

Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association

News and opportunities for Neighborhoods and Residents of the Lafayette Urban Enterprise Zone.

In the ZONE

Holiday Historic Tour Features: Ellsworth/Romig Neighborhood



Unitarian Church, 17 So. 7th Street

The Ellsworth/Romig neighborhood was featured in the Wabash Valley Trust's Historic Holiday Tour. Ten buildings/houses were chosen that have a detailed and unique architectural history.

The Historic Holiday Tour featured one of the oldest structures built, in 1867, by a Jewish congregation in Indiana. The structure has a history rich in religious beliefs and is currently owned by The Unitarian Church, which has been meeting in Lafayette since 1839.

Another don't miss house on the tour was the Peter Ball House at 211 S. 7th Street. The Ball House offers a spectacular view of the city's skyline from the tower window. The current owner has worked hard to preserve the elaborate interior, its Queen Anne details including a ceiling mural, plaster moldings and leaded windows.

Another home on the tour was a modest working class model home at 642 New York. This style was popular among the settlers during the 1850s and 1860s. Although the house is small by modern standards, it makes up

for this with characteristics of Gothic Revival. The current owner has taken care in replacing the woodwork, leveling the backroom and straightening the garage.

The Ellsworth/Romig neighborhood is filled with other architectural treasures such as the Reitemier-Kienly-Klink house at 400 S. 7th Street. This beautiful Queen Anne house was built in 1900 by John and Frances Reitemeir. The beautiful stained glass windows were a result of a barter between a German immigrant family and Reitemeir's Pharmacy. The current owners have taken great care in restoring their home.

As immigrants settled into the neighborhood their cultural background influenced the architectural styles. There is a splendid Italian Villa located at 601 New York Street that was built between 1862-1864 by James Falley. The Falley-Lahr-Wright house is a brick structure covered in stucco. Notable features of the house include a three-story curving staircase, a marble fireplace and hand carved wood work.

On 118 S. 6th Street, there is a Italiante double pile house built in 1870. This house is part of a neighborhood restoration project designed to promote owner occupied housing. The South 6th Street project is a great example of what can be accomplished through a public and private partnerships.

Older neighborhoods are rich in America's history and Ellsworth/Romig is no exception. The house at 610 Oregon Street is believed to have been an active site for the Underground Railroad. Sadly many other stations along the route were demolished.

The Hope Chapel at 505 S. 3rd Street has an interesting history reflecting religious changes in the community. The modest wood building was built in 1844. In 1944, the church underwent a dramatic remodeling, adding a basement, new pews, flooring and windows.

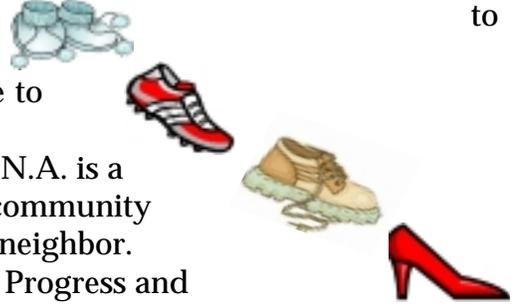
An 1868 working class duplex was built by Valentine Zeigler at 440 So. 3rd Street. The house was enlarged and modernized in 1859. The current owners, Brouillard and McKiniss have been working hard on its restoration. Over the years they have doubled the size of the kitchen and upgraded most areas of the house. The Historic Holiday Tour was a great success with hundreds touring the many treasures. The Ellsworth/Romig Neighborhood Association was pleased and happy to share their neighborhood with you.



Wright House at 601 New York

Hanna Neighborhood Association--Barb Tully, Communications Officer

Take A Walk with H.N.A.--A year has past and Hanna Neighborhood Association is still growing and learning. Residents of this older north side neighborhood are actively planning for the future. H.N.A. presented City Council with their Neighborhood Plan at the January 8th meeting; received enthusiastic support and it was adopted to the Comprehensive Plan for Greater Lafayette. The plan outlined four important areas in which they would like to focus their efforts: Safety, Maintenance, Neighborhood Outreach and Neighborhood Development. Although H.N.A. is a new association, they have worked hard at establishing community partnerships, extending memberships and being a good neighbor. Hanna Neighborhood Association is "Taking A Walk for Progress and Towards Building a Better Community". If you are interested in participating in events or a committee please contact Barb Tully at 448-3809.



Centennial Neighborhood--Phyllis Hunt, President



Mark Sharer,

Instead of the predicted snow, the sun was shining on our October 8 Revitalization Celebration. We are really excited to announce that the street party has already resulted in the sale of two additional Rowhouses and there are more prospects. To date, one Brownstone and three Rowhouses have sold. What more could Historic Centennial Neighborhood ask for? Well... there is one thing... We still have some units left for sale and we are ready for more new neighbors in the North 5th St. Brownstones and Rowhouses! Now is the time for potential buyers to contact Lafayette Neighborhood Housing (420-7370) and inquire about purchasing a home. Pictures of the street party are on our website, please visit us at www.historiccentennial.org. HCNA wants to thank LUEA for all their assistance in making our Revitalization

Celebration a success. Members of HCNA Board are very pleased to be participating in the recently initiated community issues study. This town/gown activity was created jointly by Mayor Margerum and Purdue President Martin Jischke to discuss topics of mutual interest that include housing issues, neighborhood life, and communications.

Historic Jefferson Neighborhood--Patti Wilkerson, Jan Payne & Cheryl McKenon, Co-Chairs

The residents of Historic Jefferson Neighborhood are taking a proactive stance in their neighborhood by planning for their future. During the January 8th City Council meeting residents presented their Land Use Plan. Residents discussed how they envision their neighborhood and their goal to increase owner-occupied housing. Since the City Council Meeting residents and stakeholders of their neighborhood have continued to meet with Area Plan Commission Staff as they plan for their future. Historic Jefferson's next meeting February 20 at 6:30pm, 1113 North Street.



Greater Lafayette Neighborhoods: Building Communities



Since 1999, Greater Lafayette Area Plan Commission, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services, Community and Redevelopment Offices of West Lafayette and Lafayette and Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association have encouraged and worked to meet the needs of the Greater Lafayette Neighborhoods. Cur-

rently, the organizers are in third year of hosting the Neighborhood Summit. Patti Wilkerson, Co-Chair of Historic Jefferson says, "the Annual Neighborhood Summit has grown as the associations have formed and matured. The topics offered are always timely and address our concerns. Last year's theme *Building Neighborhoods of Choice* was excellent. Indiana's First Lady Judy O'Bannon was a fabulous speaker, I found her energetic, entertaining and informative." Typically, the Neighborhood Summit has had a lecturer-student format; however, this year's summit *Building Communities* will differ from the previous ones in 4 key areas:

- (1) Hands On Demonstrations such as, *How to Hang Wallpaper*
- (2) Featuring neighborhood association members as speakers
- (3) Recognizing Youth leadership in our community
- (4) And a Construction Mall, illustrating home repair products and techniques

Organizers are excited about this year's summit. Robert Kriebel, a local noted historian, has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Representatives from Historic Jefferson and Columbia Park are demonstrating home repair techniques and there will be a special presentation to the youth during lunch.

On March 31, 2001 at Jefferson High School, organizers are hosting what we hope to be the most significant Neighborhood Summit. This year's theme is *Building Communities*. Some sessions will include *Who lived Here?*, *Recruit and Retain Volunteers*, *Publicity Tricks and Tools* and much more. If you are interested in attending the Third Annual Neighborhood Summit: *Building Communities*, please send in the registration brochure or call Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association at 742-1984. Join us for these energizing and informative seminars.

3rd Annual Neighborhood Summit: Building Communities

Neighborhood: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

One Registration Per Form:

You may make copies of this form

Please mark the top 3 topics that you think will most benefit your neighborhood.

- Publicity Tricks and Tools
- General House Maintenance
- Who Lived Here?
- Volunteers: How to Recruit & Retain

Are you interested in home repairs and new methods?

- Yes, Construction Mall

Cost per person (includes breakfast and lunch): \$5.00 - prior to Summit

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Other Zone **News**

Individual Development Account Helps Kim Branson Buy her First Home



Kim Branson and the children
from her child care.

In 1998 Kim Branson found herself a widow, a single mother and a business owner. But Kim and her family had a dream to own a house. With the help of Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association, Lafayette Transitional Housing, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services and Lafayette Bank & Trust Kim was able to save money for a down payment through the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program. The IDA

Program is an income restricted saving account that earns interest and has a 3:1 state match, if Kim placed \$300.00 in her account then the state matches it with a deposit of \$900, so the balance in Kim's account is \$1,200.00. This money maybe used to purchase a home, vocational training, to purchase or buy into a business or for higher education. The IDA program is a hassle free program that has many benefits. Lafayette Neighborhood Housing is available to provide classes on home ownership, debt management and home maintenance. Classes can be designed on the need of the account holders. Currently, there are 13 IDA accounts available, if you are interested in opening an account or would like more information; please contact: Va'Linda McBride at 742-1984 or Adam Murphy at 423-1284.

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