

WAUKESHA Wis.

PRESERVATION
DAYS MAY 16TH & 17TH



2015 Event Guidebook

Saturday, May 16th

Waukesha Preservation Days 2015

Information Booth

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Waukesha Freeman Parking Lot Barstow Street

Located in the Waukesha Freeman parking lot. Guidebooks and Scavenger Hunt forms will be available. Drop off your completed Scavenger Hunt form here. Come view the 1934 Pirsch Fire Truck from Waukesha. Weather Permitting.

Presented by Waukesha Old Car Club

Open House Of Silurian Spring

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Springs Park

Located in Springs Park, behind the Waukesha Post Office. Waukesha Springs posters will be available for sale.

Presented by the Waukesha 1834 Club

After being in several locations, the Freeman Newspaper acquired a lot on the corner of Barstow St & Park Place in 1936. The Lannon stone structure was built at a cost of \$60,000, which included the site, and was dedicated in 1937.



Built in 1927, this classical octagonal springhouse replaced a 19th-century springhouse (pictured below) that also had eight sides. Although constructed at the end of the Springs era, the Silurian Springhouse is considered historically significant as a reminder of the importance of the springs to Waukesha, both economically and culturally. The tile murals on the structure's facade are in the process of being restored.

Silurian Spring is one of the few springs still freely flowing in the city. A beautifully landscaped park once existed on this site with a bath house, pond, roller coaster, bandstand and bottling plant. Although the original springhouse no longer exists, the springhouse which stands today is almost 90 years old.





Waukesha, earlier known as Prairie Village, developed along early Indian trails which we now refer to as the “Five Points.” This location served as a hub for many business establishments.



Built in 1890, the W.T. Lyle building is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style. There are many ornate details on the facade including a long transom, second-story oriel windows, pediments above the windows and decorative brickwork. Some of these details have been lost. Mr. Lyle sold furniture, musical instruments and ran a funeral home in the same building.



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Downtown Walking Tour of Historic Buildings

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tours begin at the Five Points in front of the Clarke Hotel. Each tour lasts approximately 1-1 1/2 hours.

The tour covers the history of many buildings and businesses, including the Dr. David Roberts Building, the Nickell Building, and the Putney Block.

Presented by Marilyn Hagerstrand

Old Fashioned Children's Games

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. @ Cutler Park

Learn to play old fashioned children's games from the 19th century like graces, jacks, and more.

Presented by Waukesha Preservation Alliance and City of Waukesha Landmarks Commission

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Bethesda Park/Dunbar Oaks Neighborhood Walking Tour

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tours begin at the corner of W. Park Avenue and Maple Avenue. Each tour lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours. The tour covers the Bethesda Park area, Dunbar Avenue, and Maple Avenue area. See where the Great Springs Era started, and learn how the Springs Era shaped not only the area, but our entire City.

Presented by Waukesha Preservation Alliance

This hotel was built on the West side of Maple Ave. about 1880 by William and Sarah Morse. The hotel was popular with Southern guests. Photo credit: The John Schoenknecht collection at the Waukesha County Museum.



After going to Spain to study architecture, Mrs May Hill Overton reproduced a Spanish ancestral home at 324 N. West Avenue in 1909. The home was known as Casa del Flores.



Christoph House built 1919 on the corner of Dunbar Ave and N. West Ave. J.B. Christoph was a merchant downtown. This house was torn down for expansion of the YWCA.

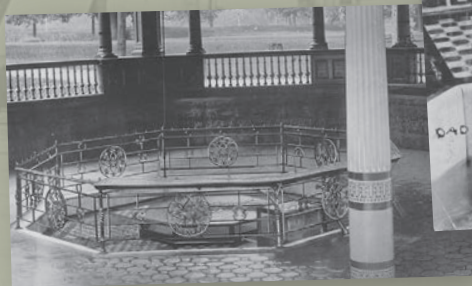




In 1890, Alfred "Long" Jones, manager of Bethesda Spring Park, announced that a new hotel, named the Terrace, would be built across from the park. By 1926, the Jones family endeavored to change the hotel to a rooming house, but by the end of the year the Terrace was sold for the total cost of \$11,000. When the building was demolished, the building materials were saved and used in reconstruction of five houses that were built on the site.



At its height, Bethesda Spring property included a massive springhouse with an ornate curved roof with gold leafing. Around this were landscaped grounds with a pool of water leading to the Fox River and a hill with the word "Bethesda" set in each side. All around were more gazebos, paths, potted plants, a large gateway, and the Terrace Hotel.



Waukesha Pure Foods, which produced Jiffy Jell (similar to today's Jello), built this building in 1916 in the Spanish Colonial style. It was the first building in Waukesha to have an automatic sprinkler system. The building is also credited with being home to the invention of what is now called the "coffee break".

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Charles Nelson House

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 @ 520 N. Grand Ave.

Come tour this Grand House and stay for the Awards ceremony at 4:15p.m. The 2015 George Gunn Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, Schoenknecht "Spirit of Preservation" Award, and Certificate of Merit awards will be presented.

Presented by City of Waukesha Landmarks Commission

Window Displays

Frank's Sewing Center @ 272 W. Main St.

Little Swiss Clock Shop @ 270 W. Main St.

Available all weekend, peruse window displays of historic timepieces, sewing machines, and more.



This Tudor Revival home was built in 1910 by Charles Nelson. The stone was salvaged from the First Methodist Church which had burned. It was the boyhood home of Charles Nelson Jr. who became the President of Waukesha Engine Co. in 1960. This house was slated to be demolished for parking for the library in 2004, but was saved through the efforts of concerned citizens and city officials.



This house was built in 1897 by William Morse on part of the foundation from the Morse House hotel which burned down in 1896. William G. Mann was a photographer and his wife was the daughter of the proprietor of the Morse House. Later it became the home of the Women's Club, then the Mennonite Church. The Womans Club was involved in numerous civic issues, including the founding of the public library.



This Queen Anne home was built in the 1880's by James and Elizabeth Nelson. James Nelson was a successful merchant in Waukesha. The home retains many of its original features inside. Elizabeth's sister Terry and her husband, Daniel lived with them in 1900. Terry was a female attorney in the late 1800's.

Built in 1879 by local merchant Michael Kelliher, this house is a fine example of Gothic Revival Style. Having gone through foreclosure and sat vacant for years, this house is being brought back to its former grandeur. View the progress that these owners have made in a very short time.



Now home to several businesses including Quality Fireplace and the non-profit Good Friend, Inc.

Sunday, May 17th

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Open Houses of Historic Homes in the Bethesda Park/Dunbar Oaks Neighborhood

James and Elizabeth Nelson House

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ 312 Maple Ave.

Presented by the Erik & Katie Piechotta

Morse/Mann House

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ 346 Maple Ave.

Presented by the Laux Family

Kelliher/Weber House

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ 407 N. Grand Ave.

Presented by Denise & Michael Schamens



WAUKESHA PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

As a member of the Waukesha Preservation Alliance, you have the opportunity to partner with individuals in our community who share your interest in protecting and promoting Waukesha's rich architectural and cultural history.

For more information, including a membership application, please visit www.WaukeshaPreservation.org

The preservation of Waukesha's unique historic resources has the power to strengthen community pride, increase property values and stimulate our economy.

Membership Benefits

- Learn more about a variety of preservation-related topics by reading our semi-annual newsletter.
- Attend workshops on a variety of topics at a reduced price.
- Obtain regular updates on preservation and development issues.
- Acquire reclaimed historic materials before the general public and receive a 10% discount.
- Get assistance in completing a Local Landmark designation application and obtaining historic preservation tax credits.
- Express your enthusiasm for individual historic properties and districts by attending or serving as a volunteer docent for an open house or walking tour.

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