

Alton Area Landmarks Association

Box 232, Alton, IL 62002

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April 2007

General Membership Meetings: We have two special spring events coming up. Please mark your calendar.

1. Field Trip: Saturday April 28

9:30 A.M.-Lewis and Clark Tower: Even though it is not open to the public yet, we will get to go up the Lewis and Clark Tower in Hartford, IL.

11:30 A.M.- Cahokia Courthouse: Tour the Cahokia Courthouse and a couple other French colonial era buildings. The Courthouse is one of the two buildings that Lewis and Clark would have seen before they set off on their expedition.

Everyone is invited to go on this field trip. Meet at the Hart House, 524 Belle Street, Alton, IL at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. Please call Terry Sharp (463-5761), so we can get a rough head count.

2. Special Meeting with Landmarks Illinois Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 P.M., Hart House, 524 Belle Street, Alton, IL. Lisa DiChiera, Director of Advocacy and Suzanne Germann, Preservation Fund and Easement Coordinator for Landmarks Illinois will discuss the organization's preservation easement program, heritage grant program, advocacy activities and current legislative efforts at the state and federal level that could be beneficial for Alton. Landmarks Illinois is the state's principal advocate for historic preservation statewide. This meeting is open to the public.

Earlier in the day, Landmarks Illinois will extend congratulations to Mayor Sandage and local officials for the renovation of City Hall, which was included in Landmarks Illinois' "Ten Most Endangered Historic Places" list in 2003.

Posters: The new poster and notecards "Doors of Middletown" are on sale at the Haskell House in Haskell Park. Posters are \$15.00 and notecards are \$10.00.

Contact Your Aldermen: Here is a list of our aldermen and their telephone numbers:

1st Ward	Jim Ryan	463-0209
2nd Ward	Phil Hanrahan	465-3025
3rd Ward	Joe Maher Jr.	465-1261
4th Ward	Alice Martin	462-5665
5th Ward	Charles Brake	462-7253
6th Ward	Gary Fleming	465-1412
7th Ward	David Boulds	465-8002

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Mayor Donald Sandidge's telephone number at City Hall is 463-3500.

Alton Pirate: The August 2006 issue of "Smithsonian" magazine has an article about Jean Laffite's role in the Battle of New Orleans. The article ends with Laffite supposedly changing his name to John Lafflin and moving to Alton. In 1854 he died here at the age of about 70. This is a story that has been around for some time.

House Tour: Commit now to the 2007 Historic House Tour. Make your list of things to do. Let us be your motivation to finally complete your home renovation projects. Call Terry Sharp at 463-5761 for more information.

Dues: Dues for 2007 can be mailed now to: AALA, Box 232, Alton, IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.