



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
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AGENDA

August 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tour of the Fern Dell School

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2022 Meeting (Pages 2-4)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nomination of Officers for 2022-2023
2. Discussion of Historic Survey Project and Request for Volunteers-Ken Itle from WJE
3. Discussion of Cemeteries (Pages 5-6)
4. Updates from Historic Preservation Groups
5. Discussion of Upcoming Meetings with Historic Preservation Groups

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. July 21, 2022 and August 7, 2022 Emails from Michael Bortel Regarding National Alliance of Preservation Commissions CAMP (Pages 7-12)
2. August 1, 2022 Edith Farnsworth House Email Regarding New Exhibit Opening August 7th (Pages 13-15)
3. August 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower (Pages 16-19)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Edith Farnsworth House
14520 River Road, Plano, Illinois

6:00 p.m.

June 21, 2022-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan (Arrived at 7:14 p.m.), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) Carolyn Lioce, and Scott Mehaffey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda with an amendment to move the Tour of the Edith Farnsworth House to after the first item of Old Business. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli said the Commission needs to visit historic site in Kendall County on a more frequent basis. Discussion occurred regarding the logistics of having a meeting at locations other than the County Office Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830) and Discussion of Preservation Award for Beverly Casey

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice. The invoice was for the award for the plaque for Beverly Casey and was the same price as the plaque for the Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's residence.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to pay the invoice. The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (1): Shanahan

Mr. Asselmeier said the plaque would be presented at the July 19, 2022, County Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Commissioners discussed other meeting locations. The Kohlhammer Barn, Gaylord House, Dickson-Murst Farm, Plano Railroad Station, Plano Hotel, and the Historic Courthouse were mentioned as possible locations.

The consensus of the Commission was to have meetings at historic locations as frequently as possible.

Mr. Asselmeier will prepare a list of suggested locations. These locations will include organizations/structures that are on the notification list of historic groups in Kendall County and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Preservation. Mr. Asselmeier will also bring the list of plaque locations from the bicentennial.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the July 18, 2022, meeting at the Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego), at 6:00 p.m. If the Kohlhammer Barn is unavailable, the meeting will be in the County Boardroom.

NEW BUSINESS

Tour of the Edith Farnsworth House

Attendees toured the Edith Farnsworth House.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to move the item pertaining to the Certified Local Government Grant to the next item on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

The invitation to bids has been published. Bid closing is June 29, 2022, and bid opening is June 30, 2022. In a perfect world, the grant and contract with the consultant would be approved by the County Board on July 19, 2022.

Member Bernacki left at this time (7:13 p.m.).

Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022 at Fern Dell

Discussion of August 15, 2022, Group Meeting Agenda

The meeting would be at Fern Dell and would include a tour of the school house.

Member Shanahan arrived at this time (7:14 p.m.).

The consensus of the Commission was to have Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) attend and give a presentation on the role of volunteers, the expectations of WJE's services, and WJE's expectations of volunteers. The tour, WJE's presentation, and the roundtable discussion would be the agenda items for the meeting.

Review of Invitee List

Commissioners reviewed the list.

Other Meeting Logistics

Mr. Asselmeier said that the Commissioner had approximately Ninety Dollars (\$90) remaining after paying for the plaque for Beverly Casey. The Commission spent approximately Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$69) for the previous group meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to have more water instead of coffee and to have a variety of cookies. Chairman Wehrli will bring a cooler with ice.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library; the information is copyrighted.

Commissioners discussed the cemetery on the River Road outside of Plano.

Chairman Wehrli will contact the Veterans' Assistance Commission to see if they have a list of gravesites of veterans in Kendall County.

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Code on Main Street Webinar

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 20, 2022 Oswego Historic District Meeting Letter

Commissioners reviewed the letter.

May 27, 2022, June 5, 2022, and June 10, 2022 Edith Farnsworth House Emails

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

Emails Regarding Section 106 Review at Lyon Farm

Commissioners reviewed the emails. Commissioners lamented the late date of receiving this request for review and information. Chairman Wehrli noted that the maps were available from the State; he will review those maps.

PUBLIC COMMENT

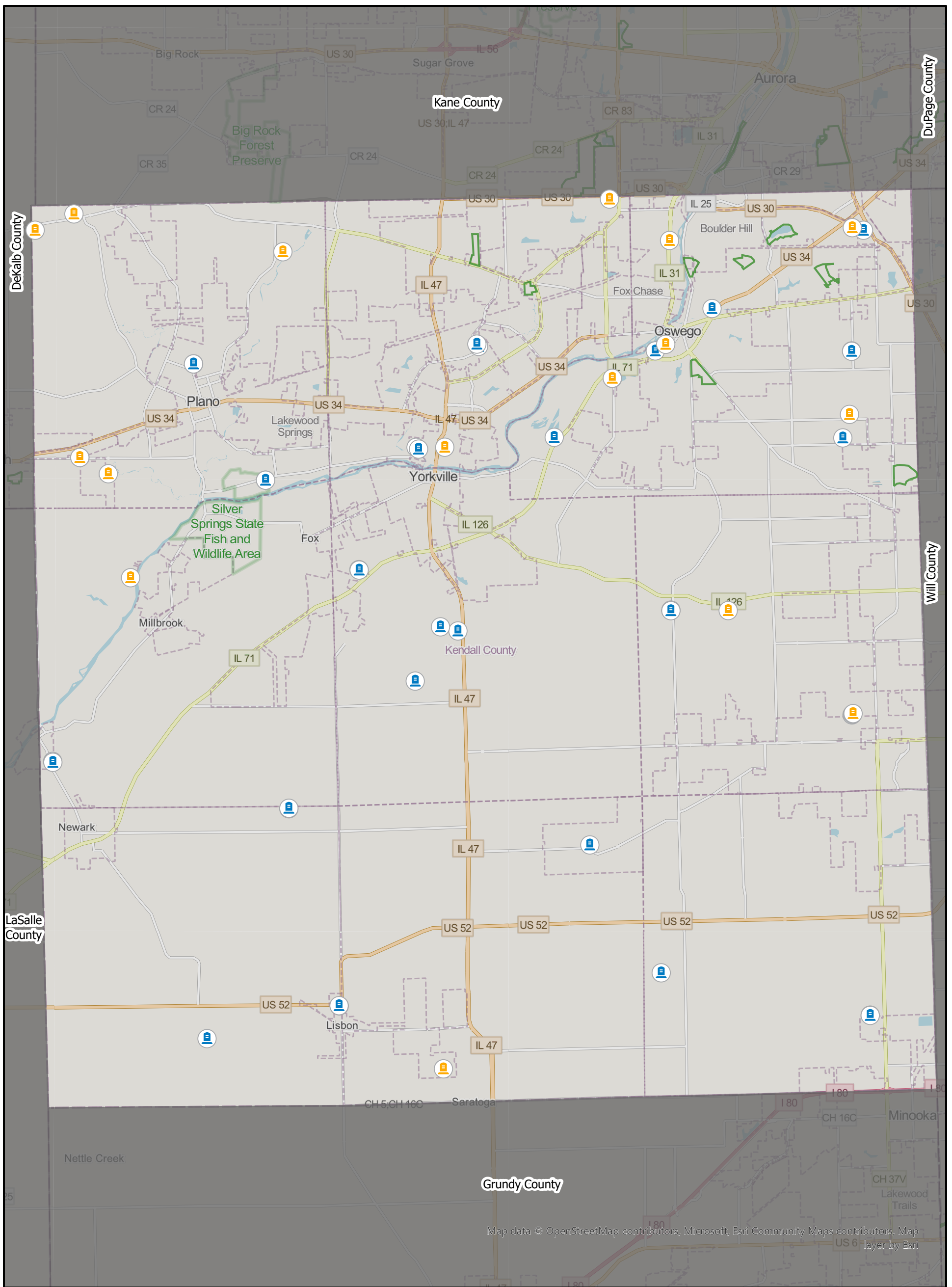
None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner

pin	name	location	town	status	active	notes
02-26-300-006	Cowley Cemetery	SE SW Sec 26	Oswego	1.61 Re-Activat	Y	
02-24-401-003	Doud Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	0.58 Inact, Inat	N	
03-23-201-001	Evegreen Cemetery	NW NE Sec 23	Oswego	1.16 Inact, Inat	N	
03-01-351-001,03-02-400-005	Lincoln Memorial Cemetery	NE SE Sec 2 & NW SW Sec 1	Oswego	73.3 Active sinc	Y	
03-19-228-001	Oswego Cemetery	NW NE Sec 19	Oswego	6.75 Active	Y	
03-17-229-022	Pearce Cemetery	NW NE Sec 19	Oswego	2.2 Active	Y	
03-05-353-005	Wornley Cemetery	SW SW Sec 5	Oswego	0.75 Inact, Inat	N	
02-29-451-008	Elmwood Cemetery	SE SE Sec 29	Bristol	22.3 Active sinc	Y	
02-01-200-001	Keck Memorial Cemetery: 1841-1936	NW NE Sec 1	Bristol	1.13 Burials from	Y	
02-16-476-003	Oak Grove Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	4.76 Active	Y	
02-16-476-005	St Patricks Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	2.28 Active, Not	Y	
01-30-476-008	Hart Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11 Inact, Inat	N	
01-06-100-003	Hubbell Cemetery	SW NW Sec 6	Little rock	13.3 Despoiled	N	
01-06-200-002	Orbit Cemetery	NE NE Sec 6	Little Rock	11.4 Despoiled	N	
01-15-300-003,01-15-300-004,01-15-300-006,01-22-126-001,01-22-126-008	Piano Township Cemetery	SW SW Sec 15 & N1/2 NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4 Active	Y	
06-18-200-003	Aux Sable Grove Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	16.4 Active	Y	
06-26-100-001	Bronk Cemetery	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	4.55 Active	Y	
06-16-100-003	Sullivan Cemetery	W1/2 NE Sec 16	Na-Au-Say	1.5 Abandoned	N	
05-16-300-009	Cross Lutheran Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Na-Au-Say	45.3 Despoiled	N	
05-20-400-001	Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 20	Kendall	16.4 Active	Y	
05-07-176-010	Payllion Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Kendall	2.25 Active	Y	
04-30-335-013,04-31-126-001,04-31-126-002	Millington-Newark Cemetery	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	14.1 Active	Y	
04-08-200-008	Sacred Bluff Cemetery AKA Darnell Cemetery	SE NE Sec 8	Fox	1.47 Abandoned	N	
09-19-400-001	Plattville Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 19	Seward	3.33 Active	Y	
09-26-200-002	Seward Mound	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	3.37 Active	Y	
08-32-200-002	Munger Cemetery	E1/2 NW Sec 32	Lisbon	0.1 Abandoned	N	
08-02-176-001	Plattville Cemetery	SE SE Sec 2	Lisbon	5.11 Active	Y	
07-01-300-003,07-02-200-004	Helmar Lutheran Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1 & NE NE Sec 2	Big Grove	2.99 Active	Y	
07-27-300-002,07-27-300-004	West Lisbon Cemetery	NE SW Sec 27	Big Grove	6.17 Active	Y	
07-24-400-005,07-24-400-018,07-25-228-001	Lisbon Cemetery	SE SE Sec 24 & NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86 Active	Y	
03-26-300-003	Risen Lord Cemetery	SW Sec 26	Oswego	80.3 Active	Y	
01-35-251-001	Griswold Cemetery	SW NE Sec 35	Little Rock	1.09 Active	Y	
05-16-100-016	Cross Lutheran Cemetery	Unknown	Oswego	Active, Inat	Y	Approximate location - inactive before 1870
	Albert Hassel	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE	N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Bingham
	Bingham	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE	N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Albert Hassel.
	Bristol Burying Ground	SE SW Sec 28	Bristol	DE	N	This cemetery no longer exists. The gravestones were moved to Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville.
	Collins Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Oswego	DE	N	
	Griswold Springs Cemetery	SW NE Sec 35	Little Rock	1.09 Active	Y	Also known as Griswold Cemetery.
	Hafenrichter Cemetery	SW SE Sec 14	Oswego	Active	Y	Also known as the Oswego Prairie Cemetery.
	Kohlman Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Kendall	Active	Y	Also known as Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery.
	Long Grove Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Fox	Active	Y	Also known as Payllion Cemetery.
	Millford Graveyard	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	Active	Y	Also known as Millington-Newark Cemetery
	Minhler Road Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	Inactive	N	Also known as Doud Cemetery.
	Nealusy Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active	Y	Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery
	North Lisbon Cemetery	NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86 Active	Y	Also known as Lisbon Cemetery
	North Prairie Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1	Big Grove	Active	Y	Also known as Helmar Lutheran Cemetery
	Piano Cemetery	NE NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4 Active	Y	Also known as Piano Township Cemetery.
	Sandy Bluff Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11 Inactive	N	Also known as Hart Cemetery.
	Sprints Cemetery	SW SW Sec 1	Little Rock	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Howland Cemetery	SW NE Sec 32	Little Rock	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Oswego Cemetery	SW SW Sec 17	Oswego	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Chapman Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	Active	Y	Also known as Seward Mound.
	Union Burying Ground	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active	Y	Also known as Nealusy Cemetery. Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery.

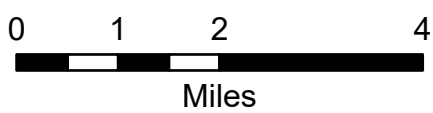


Active

 Yes

 No

Kendall County Cemeteries



Kendall County GIS
 111 West Fox Street - Room 308
 Yorkville, Illinois 60560
 630.553.4212

From: [MICHAEL BORTEL](#)
To: [Matt Asselmeier](#)
Cc: [JONATHAN PROULX](#)
Subject: [External]Re: August 15th Kendall County Historic Preservation Group Meeting Reminder
Date: Friday, July 22, 2022 8:50:31 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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Hi Matt,

I am not sure that Plainfield has much to offer Kendall County Historic preservation organizations since little of Plainfield occupies Kendall County and I do not believe that there are any significant preservation issues in the area of unincorporated Plainfield/Kendall County.

Congratulations on your CLG status and since Plainfield has 2 new planners and likely one or 2 new Commissioners for the HPC, I am thinking about sponsoring a CAMP on historic preservation for Commissioners and staff in 2023. The **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC)** located in Virginia Beach, VA. may be conducting in-person all-day CAMP presentations. Commissioners from Plainfield attended a state preservation meeting some years ago in Evanston and learned so much that we sponsored a CAMP with Will County HPC before the pandemic in Lockport and then one in Plainfield a couple of years later with Plainfield, Will County, Joliet, Oswego & Kankakee - they are excellent and much can be learned by those in attendance - in the past the State Preservation Office has had grants available to help defray the costs for participants/Commissions since the cost at the time was almost \$5,000, so I called this afternoon the **Director of NAPC, Stephanie Paul** to see if they are planning to do this in 20223 and when she returns my call I will know more and would then call Springfield to see if grants might be available...

If you are not familiar with NAPC, P.O. Box 1011, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 - contact Stephanie Paul as she is the current director - 757-802-4141

stephanie@napcommissions.org -

Plainbfield HPC is a member & I am an individual member - if you think Kendall County HPC might be interested in partnering with Plainfield and other local Commissions perhaps, Joliet, Will County, Oswego we should meet and discuss the possibilities once I ascertain if NAPC will sponsor CAMPS & funding is available from Springfield. Let me know

Mike

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 08:21:39 AM CDT, Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

From: [MICHAEL BORTEL](#)
To: [VALERIA TARKA](#); [DANIEL SEGGEBRUCH](#); [JAYNE M. BERNHARD](#); [Matt Asselmeier](#)
Cc: [JONATHAN PROULX](#); [JAKE MELROSE](#); [SUZANNE DERRICK](#)
Subject: [External]Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (CAMP)
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:30:45 PM
Attachments: [HPC - 2017 CAMP PROPOSAL.docx](#)

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Good morning,

Let me introduce myself - I am the Chair of the Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission and I tried to call all of you on Friday afternoon, August 5 to speak to you about the possibility of co-sponsoring a **CAMP** on Historic Preservation in 2023 with Plainfield's Historic Preservation Commission for you, your Commissioners and other staff interested in learning more about historic preservation.

I was able to speak to Jayne Bernhard, the staff person at Joliet and Valeria Tarka, the new staff person at Oswego & introduced myself to both of them & told them that I would be sending out this email to the four area historic preservation Commissions - **Joliet, Kendall County, Oswego & Will County**. I have previously spoken to Matt Asselmeier & attended several meetings with the Kendall County HPC before they became one of Illinois' newest CLG communities & have spoken & worked with the new Chair of the Will County HPC, Dan Seggebruch.

I was appointed to Plainfield's Historic Preservation Commission in the Fall of 2004 after having retired from teaching high school for 34 years. My wife & I built a new house in Plainfield & moved there in 2002. As a teacher, I taught World History, World Geography, U.S. History & World Cultures. I was appointed Vice-Chairperson & was the only retired member of the Commission. Because of my interest in history, my research into local properties became valuable for the Commission & I have continued to pursue that passion & try to educate local residents about preservation & dispel pre-conceived & misinformation about historic preservation when ever & where ever possible. Initially I was a novice when it came to historic preservation however through mentoring by the Commission's former Chair & attending meetings & CAMPs I have become more knowledgeable & passionate about the subject. Since most of my Commissioners have full-time jobs & I am retired, I have considerably more time to do research where needed for the Commission, co-write Landmark nominations & work with our Staff on preservation business.

I attended my first **CAMP** training session at the 2013 all-day Illinois State Convention for preservation in Evanston and in the Spring of 2015, Plainfield & Will County co-sponsored a CAMP at the I & M Canal Office in Lockport on a Saturday morning which is the home of the Will County Historical Society. In 2017, Plainfield, Will County & Joliet sponsored another CAMP in downtown Plainfield at the 1892 Masonic Block Building. We had Commissioners & Staff from those 3 Commissions, plus other

Commissioners from Kankakee, Oswego, Lockport & Kendall County. Both **CAMPs** lasted all day with lunch & were partially paid by a CLG Grant from the State & National Park Service with the remainder paid by the 3 attending Commissions.

I recently spoke to Marie Snyder, the Program Manager for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (**NAPC**) to inquire about the cost of having a **CAMP** next year. The cost for a 2023 face-to-face **CAMP** with 3 presenters from NAPC covering 6 topics (**plus we can choose those topics**) that fits best with the needs of our Commissions would be \$7,000 & a CLG grant in the past covered 70% of the cost or \$4,900 & the remaining \$2,100 would be paid by the 3 Commissions at \$700 each & if we had 4 or 5 commissions attending, that cost would be lower. Camps normally accommodate 30 & extra attendees would pay \$35 each plus the cost of lunch - but we will worry about that later since our previous experiences has been that not all Commissioners/staff are able to attend either during the week or wish to give up a Saturday since most Commissioners work full-time during the week. I do know that in Plainfield we have 2 new Staff & possibly 1 new Commissioner & our Commission was recently been reduced to 7 from 9 & I believe that Oswego also has a Commission of 7, Kendall County has 6, Joliet & Will County each have 9.

Right now I am asking which Commissions might be interested in co-sponsoring with Plainfield to create a CAMP Meeting in 2023? - Send me an email or give me a call on my cell. I have also attached a copy of the 2017 Camp proposal

Three other notes for interested Chairs/Staff -

1. Landmarks Illinois is sponsoring a meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance on Saturday, September 17 in Naperville at 9 - 11 am. The meeting is free & this is an attempt to get this organization back on track. If you are interested you should contact Bonnie McDonald at ***LandmarksIllinois.org*** - ***(bmcDonald@landmarksillinois.org*** - ***312-515-1545)*** & mention that you would like to attend.

2. For those of you who are not familiar with ***NAPC - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions*** & their CAMPs or website, I offer you this.....***NAPC can provide***

additional digital copies of their Alliance Review - NAPC quarterly journal to your Commission members & there are individual memberships as well as memberships for the City or Village Commission; NAPC, P.O.Box 1011, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451 - 757-802-4141; napcommissions.org You can also reach

out to Marie Snyder - marie@napcommission.org - Program Manager & Stephanie Paul - stephanie@napcommissions.org - Program Director - both can be reached at 757-802-4141

3. Also Commission members & Staff may want to join ***The National Trust for Historic Preservation*** - they have a quarterly magazine celebrating preservation &

locally they

have been instrumental in putting the ***Farnsworth House in Plano, IL*** back in order after recent floods few years ago. If you have never visited this historic house, you should!

SavingPlaces.org

Mike Bortel

Chair - Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission



2017 CAMP PROPOSAL

Plainfield, Joliet, Will County Historic Preservation Commissions

Timeline:

We have secured a site to host the 2017 **CAMP** presentation – we will use the second floor of the 1892 Masonic Block Building in Plainfield’s Downtown Historic District which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in September 2013. The building was built by the Masons, who are still the owners – construction was begun in March 1892 and completed in November 1892. The building was recently restored to its original 1892 appearance and was designated a local Village Landmark in October 2014.

For lunch we would like to walk the attendees and **CAMP** personnel over to the recently restored 1899 Opera House and eat in the restaurant that occupies the second floor of the 1899 building along with the 2016 addition that houses the kitchen, bathrooms, elevator and offices

Participants:

The three Historic Preservation Commissions listed above have agreed to sponsor a Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (**CAMP**) for 2017. Each Commission has 9 members plus a staff person to provide logistical support and who acts as a Liaison between the Commission and their local Governmental body to which they provide the necessary expertise in historic preservation. There are a total of 30 possible participants that could ideally be included in the **CAMP** presentation, however it is unlikely that a date for our proposed **CAMP** could possibly accommodate every member. Once the date has been set, the chairs of each Commission can poll their members to ascertain the number of Commissioners that can attend and should we have less than 30 participants, we will reach out to other area local Historic Preservation Commissions and invite their members to fill our quota of 30 participants for this **CAMP**:

Oswego HPC Kendall County HPC Lockport HPC Naperville HPC
Aurora HPC Kane County HPC St. Charles HPC Geneva HPC

In April 2015, the Historic Preservation Commissions of Will County and Plainfield sponsored a **CAMP** in Lockport at the I&M Canal Office which is the home of the Will County Historical Society. Five Commissioners from Plainfield attended that **CAMP** and 3 other Commissioners had attended the **CAMP** program at the State Conference held in Evanston in 2013. Within the past eighteen months, the Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission has added two new Commissioners and has gained a new Staff person who has very limited formal training in Historic Preservation after our previous staff person took a new position in Antioch, Illinois. Our Commissioners who have attended these **CAMP** presentations have learned a great deal and are willing to attend these programs provided they can adjust their schedules; thus we have a need and are hoping to get everyone on board with this Camp. The Joliet HPC is looking for a new planner/secretary and hopefully their new hire might be onboard when we convene this **CAMP** and their current staff person along with their Commissioners would also benefit. The Staff Person for Will County HPC worked with the Plainfield HPC to set up the Spring 2015 conference and when we received the email notifying the CLG Commissions of this **CAMP** opportunity, we agreed to look for a third local sponsor and ask our Commissioners if they might be interested in attending.

Budget:

The 3 sponsoring Commissions will equally share the 30% local share expense of the **CAMP** or \$700 each and each Commission's attending participants will have their meals paid by their respective communities; the cost for each meal would be between \$10 - \$20 each. The probabilities exist that we would need to invite additional Commissioners from neighboring CLG communities to reach our quota of 30 participants since finding that date when all Commissioners would be available on any given Saturday. We would invite Commissioners from those Commissions listed under Participants to give them the opportunity to benefit from this experience and have their Community pay for their individual Commissioner's workshop fee and lunch

CAMP Topics:

Based on a list of programs and topics listed on the website for CAMP, it seems appropriate that the CAMP personnel could cover these topics for our personalized day-long program:

CAMP CORE

1. Building Public Support
2. Standards & Guidelines
3. Hands on Design Review Exercise
4. Procedures & Process Sessions
5. CAMP for Real Estate Professionals

Staff Personnel:

Jonathan Proulx, Plainfield Senior Planner – 815-609-6139 – jproulx@goplainfield.com

Michael J. Schwarz, Joliet Planning Director – 815-724-4041 – mschwarz@jolietcity.org

Janine Wilkosz, Will County Preservation Manager – 815-774-7896 – jwilkosz@willcountylanduse.com

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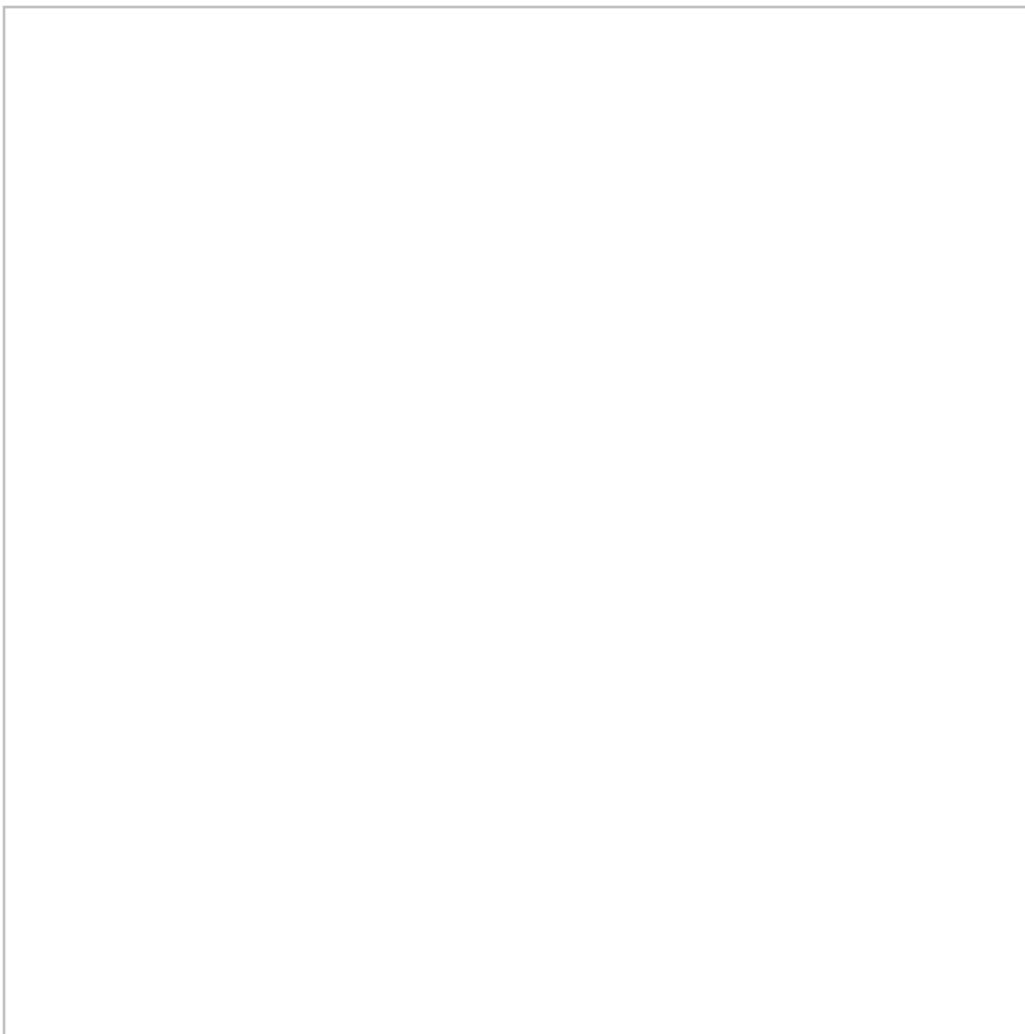
Mike Bortel, Chairman of Plainfield HPC – [REDACTED]

From: [Edith Farnsworth House](#)
To: [Matt Asselmeier](#)
Subject: [External]Edith Farnsworth House New Exhibit Opening August 7
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2022 12:00:42 PM

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Roger Brown and Miesian Metropolitanism Exhibit Opening



New Exhibit Opening August 7

Midcentury art and architecture are too often studied separately. In the case of Roger Brown and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the cultural influences and societal undercurrents acting on these great Chicago Modernists brought their work closer together.

The new exhibit, “Roger Brown & Miesian Metropolitanism” will put their work side by side to provide a fresh perspective on the aesthetic interplay and philosophical crosscurrents that informed the careers of two of the 20th century’s most distinctive creative minds. The exhibit will run August 7-November 27, 2022, at the Edith Farnsworth House.

We invite you to celebrate the opening of this exhibit with us Sunday August 7, 2pm-4pm.

RSVP below or email farnsworth@farnsworthhouse.org if you'd like to attend the opening event. *Please note - if you will be responding on behalf of a group of 10 or more, please email your reply.*

Extend your Roger Brown experience August 11th at 6pm at the Chicago Architecture Center to learn more about this Chicago-based artist and his popularizing of Mies through paintings and designed objects at an engaging and informative panel discussion. Please follow the link below for details and tickets.

<https://www.architecture.org/programs-events/detail/roger-brown-and-miesian-metropolitanism/>

RSVP for the August 7 Opening Event Here

edithfarnsworthhouse.org



Edith Farnsworth House | 14520 River Rd, Plano, IL 60545

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The Bell Tower

The newsletter of the Oswegoland Heritage Association...

August 2022



Roger Matile, editor

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Looking for virtual Oswego history?

To visit the Little White School Museum virtually, go to their web site, www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org, click on "Visit" at the top right, then choose "Gallery to Go." To e-mail us, send your note to info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org. You can also find us on Facebook. And remember: OHA memberships make great gifts for friends and family. ♡

Fred Mitchell honored with OHA's 2022 Mary Cutter Bickford Award



Accepting this year's Mary Cutter Bickford Award for Excellence in Local History on behalf of the late Fred Mitchell from heritage association president Judy Wheeler were his wife, Renie Mitchell, as the couple's children and spouses looked on (L-R) Phil Curtis, Jennifer Curtis, Cathy Hubbard, and Frederick Morgan Mitchell V. Fred Mitchell served on the group's board of directors from 1981 until forced to resign due to health reasons in late 2020.

At the Oswegoland Heritage Association's May 26 Annual Meeting, the association's Board of Directors honored the late Fred Mitchell with the association's highest honor, the Mary Cutter Bickford Award for Excellence in Local History.

Mitchell resigned from the board in December 2020 due to ill health and passed away Jan. 8, 2021. He had served on the board of directors since he was elected to serve his first three-year term of office in May 1981.

The Bickford Award, named for lifelong Oswego resident and local historian, the late Mary Cutter Bickford, is presented to recognize truly outstanding efforts to preserve Oswego area history. Mary Bickford's collec-

tion of hundreds of historic Oswego and Kendall County related photographs, documents, and books and ledgers formed the basis for the Little White School Museum's extensive archival and artifact collections that currently stand at nearly 35,000 items.

Mitchell is the eighth winner of the heritage association's most prestigious award since it was first introduced in 2000, when the late John Lee Hafenrichter was honored. Other previous winners were Ted Clauser, Helen Zamata, Stephanie "Stevie" Todd, Glenn Young, Cathi Mundsinger, and Bob Stekl.

During his board tenure, Mitchell served in a variety of offices. Most recently he was acting as the OHA's fundraising chair. In the 1980s, he'd worked on doing some of the Little White School Museum's original collections catalog-

ing. He also assisted in helping restore the Little White School and he organized and conducted the OHA's popular "Antiques Road Show" fundraisers, among other projects.

Mitchell, a retired chemist, owned Ancient Argosy Antiques with his wife, Lurena "Renie" Mitchell for more than 45 years. They enjoyed living in the stately and historic Gorton-Bartholomew House on Ill. Route 25.

"Over the years, Fred was one of the heritage association's most faithful members," noted heritage association board president Judy Wheeler. "Fred was one of the members we could always count on when projects were ongoing." ♡

Museum collections continue to grow, preserving local history...

Thanks to friends and members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association, the Little White School Museum's collections are continuing to grow on a regular basis.

As of July 20, the museum's collections database contained 35,024 items. That's 2,810 more than were in the museum's database last year at this time.

Since our last newsletter, we received author donations of two books written and recently published by former Oswegoans, *Love Cares: Encouraging Words and Stories from an Alzheimer's Caregiver* by Charles Towne and *Nettles and Roses: A Story of Resilience and Redemption* by Dr. Judith Towne Hankes; four wall calendars, 1932-1935 from the Wheatland-Oswego Insurance Company, Michael Lambert; tin pan and ice cream scoop and blue enamel bowl, Judy Wheeler; OHS yearbooks and miscellaneous Oswego-related booklets, Carol Burke; Tamarack School student newspaper, Phyllis Prisla; a 1940 Tamarack School student newspaper, Phyllis King Prisla; a collection of 19 vintage Oswego postcards, Larry Hageman; a 1924 photo of Zentmyer Motor

Sales, Tom Adkins; an auto mechanic's creeper advertising Verne Killian's Auto Parts Store, Bob Stekl; entries in Oswego American Legion Auxiliary Unit 675's annual Americanism essay contest during the Covid years, Jane Jacobsen; a copy of the Oswego's Kitchen Secrets cookbook from 1951, Marion MacLean Dugan; and minutes of various Oswegoland Park District Board meetings and a copy of the Oswego Woman's Civic Club's *The Way Oswego Cooks* book, Oswego Public Library District. In addition, Glenn Young brought in a series of photos of the student body at the Red Brick School taken between 1909 and 1918 and photos of gay rights activist Velma Young Tate as a child that we scanned for our collections.

In addition, we purchased a 1946 print of a photo of author Marian Johnston Castle, who grew up in NaAuSay Township

Without the help of our donor friends, it would be impossible to protect and preserve Oswegoland's rich history. Thanks to our most recent donors, that history is a little safer now than it was last year at this time. ♡

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New OHA officers elected...

At their regular meeting on Thursday, June 30, in accord with the organization's by-laws, the heritage association's board of directors elected officers for the coming year.

Reelected for another year were President Judy Wheeler, Vice-President Ted Clauser, and Treasurer Jean Woolley Kent.

Mary Church decided to step down as board secretary, although she will remain on the board. Elected to replace her was Tina Beard. Beard has served for several years as the OHA's Program Chair and has also been the presenter at several OHA programs. ♡

August Heritage Notes

Museum announces a busy late summer and autumn programming schedule...

A full slate of programming is scheduled at the Little White School Museum for the balance of the summer as well as this autumn. Programs on tap will be hosted and co-hosted by the Oswegoland Heritage Association (OHA) and Oswegoland Park District (OPD). To pre-register for programs (required for some, optional for others), call the OPD at 630-554-1010 or visit their web page at <https://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/>:

History Happy Hour – The Oswego Drag Raceway, Thursday, Aug. 11 and Thursday, Aug. 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oswego Brewing Company, 61 Main Street, Oswego. Pre-registration is required, \$15 for Oswegoland Park Dis-



trict residents and \$25 for non residents. On your mark...get set...GO!

When the Oswego Drag Raceway opened for its first season in 1956, Oswego residents didn't know quite what to make of it. Within weeks, the strip

drew thousands of visitors from all over the Midwest right through the heart of Oswego at a time when the village's total population was 1,200. Join the Little White School Museum staff at Oswego Brewing Co. at 61 Main Street (the lower level of the old Fire Barn) in historic downtown Oswego to chat about some of the craziest cars and most daring drivers to roar down the quarter-mile dragway. Space is limited and reservations are required by contacting the Oswegoland Park District (see contact information above).

Admission for this event sponsored by the Oswegoland Park District, comes with one beer ticket to enjoy during the lecture.

Felt a Hedgehog, Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-7 p.m.. Pre-registration, \$25, is required. If you've ever wanted to make something by stabbing wool, have we got a program for you! Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place at the Little White School Museum as participants learn how to create an adorable hedgehog with wool. Using needle-felting techniques, she will walk you through the entire process of transforming wool into a figurine. All supplies are included to create together in this in-person workshop sponsored by the Oswegoland Park District.

The Illinois Midland Railway, lecture and book signing, Saturday Sept.

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August Heritage Notes, contd...

10, 1 p.m. Registration at the door, \$5. Did you know northern Illinois is home to "The World's Shortest Railroad"? Built in 1914, the Illinois Midland Railway connected two small towns barely two miles apart: Newark and Millington. Originally planned to be a 120-mile railroad across northern Illinois, financial issues resulted in just 1.962 miles of rickety track being built. That didn't stop the local townspeople and farmers from using the railroad for decades, though. Join the Oswegoland Heritage Association and author Jeff Kehoe as he discusses this amazing story and learn what ultimately happened to the tiny rail line, billed as the world's shortest commercial railroad.

Oswego History Tour – Legacy Farms. Saturday Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pre-registration, \$7, is required. We've seen the barns in town, so now it's time to venture out into the real farmland surrounding Oswego. Join members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association as they lead visits to three area family farms with deep roots in the Oswego community. Learn how generations have cultivated the land and made it their home. This is a bus tour so pre-registration is required as space is limited. Each tour begins and ends at the Little White School Museum and lasts about an hour and a half.

Oswego Heritage Tour – Germans. Sunday, Sept. 25, 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration \$7, is required. Do you "Sprechen sie Deutsch"? Did you know that German settlers developed a lot of Oswegoland? Hop on the bus for our first Heritage Tour and learn about some of our town's most prominent German settlers. We will discuss their careers, real estate empires, community service and their lasting imprint on our town. This bus/walking tour will begin at the Little White Museum and last about an hour. This tour is part of an Eagle Scout project for Alexander Harrison, Troop 889.

Oswego German Heritage Jubilee. Sunday Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. FREE. Come learn and celebrate the Oswegoland community's rich German heritage at this free family fun event. Bring the family to explore German culture and all it means to Oswego's historical roots. Enjoy food, games, music and learn about Oktoberfest and its origins. The Little White School Museum proudly supports this event as part of an Eagle Scout project for Alexander Harrison, Troop 889.

Oswego Cemetery Walk. Thursday Oct. 6, 5 – 9 p.m. (tours start every 20 minutes). Pre-registration is required. Experience local history come to life during our annual Oswego Cemetery Walk. Participants will be guided through the cemetery to visit with "ghosts" of early Oswego residents and pioneers. Pre-registration, \$5, is required as there are multiple start times. Participants should be able to walk for 45 minutes, wear comfortable shoes, and are encouraged to bring a flashlight. An adult must accompany all children. Registration is per person.

Try-It Illinois. Oct. 13, 7 PM. VIRTUAL PROGRAM. Pre-registration, \$5, is required. Interested in discovering your family history but don't know where to start? "Try-It Illinois" is an annual Illinois State Library sponsored event where hundreds of genealogical databases are available free to try. It runs every fall, from Oct. 1 until Nov. 30, giving family historians unprecedented access to genealogy and history sites. Join Oswegoland Heritage Association board member Tina Beaird, an experienced genealogist and professional genealogical librarian, as she walks you through how you can use these online sites to trace your family tree at this virtual event.

School Reunion – Music Department, Sunday Oct. 16, 11-3. FREE. We warmly welcome former students and faculty who participated in Oswego High School and Oswego East High School music programs like band and chorus to join us at the Little White School Museum to reconnect and reminisce as you explore our Back to School museum exhibit. Bring your instruments and your voice for this interactive, fun reunion!

School Reunion – Athletics. Saturday Oct. 23, 11-3. FREE. Calling all former jocks! On Saturday Oct. 23, the Little White School Museum welcomes former students and faculty who participated in Oswego High School and Oswego East High School programs to join us as we reconnect and reminisce about your time in local sports. Bring your letter sweaters and jackets and any memorabilia you have to share with others. This will be a reunion you don't want to miss!

The Music of World War I. Nov. 12, 1 p.m. VIRTUAL. Pre-registration, \$5, is required. World War One has been called the most musical of all wars. This discussion compares/contrasts the British and American experiences of the important year of 1916 through contemporary sheet music-in the case of the U.S., the Punitive Raid on Mexico, reaction to Edith Cavell's shooting, opposition to America's involvement, and the Prepared-

ness Movement/Plattsburg Movement with Britain's Battle of the Somme, the appearance of the tank, and the British Shell Crisis.

FREE Exhibits coming!

Back to School. Aug. 27 through Oct. 24. Did you attend Oswego High School or Oswego East? Want to relive some of your glory days as you step back into the past while learning about the history of schools in our area? This special exhibit focuses on some of the schools that have been in Oswego, starting in 1837, going all the way to present-day. School is back in session this fall at the Little White School Museum! Admission is free.

Remembering our Veterans. Nov. 10 through Nov. 27. Discover the history of Oswego's fighting men and women through an extensive display of rarely seen military artifacts, including items used during the Civil War up to present day military operations, as well as photos, war souvenirs, uniforms, documents, and more. Suitable for all ages. Admission is free.

The Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street (Jackson at Polk), Oswego is open Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Mondays, 4 to 9 p.m. The museum is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information about OHA and park district programming at the museum, check the museum web site at littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org, the museum's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Little-White-School-Museum>. You can also call the museum at 630-554-2999 during regular hours or send an email to Info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org. ♡

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Electronically saving priceless history...

In 2021, the Village of Oswego offered grants funded through a federal Covid-19 program aimed specifically at non-profit organizations. The Oswegoland Heritage Association applied for one of the grants and was awarded \$500.

The OHA Board, on the recommendation of museum director Roger Matile, decided to use the funds to buy a CZUR overhead document scanner with the aim of digitizing the Little White School Museum's priceless collection of historical documents. This spring, museum assistant Emily Dutton began the digitizing process by scanning Vernon Derry's *Thrift Corner Yarns*, newsletters from Aurora Savings and Loan published in the 1960s and 1970s containing a wealth of local history. The second project was digitizing *The Old Rural Schools of Kendall County*, a large comb-bound book by the late Marvin Lawyer that records the history of virtually all the one-room rural schools that once educated Kendall County students.

The scanning process creates searchable PDF documents that allow researchers easy access to the information digitized.

"We're planning to scan many more of our unique documents," said museum director Roger Matile, "to make them available for both the museum's staff and for researchers." 🍷



Little White School Museum Assistant Emily Dutton works creating digital copies of the Thrift Corner Yarns collection with the museum's new CZUR document scanner.

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Gift membership?

The Oswegoland Heritage Association has some exciting plans for the future. Why not take out a membership for a friend or relative who has an interest in Oswego's fascinating history and heritage? Benefits include museum store discounts, three newsletters a year, and more. Just fill out this form and mail.

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