

**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
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AGENDA

August 19, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Chairman), Sarah Herbig, Melissa Maye, and Jeff Wehrli (Vice-Chairman)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2019 Meeting (Pages 2-4)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Jeff Wehrli as Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
2. Approval of Melissa Maye as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
3. Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Comments from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on Proposed Amendments to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance (Page 5)
2. Approval of Authorizing the Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to Notify the Kendall County Board Regarding the Absence of Commissioner Herbig (Pages 6-7)
3. Discussion of 2020 Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations (Pages 8-9)
4. Discussion of Participating in Community Events (Pages 10-12)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. August 2019 Edition of the Bell Tower (Pages 13-14)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting-September 16, 2019

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
Kendall County Office Building
Rooms 209 & 210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
July 15, 2019-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kristine Heiman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kristine Heiman (Chairwoman), Melissa Maye, and Jeff Wehrli (Vice-Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Sarah Herbik

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner and Al Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019, special meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Johnson expressed concerns about mandatory landmarking. He believes that taxing older buildings is an incentive to destroy potential historic structures. The dedication on taxes for historical easements is not honored by the IRS in areas where landmarking is involuntary. He does not believe mandatory landmarking is required for receiving State grants. He thought landmarking devalues a property. He talked about the stone houses along Sandy Bluff Road and the possibility of using volunteers to help repair one (1) of the houses. He suggested that the County Board could offer a tax break for owners of historic buildings with financial difficulties. He asked about the list of historic structures; the list has been created. He suggested doing house walks. Chairwoman Heiman discussed the historic preservation awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of Officers

Member Maye, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Jeff Wehrli to the position of Chairman.

Member Wehrli, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Melissa Maye to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Member Maye, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Elizabeth Flowers to the position of Secretary.

The votes on the nominations will occur at the August meeting.

Approval of Authorizing the Chairwoman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to Send a Letter to Commissioner Herbig Regarding Commissioner Herbig's Interest in Continuing to Serve on the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
Members reviewed the letter.

Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to authorize the Chairwoman to send the letter.

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (3): Heiman, Maye, and Wehrli
Nays (0): None
Abstain (0): None
Absent (2): Flowers and Herbig

The motion carried.

Discussion of 2020 Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations

Discussion occurred regarding previous meetings.

The Little White Schoolhouse was suggested as a possible meeting location. One (1) of the older churches was also suggested. An older commercial building was also suggested as a possible meeting location. Members will consider possible locations. Mr. Asselmeier will bring the map of historic places to the next meeting.

Addressing the misconceptions of mandatory landmarking could be a topic for the meeting. Explaining the benefits of landmarking was also suggested as a topic of discussion. Lisa DiChiera was mentioned as possible speaker. The public should be invited to the meeting.

Members will discuss this topic again in August.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Comments from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on Proposed Amendments to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Asselmeier noted the proposal was sent to the State and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency hopes to have someone in place later this summer to review the proposal.

Update on Website Changes for Historic Preservation Awards

Mr. Asselmeier stated that the pictures from this year's awards ceremony have been placed on the website.

Discussion of Participating in Community Events

Mr. Asselmeier read emails regarding events at Plano Public Library and Farnsworth House.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Plano Library to obtain the date for their event. The consensus was that the Commission should have a presence at this event.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Farnsworth House to see what the Commission's presence at the event would entail.

Discussion occurred regarding the lift at the Farnsworth House.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

Matt Asselmeier

From: Hathaway, Amy <Amy.Hathaway@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: CLG Question

Good morning!

We just got word at the end of last week that Jon Pressley accepted the position and his start date is September 1. (First day will be September 3rd.) We didn't get an official announcement so I was just going to check and see if it was okay for me to send out an email to the CLGs. :)

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Hathaway, Amy <Amy.Hathaway@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: CLG Question

Amy:

Any update on this?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner
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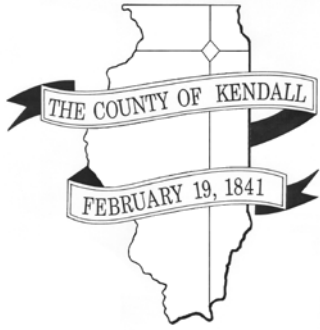
From: Hathaway, Amy [<mailto:Amy.Hathaway@Illinois.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: CLG Question

Hey – meeting was today. Our hope is to have confirmation at the end of the month. So... shoot me an email in the beginning of August!

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:20 AM
To: Hathaway, Amy <Amy.Hathaway@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Scott Koeppel <skoepfel@co.kendall.il.us>; Matthew G. Prochaska <mprochaska@co.kendall.il.us>; Kristine Heiman <KHeiman1@msn.com>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: CLG Question

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner



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August 19, 2019

Chairman Scott Gryder
Kendall County Board
111 W. Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

Dear Chairman Scott Gryder:

At its July 17, 2018, meeting, the Kendall County Board approved the appointment of Sarah Herbik to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission. Her appointment was for a three (3) year term ending in August 2021.

Ms. Herbik last attended a meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation on November 19, 2018. No contact with Ms. Herbik has occurred since the November 2018 meeting, despite several efforts on the part of past Commission Chairwoman Kristine Heiman and Staff of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department to reach Ms. Herbik.

At the July 15, 2019, meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission authorized past Commission Chairwoman Kristine Heiman to send the attached letter certified return receipt. The letter was received by Frank Herbik on July 27, 2019, and, to date, no response has been received.

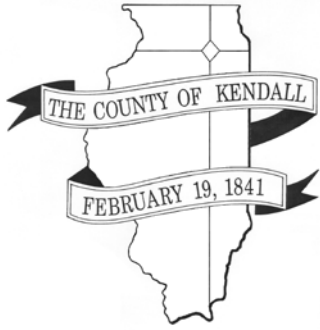
At the August 19, 2019, meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission authorized me to send you this letter informing you of the situation and requesting that Ms. Herbik be removed from the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wehrli, Chairman
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Enc. July 16, 2019 Letter to Sarah Herbik



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July 16, 2019

Sarah Herbig



Dear Sarah,

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission was wondering if you were still interested in continuing to serve on the Commission. You have not attended a meeting since November 2018 and efforts to contact you have been unsuccessful.

Accordingly, we request that you contact Matt Asselmeier at 630-553-4139 or masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us by **August 12, 2019**, with your intentions. If we do not hear from you by that date, the Commission could request that the Kendall County Board remove you from the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

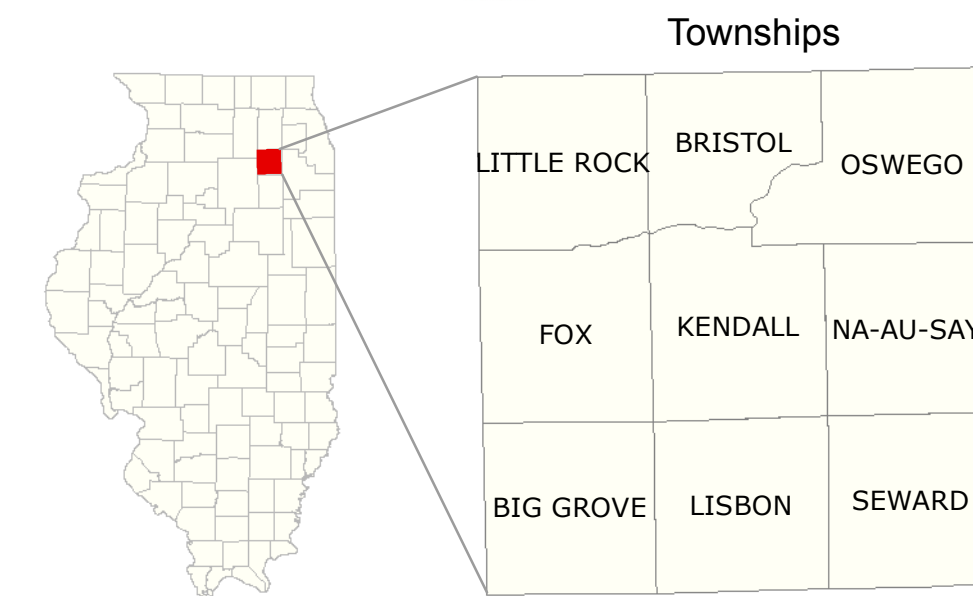
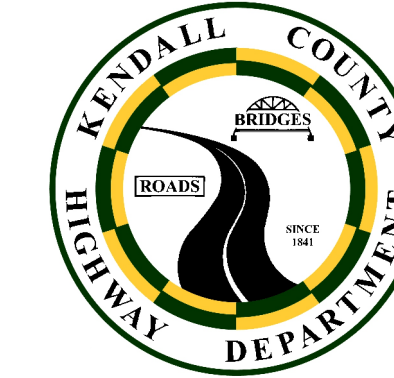
Sincerely,

Kristine Heiman, Chairwoman
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

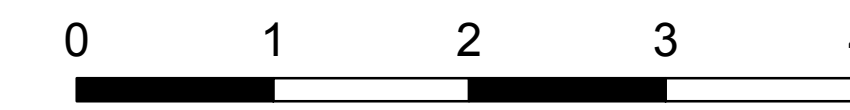
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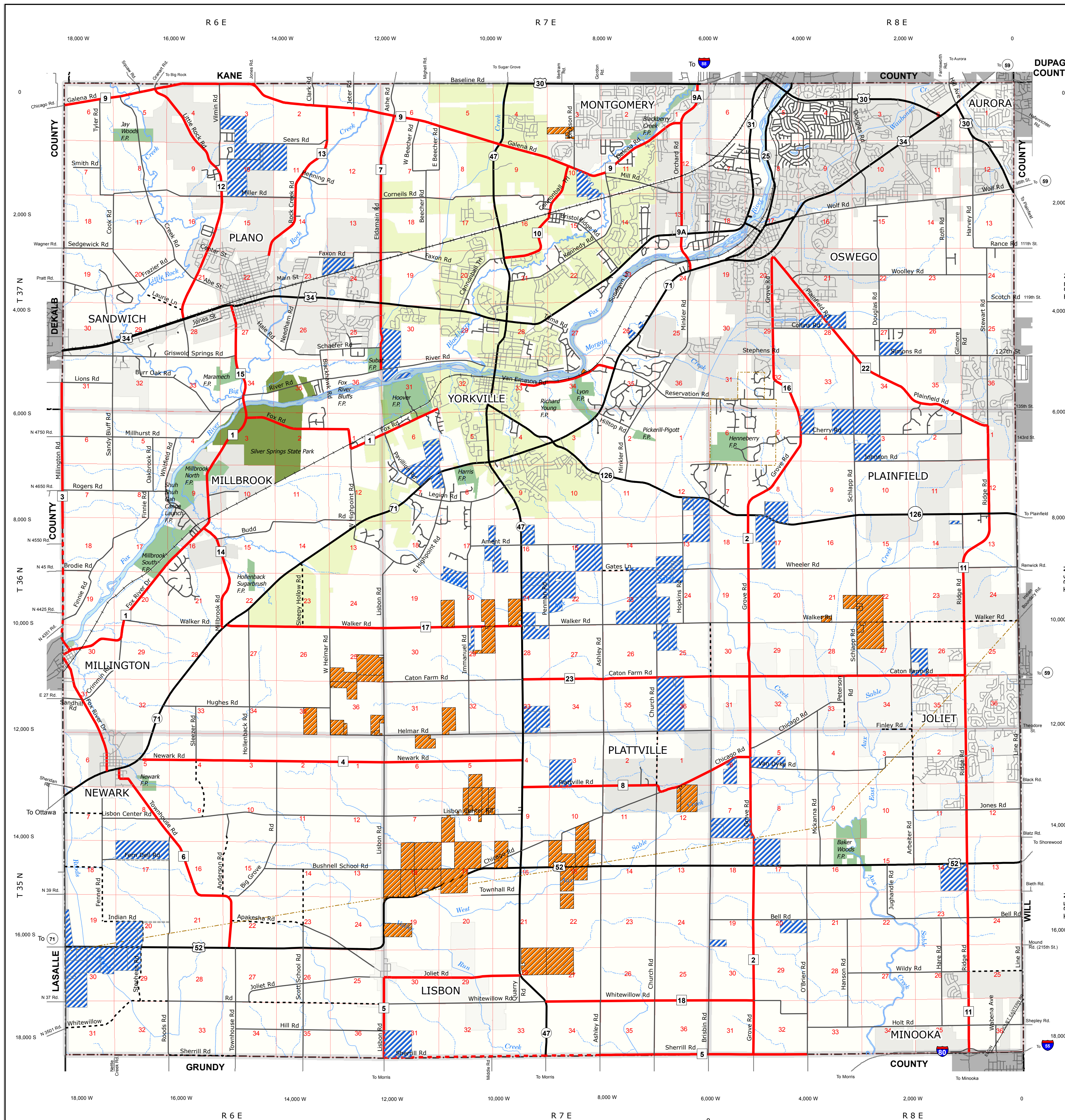
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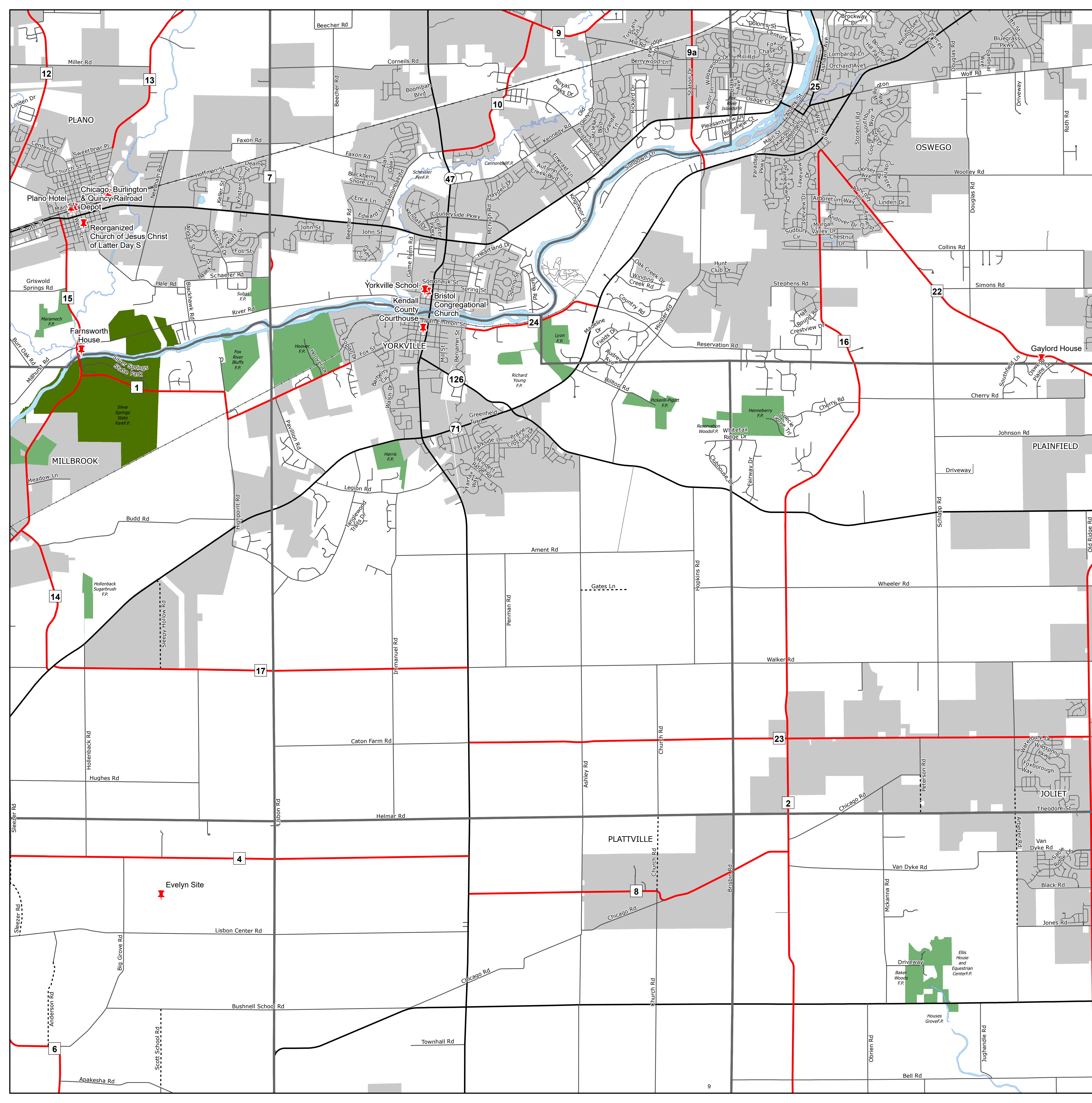
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Valentine, Jeanne <JValentine@planolibrary.info>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Hi Matt,
The date for the program is Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm.
Thanks!
Jeanne Valentine

Jeanne Valentine
Adult Services Manager
Plano Community Library District
Plano, Illinois
630-552-2009

From: Matt Asselmeier [mailto:masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:18 AM
To: Valentine, Jeanne <JValentine@planolibrary.info>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Jeanne:

Has a date been determined for this event?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
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From: Valentine, Jeanne [mailto:JValentine@planolibrary.info]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Subject: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Hello Matt,
I'm glad to hear about this partnership opportunity. I am publishing a little book, hopefully later this month, about the harvester invention and manufacturing history of Plano. I plan to have an event at Plano Community Library in the fall, probably September. This might be a partnership opportunity. Of course I would like to be able to give talks about the book in other venues around the county too.

I will let you know when the book is released and you can tell me if a joint event interests you.
Thanks!

Matt Asselmeier

From: Jennifer Wild-Downing <JWild-Downing@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

If you'd like to do something as simple as setting up a table to share information that would be great. If you'd like to provide an activity that would be terrific, too. We are not asking any registration fees – if that's a concern!

It would be terrific to have the presences of the local historic commission.

Let me know if I can help further.

Best,

Jennifer

Jennifer Downing | Marketing and Events Coordinator | Farnsworth House
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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:19 AM
To: Jennifer Wild-Downing <JWild-Downing@savingplaces.org>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Jennifer:

If the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission wanted a presence at this event, what would this entail?

Thanks,

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From: Jennifer Wild-Downing [<mailto:JWild-Downing@savingplaces.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:06 PM

To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>

Subject: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Good Morning Matt!

I am working on Farnsworth Family Day on Saturday, October 19th. The grounds will be open to families for a flat family rate of \$20. The tickets to do not allow access to the house but it may be viewed from the outside – which seems to be a good way to introduce a glass house to little people! Additionally, the Kendall County Forest Preserve, Sci-Tech, Yorkville Chamber GreenConnect, Plano YMCA, Woody's Pumpkin Farm and Open Space Art Gallery will be on-hand to provide activities for families. I am working on creating a Farnsworth House Scavenger Hunt. Additionally, we're hoping to secure food vendors to offer concessions and to partner with a local scouting group to help guests make s'mores.

The opportunity to learn more about historic properties in Kendall County would be an terrific addition, too if you feel it's a valuable opportunity.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this idea further.

Best,

Jennifer

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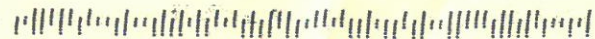
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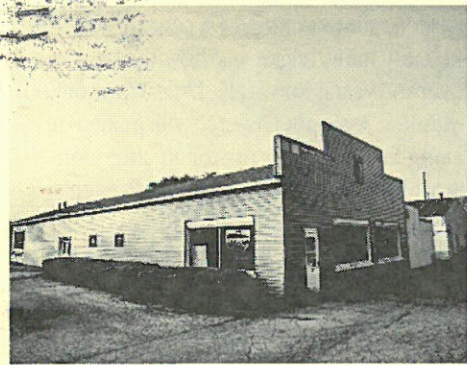
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Oswego, Illinois 60543
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Oswegoland Heritage Association

Photos of Oswego Implement Company building sought



In June, the old Oswego Implement Company (Oswego Industries) building on Washington Street at Route 71 came tumbling down to make room for a new 7-11 mini-mart. The Little White School Museum is seeking photos of the building when it was doing business as the Oswego

Implement Company.

The concrete block structure was begun in January 1940 by Lewis Chrise, who died a few weeks after construction began. It was continued and the business originally operated by his son, John Chrise, who sold Oliver and Allis-Chalmers farm equipment.

If you have any photos of the business, inside or outside shots, or even photos with it appearing in the background, the museum would like either to have them donated, or have them brought to the museum so we can scan them for our collections.

For more information or to donate photos, email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org, or call 630-554-29999.

Clip and mail

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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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The newsletter of the Oswegoland Heritage Association...

August 2019

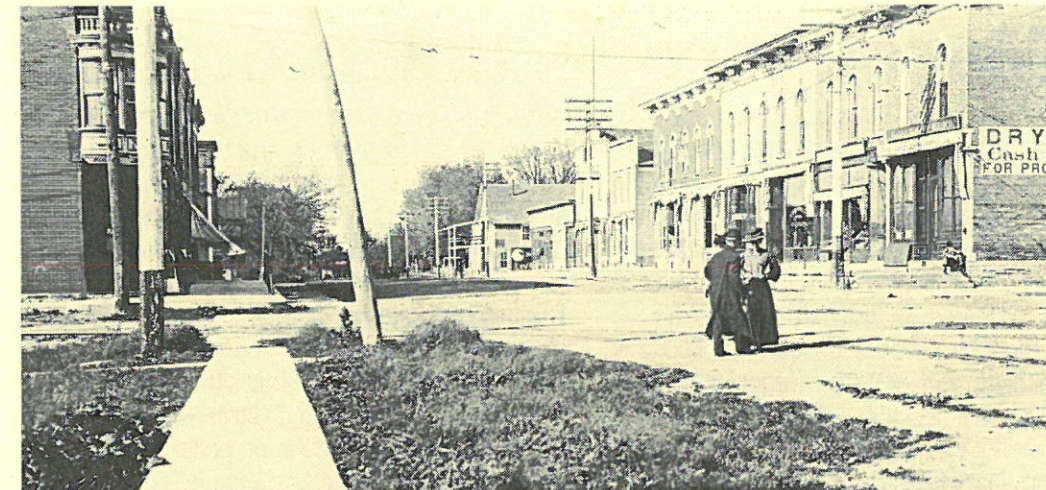


Roger Matile, editor

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"Picturing Oswegoland" opens August 1 at the Little White School



This photo was taken at Main and Washington Street in Oswego at 3:30 p.m. on June 5, 1910 by professional photographer Daniel Bloss for his friend, Pearl Chase, later Pearl Shortman. Bloss was a professional postcard photographer who worked for a number of postcard publishers. The Little White School Museum has 37 of his known photos in its collections.

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You're invited!

Stop in and visit the Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street (Polk at Jackson) in Oswego. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum's archives area is open to researchers Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon; and other times by appointment. For more information, call 630-554-2999 or email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

"Picturing Oswegoland," a special exhibit of historic images selected from the Little White School Museum's collections opened Thursday, Aug. 1 in the museum's Roger Matile Room.

The exhibit will run through Sept. 1, and is available during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

The exhibit's images range from professional portraits to commercial picture postcards to family snapshots, all drawn from the museum's collection of more than 10,000 historic photographic prints and negatives.

The exhibit is being mounted by museum assistant director Bob Stekl with the assistance of museum director Roger Matile and museum staff.

"We have an extensive collection of historical photos of the Oswegoland area in our collections," Matile noted. "While we have several of them available for visitors to enjoy in our core exhibit in the museum gallery, we have thousands more that few ever get a chance to see. Thanks to Bob's special ex-

hibit, the community will be able enjoy many more of them, a number of which have never been on public exhibit before."

Admission to the museum and to the exhibit is free. For more information, call the museum at 630-554-2999, send an email to info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org, or visit their web site at www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

Museum's first special exhibit a rousing success

"Selections from A Fox River Testimony," the Little White School Museum's first major outside special exhibit was a big success.

The exhibit opened with a special reception on Friday evening, April 12, and ran through May 18, filling the museum's Roger Matile Room with dozens of oil paintings of the Fox River Valley by artist Joel Sheesley.

Sheesley spent two years roaming the banks of the Fox River from Dundee to Ottawa painting scenes that depict the river's character as well as the areas along its tribu-

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taries.

The exhibit was presented by the museum in partnership with The Conservation Foundation, the Oswegoland Heritage Association, and the Oswegoland Park District.

Museum assistant director Bob Stekl coordinated mounting the exhibit with the help of museum manager Tina Heidrich.

"We couldn't have asked for a better inaugural exhibit than 'A Fox River Testimony,'" observed museum director Roger Matile. "The missions and goals of the museum and The Conservation Foundation nicely dovetail, and it's always a pleasure partnering with them. This proved a routing success.

"Our goal was to draw visitors to the museum who had never been there before, and the exhibit helped us do just that," Matile concluded. ♡

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Museum collections continue to grow...

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

As of July 20, the museum's collections database contained 29,797 items. Since March 20, items donated to the Little White School Museum's collections included Esther Wollenweber photo, Judy Wheeler; 1943 baby book, Lucia Campbell Oswald; Oswego Lions Club items and a tray, Mary Heap; Volume 1, Number 1 of the Oswego Ledger, Dave Krahn; Oswego Drag Raceway photos, Jerry Wagner; three Oswego High School yearbooks, a Christian Art House plaque, a cookbook, and Oswego photos from Wanda Horton; four

pinback political buttons, Oswego Township book signing photos, and St. Luke's Lutheran Church photos, Roger Matile; an Oswego Days book and miscellaneous brochures, Le Ann Koch; war-related newspapers, Jerry Yuvan; an Oswego Dominick's customer card, Ken Vogus; plans for the 1980 addition to the Oswego Public Library, Oswego Public Library District; local recipe book and Garden Faire advertising magnet, Kit Kimes; collection of Woolley family materials, Bonnie Woolley; miscellaneous Oswego Drag Raceway items, John Curry; three Traugher Junior High and two Oswego High School yearbooks, Jennifer Leonard; Oswego Community Bank men's softball team

uniform, Bob Stekl; Delreen Hafenrichter concert programs, Karen Given; copy of the Abstract of Title for Turtle Rock plus some Brill family photos and other materials, John Brodemus; a 1969 Oswego High School graduation invitation, Mary Church; a Kendall County Bicentennial history book, Nyla Hartman; and 42 boxes of original records from Oswego Township the township had scanned and made electronic copies of.

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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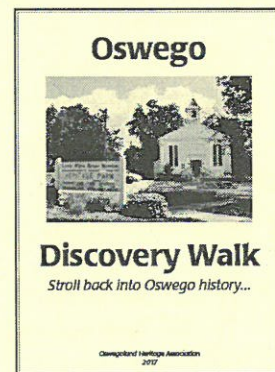
Joining AmazonSmile is a quick, easy way to help support the mission and goals of the OHA. ♡

Stroll through Oswego history...

Cathi Mundsinger, Oswegoland Heritage Association membership chair, reminds members that each member family is entitled to one copy of the *Oswego Discovery Walk* booklet. The self-guided walking tour guides visitors to 21 historic sites on a 1.5 mile stroll from the Little White School Museum along village streets to the Fox River at Hudson Crossing Park and back.

Families can get one free booklet by presenting their membership cards at the museum reception desk. Additional copies of the booklet are also available for sale at \$5 each.

Another free membership premium



this year is a free Little White School Museum stylus-ballpoint pen. Just present your membership card at the museum reception desk. Other membership benefits include three newsletters a year, free admittance to one OHA-sponsored program a year, and a 10% discount on museum store items. The names of Business/Organization members are printed as sponsors in three consecutive *Bell Tower* newsletters. Along with regular benefits, Lifetime Gold members also receive a free copy of the 192-page history, *150 Years Along the Fox*.

For more information, visit the OHA membership page at <https://littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org/give/membership> ♡

Heritage Notes... Fall programming starts Sept. 14 at the Little White School Museum

Oswegoland Heritage Association Program Chair Tina Beaird has announced this year's fall OHA program series. In addition, the Oswegoland Park District will also sponsor and co-sponsor museum programs this fall. Here's a list of upcoming OHA programs:

Unlocking the Secrets of Your Family Tree, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14: Looking to delve into your past but not sure where to start? Oswegoland Heritage Association board member Tina Beaird will help you start tracing your family history using documents and keepsakes you have in your attic and around your house! Pre-registration is recommended, but walk ins the day of the program are welcome. Hosted by the OHA in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District. Fee for this program recommended for those 16 and over is \$5. Call 630-554-2999 for information or to register.

Apple Head Carving, 12:30-3:30 Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6: Have some fun with a yummy and versatile apple at this free family make and take activity. This traditional folk art is a great fall decoration and can be used as a 'spooky' addition to your Halloween fun. Children must attend with an adult. Stop in any time between 12:30-3:30 p.m. to create your apple head. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins the day of the program are welcome. Hosted by the OHA in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District. Call 630-554-2999 to register or for more information.

Turtle Rock – An Oswego Historic Treasure, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12: Turtle Rock, the stone and timber home at the west end of the Oswego Bridge, has been an Oswego landmark for a century and a half. Built as a barn and commercial building, it was remodeled into a private residence and tea room in 1929 using material salvaged from the old Parker gristmill. How did Turtle Rock acquire its name? How is it connected to "The Fox," Oswego's homegrown ecological crusader? For these answers and more, join current owner John Brodemus for an engaging presentation on the history of Turtle Rock. Pre-registration is recommended, but

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Oswego Cemetery Walk, Oswego Township Cemetery, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 (rain date Friday, Oct. 4): During this popular annual event, small groups will be guided through the cemetery to visit with the "ghosts" of early Oswego residents and pioneers at their gravesites. No registration is required. Arrive anytime during the event. Bring a flashlight, wear comfortable shoes, and expect moderate walking. Tours leave every 5-10 minutes during the event. Participants should park on Main Street and use the South Entrance to the cemetery. Presented by the Oswegoland Park District and the OHA. Check www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org and www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org for up to date information. Interested in volunteering? Email Tina Heidrich at cheidrich@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

Remembering Our Veterans, Nov. 1 to Dec. 2, daily during regular museum hours: Discover the history of Oswego's fighting men and women through an extensive display of rarely seen military artifacts selected from the museum's permanent collection, including items used during the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A Wall of Honor will feature photographs of over 200 Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force personnel from the Oswego area and a special exhibit honors those military personnel with direct Oswego connections who were killed in action from the Civil War through Vietnam. Special events include member appreciation, flag retirement and postcards for veterans during the exhibit. All ages are welcome at this free event open daily during regular museum hours. Hosted by the OHA in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District.

Christmas Decorations – Victorian Style, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8: Stop by the Little White School Museum and make holiday decorations to take home and share during this free family make and take holiday craft activity. These Victorian-themed crafts will add a special touch to any celebration. Children must attend with an adult. Pre-registration is recom-

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LEGO Trains in Action, Dec. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday: Toy Trains have always been a favorite of kids young and old. Enjoy an exciting display complete with trains, buildings, vehicles and people this holiday season. All ages are welcome at this free event open daily during regular museum hours. Hosted by the OHA in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District.

The History of Toy Trains, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21: Toy trains have fascinated children for over 100 years. From the live steam trains of the 19th century to modern garden railways of the 21st century, find out how toy trains began and how they evolved over the years. Bob Stekl, Little White School Museum Assistant Director, will guide you along the rails of history for an afternoon journey you won't want to miss. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins the day of the program are welcome. Hosted by the OHA in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District. *NOTE – this program is a companion follow up program to the LEGO Train exhibit. Fee for this program recommended for those 16 and over is \$5. Call 630-554-2999 for information or to register.

Many more fall programs will be hosted by the Oswegoland Park District at the museum; check out our web site at www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org for the latest programming updates. For more information about OHA and park district programming at the Little White School Museum, call the museum at 630-554-2999 or send an email to Info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org. ♡