



Grand River Trail

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Brighton Area Preservation News

The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton Area.

The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

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EDITORIAL

Too often preservation is equated with Revolutionary/Civil War sites, places where world changing events took place, homes of national leaders, etc.

Of what great historic significance are the ordinary events and people of the Brighton area? Without ordinary people there can be no earth shaping events. This community HAS a history. Its history can be overlooked in the rush into the 21st century. A rush that sometimes runs roughshod over the people who were pioneers, steady, hard working citizens, who strove, and are striving to assure a place for life at a comfortable level. To cover the area with sprawl seems not very conducive to preservation of the reason so many of us want to live here.

Local land use decisions must include a sensitive approach to siting of developments. A large responsibility rests on officials' shoulders.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JAN. 18, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX AT BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY TO HELP WITH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.
 *20, 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES WORK.
 *22, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
 *25, 7:30 P.M. BOOK COMMITTEE MEETS.
 27, 9-NOON. BOARD PLANNING MEETING.
- FEB. 1, 7 P.M. LIV. CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL; "NEWSPAPER RESEARCH."
- MAR. 7, 7 P.M. LCGS, LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL; PUBLISHING.
 31, 9:30-5 P.M. MICHIGAN ANTIQUARIAN BOOK & PAPER SHOW. NEW LANSING CENTER, 333 E. MICHIGAN AVE., LANSING. GENEALOGY & HISTORY BOOK FAIR. 517/332-0112.
- * OLD TOWN HALL UPSTAIRS, 202 W. MAIN.

THE SOCIETY EXTENDS
SINCERE SYMPATHIES
TO THE FAMILIES OF
PENNY LEITH PEARSALL
AND
MARY STEWART MATHIAS

BOTH WERE LIFE LONG RESIDENTS
OF THE BRIGHTON AREA.

PATRON: PAT & MARY FONSECA (AZ) AND JERE & KAY MICHAELS.

COUPLES/INDIV: VINCENT & JENNIE DOA, TIM & KAY FLYN, BILL & HELEN HYNE, DAN & EMMAJEAN SCHMIDT, BUD & JANET SCHOPP, PHILIP & JEANNE SMITH, FLORENCE SULLIVAN. ARLOA WASHBURN.

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER. IF THERE IS NO DATE OR THE DATE IS EARLIER THAN 1995 IT SEEMS PROPER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY BY REMITTING DUES.

AT THE PRESENT TIME SOME OF THE NAMES ON THE ADDRESS LABELS ARE NOT CURRENT IN THEIR DUES. AN ACTIVE, INVOLVED AND PAID UP GROUP IS NEEDED FOR THE SOCIETY TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRAMS. PLEASE DO YOUR PART.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

- ...CHUCK BEACH AND JAIME GREEN WHO HAVE SERVED WELL ON THE SOCIETY BOARD. THEIR RESIGNATIONS WERE ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.
- ...JAIME GREEN FOR THE DONATION OF A SPINNING WHEEL SHE MADE FROM A KIT.
- ...BRIGHTON OFFICE SUPPLY FOR DONATION OF A CASE OF COPY PAPER, A BOX OF MAILING LABELS AND A COPIER CARTRIDGE.
- ...DORIS PETERSEN FOR A PICTURE OF THE CAST OF A MINSTREL SHOW AT THE RIALTO THEATER AND OTHER ARTIFACTS.
- ...NANCY HACKNEY (FL) AND ROSE SMITH FOR CASH DONATIONS.
- ...ALENE ANDERSON (CHARLEVOIX) FOR THE PACKET OF IDENTIFIED PICTURES OF EARLY BRIGHTON AREA RESIDENTS AND SCENES AND BACKGROUND ON THE STURHBERG FAMILY.
- ...LINDA NEFF AND THE BRIGHTON ARGUS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF SOCIETY PROJECTS AND EVENTS.
- ...MALTBY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF ANNE STRATIGOS FOR PREPARING TRAIL TALES FOR MAILING LAST MONTH.
- ...JIM AND PENNY SZCZCHOWSKI FOR STORING THEATER SEATS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
- ...JACKIE FULLER FOR PICTURE OF A ONE ROOM SCHOOL. IDENTIFICATION IS LACKING. CAN YOU HELP? SEE PAGE 3.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: AFTER A BREAK DURING THE HOLIDAYS WORK WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON THE ARCHIVES. SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 9-11 A.M. UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD TOWN HALL. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK: PICTURES, STORIES, ETC., WILL BE INCLUDED. CHAIRMAN CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, AND SHIRLEY KNIGHT WILL BE MEETING JANUARY 25, 7:30 UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD TOWN HALL. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: RESTORATION AT 132 E. GRAND RIVER IS MOVING RAPIDLY FORWARD. STOP IN AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. FUNDS AND DONATIONS IN KIND ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED VIA THE COOPERATION OF THE SOCIETY. THESE ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

ORAL HISTORY: SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY ARE INTERVIEWING LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. THIS IS ANOTHER PROJECT WHERE YOUR HELP IS NECESSARY. PROCEDURAL GUIDES TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW ARE AVAILABLE. CONTACT MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

- ...ROLL OF 500 NON PROFIT RATE POSTAGE STAMPS @ .05¢ OR A DONATION OF \$25.00 FOR THEM. THESE ARE USED ON THE NEWSLETTER. AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF .06¢ (BRIGHTON ADDRESSES) AND .07¢ (OUT OF TOWN ADDRESSES) IS PAID WHEN THE NEWSLETTER IS MAILED.
- ...A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SOCIETY'S ART FAIR BOOTH IN AUGUST.
- ...A PERSON TO SERVE AS TREASURER AND ONE TO SERVE AS V.P. OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1996. THESE ARE IMPORTANT POSITIONS AND NEED TO BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER.



FIANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: BLUE/BEIGE REVERSIBLE COVERLETS WITH SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS, BOOK NOOK OR NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100.

UBER'S ALSO STOCKS EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, AND POST CARDS OF LOCAL SCENES. TILES CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED THERE AND AT SOMEWHERE IN TIME AND THE SOCIETY BANK. THE BOOK NOOK HAS THE POSTCARDS ALSO.

SIGNATURE QUILT: ROOM FOR ONLY 134 MORE NAMES ON THE QUILT AND IT WILL BE FILLED. A CHECK FOR \$10. AND YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE INCLUDED. SOME HAVE INCLUDED ENTIRE FAMILIES. SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE AVAILABLE. THESE SHOULD BE INCLUDED. YOUR DONATION WILL ASSURE THEY'RE NOT LEFT OFF.

TILES: THE 1995 TILE DEPICTING ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHEN IT WAS LOCATED IN GENOA TOWNSHIP, WILL BE AVAILABLE AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. IN 1922 THE CHURCH WAS DISMANTLED AND MOVED TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT THE CORNER OF WEST MAIN AND FOURTH. THE CONGREGATION CELEBRATED ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1995.

SOCIETY ACCEPTS STOCK DONATIONS

AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF SHARES OF STOCK CAN BE MADE TO THE SOCIETY. WHEN THE SHARES ARE TRANSFERRED THE DEDUCTION WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE DONOR.

CONTACT NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100, FOR ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURE.

ALL FUND RAISING PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR SOCIETY PRESERVATION PROJECTS.

PICTURE OF A ONE ROOM SCHOOL DONATED BY JACKIE FULLER.



BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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| () 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
 \$25. Business/Professional
 \$12. Couple
 \$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)
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MORE "HOLIDAY GREETINGS" FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

G.S. BURGESS & Co, GEN'L STORE

WHEN THE CLOTHING YOU WEAR IS RUSTY AND WORN,
OR YOUR OVERCOAT ON A NAIL MAY BE TORN,
AND YOU'RE LOOKING 'ROUND FOR SOMETHING TO BUY,
BURGESS' TAILOR MAKES CLOTHING YOU SURELY SHOULD TRY.
IN FINE UNDERWEAR, IN BOTH COTTON AND WOOL,
FOR LADIES OR GENTS OUR STOCK IS QUITE FULL.
IN GENTS' FURNISHINGS OUR STOCK IS IMMENSE,
IN GLOVES AND MITTENS WE ARE 'STRADDLE THE FENCE,
FOR OUR STOCK IS SO LARGE WE CAN PLEASE ONE AND ALL
IF ONLY ON BURGESS & Co. YOU WILL CALL;
AND THEN IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE GOING AWAY,
IN VALISES AND TELESCOPES WE HAVE A DISPLAY.
IN LADIES FINE DRESS GOODS IN COLORED OR BLACK,
OUR STOCK IS SO LARGE THERE IS NOTHING WE LACK.
IN CAPES AND CLOAKS WE ARE RIGHT IN THE STYLE,
AND CAN GIVE LADIES PRICES TO CAUSE THEM TO SMILE.
IN CORSETS AND GLOVES OF THE LATEST DESIGN,
WE HAVE A LARGE STOCK AND A BEAUTIFUL LINE;
IN HOSIERY TOO, FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD,
WE'VE GOT WHAT YOU NEED TO KEEP OUT THE COLD.
IN CARPETS AND OILCLOTHS OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE,
OUR LINE OF LINOLEUMS IS QUITE HARD TO BEAT;
AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, DON'T HAVE THE BLUES
WHEN LOOKING ABOUT FOR YOUR FAMILY SHOES,
FOR WE HAVE A FINE STOCK AT THE PRICE THAT SUITS,
WHETHER IT'S RUBBERS OR ARCTICS OR SHOES OR BOOTS,
BOOTS AND SHOES FOR THE LADIES, AS WELL AS THE MEN,
AND STILL SMALLER GOODS FOR THE LITTLE CHILDREN;
IN FACT SUCH A STOCK YOU SELDOM WILL SEE
UNLESS IN NEW YORK OR CHICAGO YOU BE,
AND IN LOOKING FOR BARGAINS IT WILL PAY YOU TO GO
AND LOOK AT THE STOCK OF G.S. BURGESS & Co.

L.E. KING, WESTERN HOUSE

IF YOU IN BRIGHTON CHANCE
TO STAY,
AT MORN OR NOON OR CLOSE
OF DAY,
AND WISH TO GET A MEAL
THAT'S FINE,
JUST JOIN THE CROWD AND
FALL IN LINE,
AND TO THE WESTERN HOUSE
YOU'LL CLING,
WITH ITS GENIAL HOST,
LEROY E. KING;
FOR HERE A REPAST CAN BE
FOUND
TO SUIT THE TASTE OF ALL
AROUND;
AND TABLES SPREAD IN SPLEN-
DID STYLE
WILL MAKE THE HUNGRY
TRAVELER SMILE.
A PLEASANT ROOM, AN EASY
BED,
ON WHICH TO REST THE
WEARY HEAD,
ELECTRIC LIGHTS TO READ
OR WRITE;
ALL THESE FEATURES WILL
INVITE
THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER
AND HIS SPOUSE
TO REST AND DINE AT THE
WESTERN HOUSE.

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