC RELATIONS IS AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION. THE SOCIETY IS VERY MUCH IN NEED OF A PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON, WHO CAN ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND MERCHANTS OF THE AREA WERE HANDLED AS WELL AS POSSIBLE. DONATIONS OF MATERIALS FOR THE ARCHIVES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND FINANCIAL AID HAVE BEEN GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. MANY LONG TIME AREA RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN GENEROUS WITH THEIR RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF AN HISTORIC NATURE.

THE APPLICATION FOR AN HISTORIC MARKER FOR THE LYONS SCHOOL IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN SENT AND ALMOST ALL THE EXTERIOR PAINTED BY VOLUNTEERS. A DONATED FURNACE HAS BEEN MOVED IN. JIM VICHICK IS STILL THE PRESERVATIONIST IN CHARGE OF THAT PROJECT.

NEW BOARD MEMBER, JOANN CERU, HAS ACCEPTED THE VICE PRESIDENCY. MARGE WHITE, THE SOCIETY'S DEPENDABLE TREASURER, WOULD LIKE TO BE REPLACED; UNTIL THEN SHE'LL CONTINUE. NANCY FREDENBURG, COVERLET CHAIRPERSON, CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY REQUIRED. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR BOARD MEMBERS CAROLINA DELUCA AND JAIME GREEN TO RESIGN  
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BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

Activities in which I would like to participate:

- ( ) Bake Sale ( ) Help with Spec. events ( ) Newsletter ( ) Research  
 ( ) Board Member ( ) Hospitality ( ) Oral History ( ) Restoration  
 ( ) Fund Raising ( ) Programs ( ) Photography ( ) Video Taping  
 ( ) Genealogy ( ) Membership Committee ( ) Publicity ( ) Other

work I would be willing to do: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$25. Patron \$2. Student (K-12, College)  
 \$25. Business/Professional Brighton Area Historical Society  
 \$12. Couple P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481  
 \$ 7. Individual

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FROM THE BOARD. THEY ARE THANKED FOR THEIR FINE EFFORTS. THE HISTORY BOOK IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH THE COMPETENT GUIDANCE OF CAROL McMACKEN, SHIRLEY KNIGHT, ET AL. DAVE BARTON'S INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME AT MEETINGS.

THE PROFITABLE, LONG TIME RELATIONSHIP, CONNECTED WITH THE SALE OF SOCIETY ITEMS, WITH BOB HERBST AT UBER'S DRUGS HAS COME TO AN END WITH THE STORE'S CLOSING. FRAN FICK, OF NAUGHT 'N NICE AND CLARENCE HINES, AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME OF THE SALES ARTICLES. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BOOK NOOK ARE ALSO SUPPORTIVE.

THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING CONSISTED OF A PANEL; TOM LEITH, MARK McMACKEN, ALICE NEWCOMB AND DR. HARRY DAVIS DISCUSSING AND REMEMBERING BRIGHTON'S RECENT PAST. IN MAY RON WEBB PRESENTED A REENACTMENT OF THE LIFE OF A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER. THE VILLAGE CEMETERY TOUR IN JULY, GUIDED BY ILENE HERBST, WAS AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM. DON AND RICCI BANDKAU GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED A TOUR OF THEIR EARLY BRIGHTON HOME IN SEPTEMBER.

RECOGNITION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TOM AND AUDREY LEITH, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN; JENNIE ANDERSON, ART FAIR CHAIRMAN; SHERYL JAMES, ORAL HISTORY TRANSCRIBER; JULIETTE RILEY, HOME TOUR CHAIRMAN AND THE GRACIOUS HOSTS; DICK AND SHELAGH DAVIS, TILE CHAIRMEN; AND JANICE FIELD WHO IS HELPING WITH THE HISTORY OF SITES ON LOCAL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN THE AREA. THESE ARE ALL TO BE CONSIDERED AMONG THE MOST VALUABLE PEOPLE IN OUR ORGANIZATION.

THE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS IS SATISFYING AND ENCOURAGING TO BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN WHO CONTINUE TO OUTDO THEMSELVES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE SOCIETY. NEW MEMBERS ARE GLADLY WELCOMED. MANY WHO ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVE MANNER PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED HELP BY PAYING PATRON DUES.

1997 PLANS INCLUDE EXPANSION OF THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM; MOVING AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY ARCHIVES; CONTINUED PROGRESS ON THE HISTORY BOOK; EXTENDED LOCAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH; IMPROVED PUBLICITY IN THE LOCAL MEDIA; LYON SCHOOL COMPLETION; NEW FUND RAISING PROJECTS INITIATED IN ADDITION TO THE HOME TOUR AND SPAGHETTI SUPPER; CONTINUED IMPROVED ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS; ELECTION OF A TREASURER AND A LARGER MEMBERSHIP BASE, ESPECIALLY AMONG BUSINESSES AND MERCHANTS AND THE INCREASE OF VOLUNTEERS WITH AN INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR THE SOCIETY'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

SOCIETY TILES CAN BE PURCHASED AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, CLARENCE HINES, PROP., 416 W. MAIN.

COVERLETS (RED, GREEN BLUE) WITH LOCAL HISTORICAL SCENES ARE AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, FRAN FICK, PROP., 412 W. MAIN.

POST CARDS ARE AT THE BOOK NOOK, SHARON STEINHAUBER, PROP., 322 W. MAIN.

SIGNATURES TO BE EMBROIDERED ON THE SIGNATURE QUILT, \$10.00; NEEDLEPOINT KITS OF THE OLD TOWN HALL, \$8.00; 10/14 PICTURES OF THE MILL STREAM DAM; CALL 229-6402.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE APPROPRIATE AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

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FOR THE PAST YEAR REPRINTS OF "HOLIDAY GREETINGS - A BOOK OF POEMS" BY FRED A. BUSH HAVE APPEARED ON THIS PAGE. "BRIGHTON'S VARIOUS INDUSTRIES TOLD IN MERRY RHYMES" WAS A HOLIDAY SOUVENIR OF 1898. TOWN AND JACOBS, PUBLISHERS, ORIGINALLY PRINTED IT AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRIGHTON ARGUS. ONLY A FEW OF THE POEMS REMAIN TO BE REPRINTED IN TRAIL TALES. THIS MONTH'S ARE ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FOR DECEMBER. IN FUTURE ISSUES POEMS EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF LIVING IN THE AREA, BRIGHTON SCHOOLS, ETC., WILL BE PRINTED. (MARIEANNA BAIR, EDITOR. 810/229-6402)

#### ARGUS

IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARGUS  
WHERE THIS WORK WAS DONE  
WE DO ALL KINDS OF JOB WORK  
AND TRY TO PLEASE EACH ONE.  
WE GIVE TO YOU, DEAR READER,  
THIS BRIGHTON SOUVENIR  
AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL KEEP IT  
AND READ IT YEAR BY YEAR.  
AND DON'T FORGET THE ARGUS,  
WHILE SLIDING DOWN LIFE'S HILL,  
REMEMBER YOUR HOME PAPER,  
A DOLLAR PAYS THE BILL.  
WITH THANKS FOR YOUR PAST FAVORS  
SINCE WE'VE BEEN WITH YOU HERE,  
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY, GLAD NEW YEAR.

#### A. MERCHANT

#### CONFECTIONERY

THE CHRISTMAS TIME IS WITH US NOW,  
AND THE NEW YEAR TOO, AS WELL,  
AND FOR IT THEY HAVE PURCHASED  
A VERY FANCY STOCK TO SELL.  
OF THE CHOICEST CONFECTIONERY,  
AND FRUITS AND NUTS SO FINE,  
THAT PEOPLE WHO BEHOLD THEM  
WILL PURCHASE FROM THIS LINE.  
TOBACCO AND CIGARS THEY SELL  
OF THE VERY FINEST MAKE;  
AND IN THE WAY OF CANNED GOODS  
THEY TRY TO TAKE THE CAKE.  
SOFT DRINKS AND STATIONERY,  
AND BAKED GOODS TOO THEY SELL;  
JUST DROP INTO A. MERCHANT'S STORE  
AND THEY WILL USE YOU WELL.

NOT ALL OF THE ACTUAL LOCATIONS OF THE BUSINESSES INCLUDED IN "A BOOK OF POEMS" HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD HELP ESTABLISH THE TRUE SITES WOULD BE WELCOMED. (EDITOR)