

ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION
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January 2008

General Membership Meeting

Monday January 21, 2008. 7:30 p.m. Hart House, 524 Belle St. Alton, IL 62002 The only building in Alton to have the prestigious designation of National Historic Landmark is the Lyman Trumbull House at 1105 Henry Street. The new owners, Erica and Jason Swagler have not lived there a year yet. However, they have agreed to be our featured speakers and tell about "Life in the Lyman Trumbull House". Everyone is invited to hear how a musician, his wife and their young daughter have found happiness in a house steeped in history.

City Hall

On November 17, 2007 there was an open house and rededication of our newly renovated Alton City Hall. There were speeches, introductions and a ribbon cutting. But absent from the ceremony was any mention of the AALA or its "Save City Hall" campaign. The city seemed to forget that there would have been no rededication if the AALA had not led the fight to preserve our City Hall.

Hart House

We have had some more electrical improvements made recently. An additional light has been added to the south side of the building. An old fuse box was removed from the basement.

House Tour

We are always looking for new houses, new volunteers and new ideas. Please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Programs

It is a new year and it is a good time to entertain fresh ideas. If you have an idea for program or project for the AALA, please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Neighborhoods

Volunteers continue to make a difference in our neighborhoods.

Middletown: The Christmas Eve luminaries are quite a feat of local organization and a beautiful holiday sight. The season ended with the 12th Night bonfire and social. Good job everyone.

Christian Hill: They also had their annual 12th Night bonfire. If you do not receive Brenda Hoven's neighborhood email (Brenda H<riverviewpark@gmail.com>), then you are not in the loop. Brenda does an excellent job of informing about crime, lost pets, people moving in and out.

Dorman Square: Residents around this newly renovated park are doing much of the landscaping. This area has a bright future.

Museum

One of our most important historical resources we have in Alton is our Alton Museum of History and Art (2803 College Ave., 462-2763) in Upper Alton. From newspaper reports it sounds as if the Museum is in a critical period. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution yet, promise to give the Museum some of your time, talents or money. We can not afford to lose this Museum to our inactivity.

Dues

Dues for 2008 can be mailed to the 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.