

Landmarks, Inc.
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LANDMARK NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Landmarks, Inc.

Preserving and Protecting Omaha's Built Environment

2009 PRESERVATION EVENTS

- Thursday, March 12** Landmarks, Inc. - Social
4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Dundee Dell - 5007 Underwood Ave.
- Thursday, April 23** Destination Midtown Tour
4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. 40th Street trolley tour of available midtown property
- Thursday, April 30** Landmarks, Inc.
4:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m. Forward Planning Workshop
- Saturday May 1st & 2** Heritage Nebraska Conference
The Farm And Ranch Museum
Gering, Nebraska
- Saturday, May 9** Spring Tour 2009
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Park Avenue Walking Tour
602 Park Avenue
- Sat. May 9th** Designer Show House
Preview tour of Brandeis Mansion
Call 595.2199 for info.
- Thursday June 4** Landmarks, Inc.
5:30p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting – Joslyn Castle

SPRING TOUR SET FOR MAY 9TH HISTORIC SITES ALONG PARK AVENUE WILL BE FEATURED



"From the Bostwick-Frohardt Collection. Owned by KM3TV and on permanent loan to The Durham Museum, Omaha, Nebraska."

Terrace Court - 1920's

Recognize this distinctive apartment building? If you haven't seen it on Park Avenue you've certainly driven by its twin, located across from Turner Park on Dodge Street. Now vacant, who knows what will become of this wonderfully detailed landmark known as Terrace Court. See the street car rails in the pavement? Park Avenue's street car route made this neighborhood Omaha's most popular apartment district, just minutes from Downtown. A novel idea indeed!

Come Join Landmarks, Inc. on May 9th to see some of Midtown's beloved historic buildings and homes. Through "Destination Midtown," the City of Omaha has planted a new vision for redevelopment in this area. As advocates for historic preservation, Landmarks, Inc. believes that conserving buildings such as Terrace Court play an instrumental role in the success of that redevelopment. Please support us by participating in the tour which will run from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Greek Orthodox located at 604 Park Ave. Up to 10 sites will be open for viewing or interior guided tours. Tickets are \$10 at the door or 2 for \$15. Visit www.omahalandmarks.org for more details about this great opportunity.

MARCH 12TH IS MEMBERSHIP NIGHT!

To express our great appreciation to our loyal membership, the Board of Directors invites all members and friends to a free informal social which will be held at the Dundee Dell on Thursday afternoon, March 12th between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting our newest members, and the chance to reconnect with long time supporters of preservation in Omaha!

Appetizers will be served, along with a cash bar, in the Pine Room of the Dundee Dell, located at 5007 Underwood Avenue in Historic Dundee Omaha. Please RSVP to board@omahalandmarks.org.

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40TH & HAMILTON PLACE GAME

The 40th and Hamilton Focus Team partnered with Omaha by Design to host a Place Game work shop last fall, near the intersection of 40th and Hamilton. The Place Game is a process that starts by going to a public space with a trained facilitator. Once in the space, participants, including residents of the area, begin to understand how the place is used and what it means to those in the area. Since there are many historic homes located in this neighborhood, Landmark's board member Alesha Hauser was one of 23 people in attendance at the 40th and Hamilton Place Game.

The intersection of 40th and Hamilton and the intersection of Hamilton and Military were selected for evaluation through the 40th and Hamilton Place Game. As a whole, participants valued the mature trees, affordable housing, green spaces, friendly neighbors and the diverse architectural styles of the area. The group was concerned with the heavy traffic and the lack of pedestrian friendliness as well as maintenance-related issues that have resulted in an ignored or rugged atmosphere that contributes to safety issues.

After experiencing the space to determine what was important to the group, participants then made short and long-term suggestions to improve the area. Suggestions included the addition of planters and awnings, the upgrading of facades, and the creation of bicycle lanes, given the close proximity of Olympia Cycle. The area has potential upon which a thriving neighborhood can be built if the commitment to address certain issues is there.

The next step is to meet with Jed Molton, who is with the Omaha City Planning Dept. Jed will discuss the process of forming a Neighborhood Conservation Enhancement District (NCED) and a petition of support will be collected. A meeting has been set for April 1st, at Walnut Hills School from 6:30-8:30pm.

Please contact Patty Gregor at Patti.Gregor@cbshome.com if you have any questions or would like to get more involved in the process of creating an NCED with the 40th & Hamilton Focus Team!



www.omahalandmarks.org
Renew your membership online!

TROLLEY TOUR OF MIDTOWN

Thursday, April 23
4:30 p.m.
or
5:30 p.m.
Midtown Crossing at Turner Park
3333 Farnam St.

Join Destination Midtown for a trolley tour of Midtown— highlighting development, investment and new business opportunities. The tour will take place during an extended Rush Hour Connections event hosted by Destination Midtown, the Greater Omaha Chamber, the Midtown Business Association and Mutual of Omaha.

The tour will focus on four of Omaha's most historic commercial districts:

- Park Avenue (Park Avenue and Leavenworth)
- Gifford Park (33rd & California.)
- Joslyn Castle (40th & Cuming)
- Blackstone (40th & Farnam)

Visit www.omahachamber.org for more details about how to register for this event or call 233-7142.

HOW DO OUR LOCAL AND STATE HISTORIC PROPERTIES RANK NATIONALLY?

Research and data provided by Board Member, Jennifer Honebrink.

In the United States, there are over eighty thousand properties currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Twenty-four hundred of these are designated as National Historic Landmarks.

In Nebraska, there are nine hundred and fifty-one properties listed on the National Register. Of these, three hundred and fifty-four are listed at the local level; four hundred and ten at the state level; and one hundred and forty-one at the national level. These are all counted by nomination, not building. So the Happy Hollow/Dundee Historic District for example, is counted as one nomination. The nine hundred and fifty-one properties includes thirty-one commercial districts, twenty-four residential districts and about twenty non-extant properties. Nebraska also has twenty National Historic Landmarks.

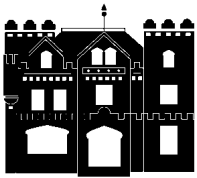
In Omaha, there are one hundred and twenty-five properties listed on the National Register. Five buildings in Omaha are listed at the National level, plus two National Historic Landmarks; **Boy's Town** and the **USS Hazard Minesweeper** located in the Omaha Marina.

These are the five Omaha buildings on the National Registry with a National Level of significance:

1. First National Bank Building
2. Omaha Public Library
3. Jewell Building (Dreamland Ballroom)
4. Livestock Exchange Building
5. St. Cecilia's Cathedral

Fort Omaha Historic District also fits this category, but it is listed under Criterion D for archeology.

See <http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/result.cfm> for more interesting facts and information.



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2009 SPRING TOUR

PARK AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD

When: May 9th, 2009
Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.
Tour sites will be open between 1p.m. & 5p.m.

Contact: Paul Nelson, AIA
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Where: St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Ave.

What: The Landmarks, Inc. Spring Walking Tour will include 10 sites that feature Park Avenue's most significant remaining historic properties. The Nave of St. John's Greek Orthodox will be open between 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. in addition to other historic homes and apartments in the Park Avenue neighborhood.

The walking tour will cover a one mile stretch of Park Avenue, south of St. John's Church to Hanscom Park. Free parking will be available on the lots south of the church near Park Ave. & St. Mary's Boulevard. Tour maps will be available at registration. The cost of the tour is \$10 per ticket (or \$15 for two).



FADING TREASURES | HIDDEN PLACES

On the weekend of May 1st and 2nd, Heritage Nebraska will host its first annual State Preservation Conference near the Scotts Bluff National Monument in Gering, Nebraska. The list of Nebraska's Fading Treasures | Hidden Places will be announced to the media during the conference. Nominations for this listing are now open, and the Omaha Landmarks preservation advocacy team will be submitting several Omaha properties this year.

The nomination deadline is April 1st, 2009. You can find the nomination form enclosed with this newsletter or on our website www.omahalandmarks.org.

Nominations should be mailed to:

Heritage Nebraska
PO Box 83107
Lincoln, NE 68105-3107

More information about the conference can be obtained by calling the Heritage Nebraska office at 402.323.7338 or email jlschmidt@usa.net

NOMINATE A BOARD MEMBER!

On June 4th, we will be holding our annual meeting at the Joslyn Castle – 5:30pm. New board members will be elected to fill at least two open positions that afternoon.

What are the details? Board members now serve a two year term and are limited to three consecutive terms. Each Board member is encouraged to join or form at least one committee that is aligned with their personal interest in helping Landmarks, Inc. fulfill its mission to preserve and protect Omaha's historic environment. Board meetings are held once a month, and are actually fun!!

If you have a passion for preservation, being a Board Member is for you!

Contact Paul Nelson at pnelson@bvh.com if you would like to nominate someone (or yourself!)