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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING PLANNED

A TOUR OF AN 1862, TWO STORY, BRICK, ITALIANATE HOME IN BRIGHTON WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, GENERAL MEETING.

BE AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN, AT 7 P.M. FOR DIRECTIONS TO THIS PRIVATE RESIDENCE. AS WITH ALL SOCIETY MEETINGS, THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 21,22 WILL FOCUS ON MICHIGAN'S RICH MARITIME HISTORY ESPECIALLY CROSS-LAKE FERRY SERVICE. YOU WILL CRUISE LAKE MICHIGAN ON THE SS BADGER WITH A TOUR OF THE SHIP. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE THE HISTORY OF THE FERRIES, LOGGING IN WESTERN MICHIGAN AND PHOTOS IN LOCAL COLLECTIONS. 313/769-1828 FOR INFO. BY 9-13-96.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- SEPT. 5: 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL.
- 6,7,8: 11 A.M./8 P.M. WYANDOTTE HERITAGE DAYS. FLYER AT LIBRARY.
- ** 9: 9 A.M. PAINT AT LYONS SCHOOL.
- 11:5-8 P.M. & SEPT. 24, 1-5 P.M., GENEALOGICAL HELP AT LIBRARY.
- 15: 2:30 P.M. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR TO COBBLESTONE HOME, ANN ARBOR. PH: 810/486-9113, 810/437-0893.
- * 17: 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVES FILING. HELP!
- ** 19: 7 P.M. GENERAL MEETING. PUBLIC WELCOME.
- 19/21: MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL, SEMINAR. P.O. BOX 80953, LANSING, 48908-0953. SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS, TOURS.

- ** 21/22: 122ND ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN.
- * 23: 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING, MEMBERS WELCOME.
- ** 26: 7:30 P.M. BOOK COMMITTEE MEETING. PUBLIC WELCOME.
- **OCT 1: 1 P.M. COMMEMORATION OF 100 YEARS RURAL FREE DELIVERY.
- 5,6: GRAND RAPIDS HOME TOUR. 616/459-8950.
- ** 12: 6 P.M. BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOC. REUNION DINNER.
- ** 19: 10 A.M./4 P.M. BRIGHTON HOME TOUR.
- 22: MULLING OVER MICHIGAN, AN EVENT FOR HISTORY TEACHERS. 810/229-6402.
- **NOV. 4: 7 P.M. 1997 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM PLANNING.

* 202 W. MAIN

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE

PATRON: LILA ROBERTSON (97, CO).

COUPLES/INDIV: JAIME GREEN (97, OKEMOS), JO HYNE (97), JOHN & BEVERLY LA BELLE, SUSAN LANNING (LIVONIA).

MANY, WHO ARE NOT DUES PAYING MEMBERS, RECEIVE TRAIL TALES. IT IS GOOD THAT OTHERS BECOME AWARE OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS GOALS (ENCOURAGING PRESERVATION OF EARLY ARCHITECTURE; RESEARCH OF LOCAL HISTORY; ARCHIVING OF PICTURES, NEWS PAPERS, PRINTED MATERIALS, ETC; COMPILING ORAL HISTORIES OF LONG TIME RESIDENTS; ETC.). ALTHO' MANY HOURS OF VOLUNTEER LABOR ARE WILLINGLY DONATED SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF MEMBERSHIPS IS VITAL. ONE WOULD ASSUME SUCH APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

- ...BERT BAIR, JEANNETTE JOHNSON, AND ROSEMARY ULMER FOR HELP IN PREPARATION OF THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER FOR MAILING.
- ...JENNIE ANDERSON, FRAN HEINIG, LETITIA SMITH, JULIANA ALLRED AND VICTORIA, NIK ANDERSON, MISSY HEINIG, CAROLINE DELUCA AND BROGAN SMITH FOR THE EXCELLENT MANNER IN WHICH THE SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE ART FAIR WAS MANAGED. NOT ONLY ARE MANY AWARE OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND ITS PURPOSES, IT WAS ALSO A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.
- ...CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THEIR COOPERATION RE: THE SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE FAIR.
- ...JULIANA ALLRED FOR TWO DARK GREEN COVERS FOR DISPLAY TABLES AT THE FAIR.
- ...NANCY FREDENBURG FOR ADDING THE 4 DIGIT CODE TO NEWSLETTER ADDRESSES. THIS CAN HELP REDUCE MAILING EXPENSES.
- ...EILEEN AND TOM HERBST FOR HAVING COPIES MADE OF SKETCHES SHE PREPARED, SHOWING MARKER LOCATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION, FOLLOWING THE TOUR OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.
- ...MARGARET SQUIRES FOR DONATION OF AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER FOR SOCIETY USE.

1997 PROGRAM PLANNING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 P.M., THE BOARD WILL MEET TO PLAN MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR 1997. SPEAKERS, TOURS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, LOCAL HISTORY INFORMATION, ARE ALL POSSIBILITIES.

TO ENSURE THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE OF INTEREST TO MANY, BE THERE,, 202 W. MAIN, OR CALL A BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS. DESCRIBE WHAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST.

ARCHIVES: THIS GROUP MEETS 3RD TUESDAY, 1-3 P.M. IF YOU CAN HELP ON ANOTHER DAY CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402.

LYONS SCHOOL, 11455 BUNO RD. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9 A.M. STILL SOME PAINTING TO BE FINISHED: SOME OF THE FRONT AND PART OF THE EAST SIDE, ALSO THE SHUTTERS. BRING A LADDER IF POSSIBLE BUT MOSTLY A GOOD ARM.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, 132 E. GRAND RIVER. ROUGH ELECTRIC AND NEW SERVICE NOW COMPLETE. DRY WALL MATERIALS DONATED AND FINISH WORK DONE ON THE 2ND FLOOR. ALSO AN OAK TRIM PACKAGE WAS DONATED AND ITS INSTALLATION COMPLETED. PAINTING HAS BEGUN. FIRST FLOOR GLASS FRONT AND WOODWORK INSTALLED. MUCH OF THE MATERIALS AND LABOR ARE DONATED BY MEMBERS OF HBA. YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THIS RENOVATION PROJECT.

ORAL HISTORY: EACH WEEK THE LOCAL OBITS NOTE THE PASSING OF ANOTHER LONG TIME RESIDENT AND THEIR TROVE OF KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL HISTORY. MUCH HELP IS NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT. EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. 810/229-6402.

HISTORY BOOK: ALTHO' THIS COMMITTEE DIDN'T MEET DURING THE SUMMER MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY CHRMN, CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957. SEPTEMBER 26, 7:30, THE REGULAR (4TH THURSDAY) SCHEDULE WILL RESUME. SHIRLEY KNIGHT, 215 PIERCE, WILL HOST THE MEETING. STILL NEEDED ARE PICTURES, FAMILY RECORDS OR ALBUMS, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, INFO RE: RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL MERCHANTS, ETC. REQUESTS ARE CONTINUALLY RECEIVED FOR A BOOK OF AREA HISTORY. YOUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE REQUESTS ARE NECESSARY.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

- ...PAINTERS AT LYON SCHOOL SEPT. 9.
- ...BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR 1997.
- ...HOME TOUR HELPERS.
- ...BOX OF ADDRESS LABELS, #5351.
- ...HELP AT THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES.
- ...PERSONS TO CONDUCT ORAL HISTORIES.
- ...CONTRIBUTORS TO THE HISTORY BOOK.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: (BLUE/BEIGE REVERSIBLE) WITH SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON MAY BE PURCHASED AT UBER'S DRUGS, THE BOOK NOOK OR NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100. UBER'S ALSO STOCK EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, POST CARDS OF LOCAL SCENES AND TILES WITH HISTORICAL SCENES OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO CARRIES POST CARDS.

HOME TOUR, OCTOBER 19

TEN HOMEOWNERS HAVE GRACIOUSLY OPENED THEIR HOMES FOR THE SOCIETY TOUR. BRIGHTON CITY AND BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP WILL BE REPRESENTED WITH EXAMPLES OF EARLY HOMES AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN/ARE BEING RESTORED TO A VERY LIVABLE 1996 MODE.

ABOUT 100 GUIDES, GREETERS, ETC., WILL BE NEEDED. CALL TOUR CHAIRMAN, JULLIETTE RILEY, 229-8694 OR MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402, WITH YOUR OFFER OF HELP.

SIGNATURE QUILT: FOR A \$10.00 DONATION YOUR SIGNATURE, THAT OF ANOTHER OR ONE OF AN EARLY RESIDENT CAN BE ADDED TO THIS QUILT; WHICH WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY'S POSSESSION.

ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A POSITION ON THE BOARD FOR A YEAR EITHER AS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR. THE SOCIETY IS ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF A V.P. AND A TREASURER. OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE HOWEVER ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATION. NEED A JOB DESCRIPTION OR HAVE A QUESTIONS? CALL A BOARD MEMBER.

R. F. D. 100TH ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 1, 1996

IN 1896, RURAL MAIL DELIVERY WAS COMMENCED IN THE U.S. DELIVERY BY BUGGY, SLEIGH, OR HORSEBACK, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR RURAL CUSTOMERS TO SEND AND RECEIVE MAIL EACH DAY WITHOUT HAVING TO GO TO THE POST OFFICE.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO A CEREMONY CONDUCTED BY THE BRIGHTON POST OFFICE OCTOBER 1, AT 1 P.M.

ART SCHUMAN, BORN 1903, THE STATE'S OLDEST LIVING MAIL CARRIER, WILL BE HONORED. ART IS ALSO REMEMBERED AS THE OWNER OF THE GAMBLE STORE AT 434 W. MAIN, DURING THE 1950s. SEVERAL OTHER RETIRED MAIL CARRIERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED.

WATCH THE LOCAL PRESS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANS REUNION DINNER

RENEWAL OF FRIENDSHIPS, ENTERTAINMENT AND A FINE DINNER ARE IN THE WORKS FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION DINNER, OCTOBER 12, 6 P.M., THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 7878 BRIGHTON ROAD.

RESERVATIONS, \$15. EACH, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 1163, BRIGHTON 48116-1163, BY OCTOBER 1.

LIMITED SPACE REQUIRES A 1ST COME, 1ST SERVED POLICY. SPREAD THE WORD TO OTHER ALUMNI. ANNUAL DUES OF \$10. CAN BE INCLUDED.

THE ALUMNI ROOM WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR VISIT. TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR CLASS PICTURE AND ANNUAL.

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

 \$12. Couple Brighton Area Historical Society

 \$ 7. Individual P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

F.H. MILLER & SON

COME ALL YE JOLLY PEOPLE, AND LISTEN TO MY LAY,
I'LL NOT DETAIN YOU LONG WITH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
I ONLY WISH TO MENTION IN A POETIC STYLE,
A PLACE TO DO YOUR TRADING AND SAVE YOUR CASH AWHILE.
MR. F. H. MILLER, AND FRED, WHO IS HIS SON,
ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOU AND WELCOME EVERYONE.
THEIR STOCK IT IS A DANDY, AND ALL SO FRESH AND NEW,
FROM FLOOR UP TO THE CEILING, IT STANDS BEFORE YOUR VIEW.
FOR HERE'S A STOCK OF GROCERIES, FRESH AND UNSURPASSED,
AND CHOICE CONFECTIONERY THAT CANNOT BE OUTCLASSED.
AND DRY GOODS OF THE BEST AND VERY FINEST TEXTURE,
ALL OFFERED YOU AT BARGAINS AWAY BEYOND CONJECTURE;
HERE, TOO, ARE LAMPS IN MANY PATTERNS AND DESIGNS,
AND CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE IN DECORATED LINES,
AND FANCY CHINA DISHES FOR BRIDES OF RECENT DATE,
FROM THE DAINTY CUP AND SAUCER TO THE PRETTY CHINA PLATE.
HERE'S UNDERWEAR IN SIZES TO SATISFY YOU ALL,
THE FAT MAN OR THE LEAN, THE SHORT MAN OR THE TALL.
THEN IN THE WAY OF CANNED GOODS, THIS FIRM TRIES TO EXCEL,
AND IF YOU WILL BUT TRY THEM, THEY WILL PLEASE YOU WELL.
FRESH FRUITS LIKEWISE IN SEASON, BANANAS, LEMONS, DATES,
ARE SOLD TO ALL THEIR PATRONS AT LOWEST LIVING RATES.
BAKED GOODS FORM QUITE A FEATURE AND THE ONE THAT SEEMS TO TAKE,
AND FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST THEY ARE QUITE WIDE AWAKE.
IN COOKIES, CAKES, ETC., THEY HAVE A LINE COMPLETE,
THAT IS SURE TO SATISFY YOU WHO LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT.
IN FACT, I'M SAFE IN SAYING, BEFORE I CLOSE MY SONG,
JUST GET AMONG THE PEOPLE AND FOLLOW THEM ALONG,
AND WHEN YOU'VE DONE YOUR TRADING, IT WILL BE WELL DONE.
I'VE TOLD YOU OF SOME FEATURES, BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE,
YOU CAN GET JUST WHAT YOU'RE AFTER
AT MILLER'S CORNER STORE.

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