

# Brighton Area Historical Society Newsletter

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## WHAT IS AN HISTORIC COMMISSION, ITS GOALS AND PURPOSE?

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Citizens of a city, township, etc., can request the appointment of local residents to an historic commission to preserve the heritage of the community.

Brighton City, Brighton, Genoa and Hamburg Townships' residents (Green Oak Township has an Historic Commission) must approach their governments with their petition for the appointing of an Historic Commission, if they don't want to lose the visual connections that link people to their historic city/rural landscape. If we allow others to make these kinds of decisions for us, we deserve what we get.

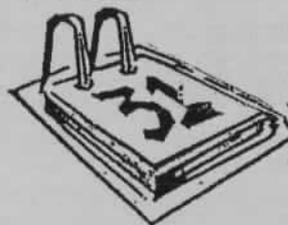
The historic commission safeguards a community's heritage; stabilizes and improves property values; fosters civic beauty; strengthens the local economy; promotes the use of historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the local citizenry and others; and preserves historic landmarks.

The commission members will foster historic preservation; provide for establishment of historic sites and structures and provide for maintenance of publicly owned historic sites and structures. The historic commission derives its identity from the municipality.

The commission may begin by studying relationships of zoning and preservation; compiling a map showing boundaries of historic districts (or potential historic districts), landmarks, and the zoning districts involved. It will make recommendations to the municipality regarding the historical significance of buildings, structures, sites, features, objects, etc.

Numerous unique residential and commercial buildings have been lost by neglect, and/or government decree, i.e. unrestricted development. A low- to middle-income family must drive a mile or more to shop for groceries, clothing, household needs, etc. Will developers and big business be allowed to finish off local history once and for all?

If residents don't step forward – that's what will happen.



### **Dates to Remember**

June

- |          |           |                                                              |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:       | 8 - noon  | Society booth at Farmers' Market                             |
| *10:     | 1-4 P.M.  | Open House . Quilt Show.                                     |
| *21, 28: | 9-noon.   | Archives filing. You are needed.<br>810/229-6402 to confirm. |
| *25:     | 6:30 p.m. | Society Board meets. Welcome.                                |

**\*Lyon School, 11455 Buno Rd., Brighton Twp.  
A Michigan Registered Historic Site**

## MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: Jerry & Lisa Cave.

COUPLES/INDIV: Charles & Janice Beach, \*Sandra Everett, \*Phil & Peggy Gage (S. St. Marie), Charles & Stephanie Koehn, Rudy & Doreen Meffert, Ruth Munzel (S. Lyon), \*Iva Luie Pettit (Whitmer Lk.), Joyce Terry (Hmburg.).

\*Welcome to new members Sandra, Phil & Peggy and Iva. Thanks to those who have renewed their membership.

Many are grateful for the research resources available through the Society. To fulfill its mission, financial assistance is necessary. This can be accomplished via dues and donations. Each project undertaken (archives, Lyon School, flag pole, photography, the barn, etc.) cannot be achieved by volunteerism alone. MONEY makes the difference between a project progressing or not. Administration expenses (newsletter, insurance, utilities, repairs, etc.) must be paid. Your donation and/or membership make the difference.

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### THANKS THANKS THANKS

..... Ida Bair, Judy Coebly, John & Janice Field, Sue Skwarski for help with mailing the May the newsletter.

..... Jerry & Lisa Cave for their donation with their dues.

..... Mindy Kinsey, Virginia Miller and Sue Walters-Steinacker for hosting the May Open House at the Lyon School.

..... Sue Garcia for help with the newsletter and in the archives.

..... Lucille Weaire for the booth at the Farmers' Market, June 9.

### NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

..... Donations to the flagpole fund and the insurance bill.

..... People willing to help give direction to the Society's programs by serving on the board or as a committee chair. Having only seven on the board limits the Society's effectiveness.

..... Someone to deliver extra copies of Trail Tales to local businesses outside of town. To promote the Society and its mission, about 20 sites receive these extra copies.

Contact a board member to give a hand.

## PRESERVATION / RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: Filing and organizing continues. The 1967 Brighton Centennial scrapbook is being copied for easier research and your viewing. All the events of that week in August, 1967, photos of the many groups participating, local histories, local businesses involved, contests, etc., are included. Work in the archives is scheduled for Thursdays in the a.m. Your help is needed. See the schedule for June on page 1.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: Many notebooks hold the histories of Brighton's commercial history. Additions are continually made.

HISTORY BOOK: Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River, has this fine 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'From Settlement to City - Brighton, MI - 1832-1945'.

LYON SCHOOL: A fine day made the Mothers' Day open house especially enjoyable. Another open house is planned for June 10, 1-4. Casual Quilters and Chicken Parts Quilt Guild will display approximately 50 quilts: past to modern types.

The board is developing final plans for the small barn to be erected on the site to promote learning about early agricultural practices.

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### CHARLENE HUGET RETIRES

Best wishes on her retirement from the Brighton District Library to Charlene Huget. She was instrumental in encouraging support from the library board during the period when the Society had to move from the Old Town Hall in Brighton until the Society was able to move into the restored Lyon School.

### JUNE 9, FARMERS' MARKET

Lucille Weaire will host the Society booth at the Farmers' Market, 8-noon. The history book, coverlets, pillows, T-shirts, etc., etc., will be available.

### 2007 BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Advance Craft Home Builders; \*\*Lawrence Autobody; \*\*Patrick Financial Group, LLS; \*\*Promess, Inc. You are encouraged to patronize these local, independent sustainers of the Society.

\*\* Life Member

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY      MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM**

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( ) \$500.00 Life      ( ) \$25.00 Couple      ( ) \$50.00 Bus/Professional  
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**Friend of Lyon School:** ( ) \$10.00    ( ) \$20.00    ( ) \$25.00    ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation to Society Project Needs :** ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The Society is a 501(c)3 Income Tax Deductible Organization**

**\$\$\$ FUND RAISING PROJECTS \$\$\$**

**BOOK:** 'From Settlement to City – Brighton MI 1832-1945' by Carol McMacken, Brighton's own history. Almost 500 pages, over 300 pictures. Members, \$60.00, non-members \$65.00, plus shipping. Second edition.

**TILES:** 6" sq. ceramic tiles, black/white. 13 local scenes. \$8, 3 for \$21.

**LYON SCHOOL T-SHIRTS:** S / XL - \$12.

**TOWNSHIP PLAT MAPS:** \$1.00 – 1875 maps of Brighton, Conway, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Iosco, Howell and Oceola. 1915 city maps of Brighton and Howell.

**NOTE PAPER:** \$2.50/pkg. **TOTE BAG:** \$15.00  
**PEWTER PLATE:** \$35. All designed with the Old Town Hall and millpond.

**WOVEN AFGHAN:** \$49 – red, green, blue with nine local sites. Washable.

**TAPESTRY PILLOW:** \$14 – shows Pere Marquette depot and engine, ca. 1910.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** \$10 – Your signature, or another's, to be embroidered on the quilt to remain in Society archives.

**2004 CALENDAR:** \$4 with local scenes.

For more information, call 810/229-6402

**WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**June 16: 11 a.m.** – The sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will dedicate an historic marker at the site of the George W. Lee home, 404 S. Walnut, Howell. Lee was serving as Marion Township's postmaster by 1837. By 1861 he was appointed Chief Quartermaster of Michigan during the Civil War, in charge of equipping and transporting all Michigan troops. Public is welcome.

**June 7, 8, 9: 9-3 p.m.** – The Green Oak Township Historical Society will hold its annual garage sale at 9185 Silverside Dr. (at Silver Lake). Funds will be raised for the restoration of the 1856 Town Hall and Society Projects. 248/437-8461 or 248/939-2901 for information and/or to help.

**June 21:** .Opening of 'From Sea to Shining Sea – 200 Years of American Coast Survey' exhibit at Hamburg History Museum, 7225 Stone St. 810/986-0190.

**June 23, 24: 11-4 p.m.** – Log Cabin Day at Waterloo Area Historical Society; with blacksmith, woodcarvers, Civil War Encampments, etc. 517/596-2254.

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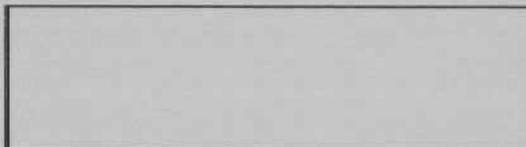
**BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

..... will host graduates of 1957 at Eastern Michigan University **June 8**. Those attending will receive a golden diploma to commemorate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These diplomas will be received at the same ceremony as the 2007 graduates.

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### THE GALLOWAYS OF HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

Thomas Galloway, b. 1779, and wife Elizabeth, b. 1781, came from New York in 1833 with sons and daughters: George b. 1807, Eliza b. 1814, John T. b. 1818 and Fanny b. 1823. The family was among the earliest to come to Michigan, while it was yet Michigan Territory. Probably traveling on the Erie Canal to Buffalo, taking a steamer to Detroit, they then made their way along the Sauk Trail to Washtenaw County. From there, they settled in Green Oak and Hamburg Townships, purchasing land – some of it sight unseen. Settlers with sufficient funds purchased as much land as possible. The Galloways were no exception. Early records note a number of land transactions during the first 20 years they were here.

Upon arrival, George recorded 80 acres in Section 31 of Green Oak Township, October 1833. This is on the north side of Nine Mile (M-36). By July 1834, another 80 acres were purchased in Hamburg Township, Section 15. Two years later, 40 additional acres were added. Chilson Road makes a diagonal cut through the northeast portion, which includes the west end of Pleasant Lake (Winans Lake). The Lakeland Golf and Country Club is situated across from the lake.

When George, wife Susan, and baby Sarah arrived in Hamburg Township, they were sheltered by other earlier settlers. Jesse Hall was especially noted for his hospitality, sometimes hosting two or three families until their own homes could be built. Land was cleared to grow wheat, corn and a garden. However, 1833-36 were very dry years. Only rye survived, which meant a meager diet with little variety.

Within ten years, five more children were born to George and Susan, several of whom married neighboring sons and daughters who were also early settlers: Olsaver, Winans, Richardson.

Following the nation's centennial, many memories were written. George's son-in-law, Edwin B. Winans, included the following: "At that time (c. 1850) George Galloway held a prominent position in the town, socially, politically, and in enterprise and wealth. An early settler, he soon became somewhat of a leader in public affairs. He was treasurer of the township for eleven successive years, and he was known far and wide for his open-handed hospitality. His judgment was relied upon, and his advice and opinion valued by his neighbors and townsmen, and none stood better or had a fairer prospect of success in life than George Galloway; but he died in the prime of life, suddenly, with the cholera, in the year 1854, while on a business trip to New York. He left a wife and six children, all now living."

A number of Galloways are buried in Hamburg Cemetery. George, Susan, their children Elizabeth, Stephen, Julia, Mary and Rosemond, in addition to his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth are interred there. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from 1880 History of Livingston County; census records; James Taylor's transcription of Hamburg Cemetery; Early Land Owners and Settlers and Obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau. Corrections/additions requested. 810/229-6402.)