



Brighton Area Historical Society 2020 Board

We Need Your Support in 2020!

The Brighton Area Historical Society has a mission of preserving and sharing information of the Brighton area. When you become a member, donate to the Society, or volunteer on a project, you are affirming that this preservation effort is important.

Are you a new retiree? Looking to get involved in a fun group program? The historical society has multiple programming areas that deal with preserving and sharing local history. Local knowledge is not required.

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center located next to the downtown Millpond is where the society has local exhibits of history. Volunteers typically setup and take down displays every 6-8 weeks. Docents are needed several nights a week from 5-8pm. Docents typically use their laptops or read a book during this time while answering questions that visitors may have.

The Old Village Cemetery adjacent to the Millpond is being restored by volunteers of the society. Broken headstones are being repaired and reinstalled during the summer on the 4th Monday of June—October. As we start the 8th year of headstone restoration there have been (160) broken headstones and monuments restored and preserved for the future. Training for new volunteers is learned on the job. Great satisfaction is found in this project.

The 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse has been refurbished to an early 1900s setting. Every Thursday morning volunteers meet to archive, do minor repairs and share local history. The morning concludes with volunteers breaking bread for lunch. Stop by when you have a free Thursday morning. Doors open at 9AM.

Feel free to contact me and see how your talents can help preserve the past!

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CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
NEW Hours Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

CoBACH Display

FREE EXHIBITS

January —February
“Canopy Restaurant”

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR DUES?
See the insert
in this issue**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding
Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

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LIFE: Buckley-Jolley Group, Val & Kathy Jacoby

BUS/PROF: Advance Craft Home Builders., Golfview Painting, Make Believe Manor, LLC, Preview Properties, Tee Bone'z Tavern

SPONSORSHIP: Bob Hill -- 2020 Bronze

Membership Drive continues this month. Please consider renewing your dues or becoming a member.

THANKS:

- Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
- Bob Hill for his 2020 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Val & Kathy Jacoby for their Life/Patron membership in memory of grandparents Jerry & Jennie Jacoby.
- Joanne Bellmard, Jim DeJohn, Sandra Everett, Marlene Fonseca, Patricia Franklin, James Lauridsen, Steven & Rosemarie Matschikowski and Judy Parsons for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.

- Joyce Hubbs for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Richard & Kathy McKinnie, Peggy Van Sickle, Sheryl Vigmostad and Alice Wyland for their donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Jerry & Carole Damon, Seth & Shannon Lemke, Steve & Kate Lowry and Lois Tobias for their donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Paul & Kathy Bair for their donation to the Society in honor of Marieanna Bair.
- Kathy Pearson for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Margo Metzger for her donation to CoBACH Events along with her dues.
- Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Stephanie Popoff, John Rawcliffe and Dave & Karen Rebiger for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, John Rawcliffe, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the December newsletter for mailing.
- To all those who assisted with the Christmas program at Lyon School: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Carole & Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Mary Posuniak, Genal Pratt, Tammy Sexton, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich. Over 100 children from the area participated in the event.
- Vicki Vichich for her wonderful homemade cookies enjoyed by all those who visited Lyon Schoolhouse for the Christmas program.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center: FREE EXHIBITS — (See Page 1 for Hours).

January 6—March 15: “Canopy Restaurant” — Stop by and see cool old photos and information about Brighton’s most famous 20th century eatery located downtown on Grand River.

January 2,9,16,23,30; 9am—11:59am: January 22: 6pm; Archiving will continue every Thursday in 2020 at the Lyon Schoolhouse. Looking for information about your family members? Archivists will share information on hand.

January 22; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan Jerry & Carole Damon — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Val & Kathy Jacoby (FL) — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Ray & Bessie Maltby — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers Douglas & Carole Rearick — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

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Advance Craft Builders (2020) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library ** Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark Eye Center (2019) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2019) — Golfview Painting (2020) Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Autobody ** — Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** Neighbors Magazine (2019) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2019) — Preview Properties (2020) — Promess, Inc.** Refrigeration Research ** — Tee-Bone’z Tavern (2020) — Weld Mold Company (2019)

2020 Sponsorships

Platinum Level: Dan & Anna Oginsky

Bronze Level: Bob Hill

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check One:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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BAHS Leadership 2019

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Lyon School
11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

CoBACH Center
202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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BRIGHTON LAKE

Following the introduction of the automobile, c. 1920, the newly paved two-lane Grand River Road (M-24), enabled many from the Detroit area to make regular weekend visits to the Brighton area.

With many natural lakes — Island, Briggs, Fonda, Crooked Lake, etc., it became the place to spend vacation days. Promotion by local businesses and real estate firms, confirmed that Brighton was the place to visit and consider building a summer place. The multitude of new residents anticipated was encouraging to local merchants and craftsman. The Brighton Argus editor, in 1921 noted the “Need of Houses Growing Acute.”

Ore Creek, on which Orson Quackenbush constructed a dam, 1838, on the south side and perpendicular to Main Street, to power his grain mill, resulted with the mill pond in the middle of town. A bit down stream from the mill, Maynard and Almon Maltby installed a dam, near Third Street, north of Brighton Lake Road to operate a saw mill.

Downstream, Ore Creek flows diagonally through the southeast corner of Genoa Township’s Ore Lake.

D.C. Cooper, a developer, noted in the Brighton Argus November 17, 1926 issue, the profit to be made in the sale of lake front property in the Brighton area.

Cooper also had plans for another lake by building a dam on Ore Creek southwest of Brighton City in Hamburg Township. “... according to the plans now being perfected, it will be the biggest lake proposition in this section of the country... flooding of somewhere between three hundred and four hundred acres of land.” The dam was to be placed at the Campbelltown Mills in Hamburg Township. As occasionally happens — well laid plans...

Charles Howell, a boy scout and troop leader owned c. 420 acres in Section 36 of Genoa Township by 1935. It was his donation of

this property to the Detroit Council of the Boy Scouts in 1937, which brought to fruition a dam on Ore Creek, which formed Brighton Lake. Even tho’ the Great Depression was ongoing, sites were sold for cottages and their building commenced.

The Scouts’ dam occasionally needed repair, and residents down stream on Ore Lake often had concerns about its safety. In 1979, when two logs gave way, it became an absolute necessity to consider an alternative.

Repairs were made to the dam, but the Detroit Council of the Boy Scouts now found themselves at a decision point. The number of boy scouts attending camp was declining. The Detroit Council was supporting two large camps in the Detroit area: the Charles Howell in Brighton and the D-Bar-A in Metamora. It was determined one camp could accommodate all the campers. The estimated cost of rebuilding the Brighton Lake dam was a million dollars or more. Ultimately, it was decided to sell the camp.

In 1986, the Detroit Area Scout Council sold the property, which had grown to over 700 acres, to Bingham Farms based developer, Burton-Katzman (River Place/Abbey Homes) who purchased other adjacent properties and created the Pine Creek Ridge subdivision of luxury home sites. A top priority of Burton-Katzman was the replacement of the deteriorated dam with a fine concrete structure retaining the water of Ore Creek at the base of Brighton Lake. Again the water of Ore Creek had been found to be of great value to area developers.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Society archives; plat maps; “From Settlement to City—Brighton—1983-1945” by Carol McMacken; Frank & Lorraine Bacala; and John Rawcliffe. Additions /corrections requested: 810-229-6402.)