



Main Street Paving 1924

Improved Gateway to Beauty!

Brighton has been blessed to have an inviting, unique downtown with cool shops, great restaurants and the treasured Millpond Park. The new 2023 Streetscape Project will encompass rehabilitation of Main Street and its infrastructure along with the improvements to Millpond Park. Visitors will enjoy new wider more ADA friendly sidewalks for families of all ages. New benches, planters, bike parking and wider crosswalks will present a more accessible shopping area. The current 12 foot wide traffic lanes will be reduced to a more common width found in modern downtowns.

Major below grade infrastructure modernization started mid-January. Century old waterlines are being replaced along with other utilities. New concrete surfaces across the road from sidewalk to sidewalk will be the end result.

Main Street and Grand River Avenue were first paved in 1924. The construction from dirt and wagon roadways to concrete pavement closed down the entire downtown shopping area. Waterlines were installed along Main Street at this time. Resident access to stores was greatly hindered. Remember there were no other stores to shop other than those found in the downtown.

The Streetscape Project will not close downtown to business. Construction will focus initially on east bound Main Street and when infrastructure is in place, the work will switch to west bound Main Street. Traffic will always be flowing in one direction. Stores will always be open.

Completion of this project will fall at a most appropriate holiday — Thanksgiving! **Please support our local downtown merchants as they struggle through this orange barrel season.**

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CoBACH Exhibit:

JAN — FEB
“ADVERTISEMENTS OF
FORMER BRIGHTON
BUSINESSES”

New CoBACH Hours
February through April
Thursday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK
Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2023 unless otherwise noted)

IND/FAMILY: Caren Biermann, Dale Borst, Don Boyer, Joe Collins, Denise Daddino (2024), Jacqueline Damm, Marcia Guetschow, Joanne Harte, Lynnette Hawkins (2024), Tom & Jane Johnson*, Bob & Shirley Knight, John & Ruth LePatourel, Jill Marcusse, Larry & Edie Millen, Frank & Monica Ninteman, Judy Parsons, Ray & Linda Potter, Dave Schoewe, Scott Selesky, Rick & Tietze Smith, Sheryl Vigmostad, Shirley Warren, Robert Wilkinson, Sandra Willhide, Mary Lou Winegar, John & Anne Zemke

PATRON: James & Carole Bruhn, Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Rudy & Doreen Meffert

LIFE: Steve Black, Frank & Jo Del Vero, Dave & Jacque Fuller

BUS/PROF: Serra-Honda-Mazda Brighton, Tee-Bone'z Tavern

SPONSORSHIPS: **Bronze:** Carolina DeLuca

Welcome to new Members*: Tom & Jane Johnson

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2023 and beyond.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Carolina DeLuca for her 2023 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Don Boyer, Jill Marcusse and Sheryl Vigmostad for their donation to CoBACH Events along with their dues.
- Jacqueline Damm, Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Ray & Linda Potter for their donation to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Dave Schoewe and Judy Parsons for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Caren Biermann, Joanne Harte, Judy Parsons for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Bob & Shirley Knight for their donation to the Society along with their dues.
- Rick & Tietze Smith for their donation to Old Village Cemetery and the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- January volunteers that staff CoBACH: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- The Thursday morning Lyon Schoolhouse volunteers that keep the schoolhouse and archive room organized: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless and Jim Vichich.
- Dave Doss for his flea market finds of Brighton related photos and paper items that are donated to the BAHS.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation: **February through April Thursday, Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm. Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to Streetscape Project.**

CURRENT EXHIBIT: January—February: "Advertisements of Former Brighton Businesses"

March—April Exhibit: "Brighton Area Churches"

February 2,9,16,23; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

February 22; Wednesday, 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

March 19; Sunday at Lyon Schoolhouse: Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Board of Directors. Potluck and Fellowship at 1:15pm; Business Meeting at 2pm.

April 28—May 6; CoBACH Center: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser — May be cancelled. It appears the BAHS major annual fundraiser will need to be cancelled for 2023 due to the year-long Streetscape Project. Stay tuned for information.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

Business /Professional Members: (Indicates Life Members)**

Advance Craft Builders (2023) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2022) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** Clark/Tait Eye Center (2022) — Golfview Painting (2022) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2022) Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2022) — Preview Properties (2023) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** Serra Honda Brighton (2023) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2023) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2023 Sponsorships: **Platinum:** Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Bronze: Carolina DeLuca, Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

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"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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).

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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Brighton Area Historical Society
810-250-7276 or James.Vichich@gmail.com

Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins
Vice President Nancy Fredenburg	Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial
Secretary Mindy Kinsey	John Rawcliffe
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	Education Liaison Judith Coebly

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

E-Mail:
info@brightonareahistorical.com

Phone:
(810) 250-7276

US Mail:
Brighton Area Historical Society
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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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“2023 Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship”

We Need Your Help!

Is someone in your family or a friend thinking about becoming a skilled trade person and are looking for a \$2,000 scholarship to help them along that path?

Three years ago, the BAHS established the Larry Lawrence Memorial scholarship. It is awarded yearly to any student that graduated from a Brighton area school in the last five years and is going to a Vocational/Skilled Trade School. We have to date awarded seven scholarships.

New this year, a website has been established using the link below:

larrylawrencescholarship.brightonareahistorical.com

An on-line, simple application for the scholarship is available on this website. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2023.

Paper applications are also available in the counselor’s offices at the following Brighton schools: Brighton High School, The Bridge Alternate High School, Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy and Flextech. In addition, applications can be obtained from Lawrence Autobody located on Grand River in Brighton.

The Brighton Area Historical Society scholarship committee will make its selection by May 15 and notify the awardee by May 30, 2023.



An alternate method would be to use this bar code to access the Larry Lawrence Scholarship website.



Who was Larry Lawrence?

Larry graduated from Brighton High School in 1964. He served with great pride, bravery and courage in the 9th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War from 1966—1967. After returning home to Brighton from his service, his career turned to the automotive industry. He worked at Car Kraft and Cars & Concepts where he was a painter for special projects such as the “Boss 429 Mustang” and the “1977 Indy Pace Car.” Larry opened his own business, Lawrence Autobody in 1977. Lawrence Autobody has for years been the premier body shop in Brighton as identified by the Livingston County People’s Choice Award many years in a row.

Larry was a collector of antiquarian books and an avid reader, particularly of early American and Native American History. He proudly served as Director and Director Emeritus of the Brighton Area Historical Society.

Larry’s passing in 2019 was a great loss to his family, friends and the community he loved.

A huge THANK YOU to Deb Armstrong for the amazing job putting together the Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship website and related QR code.