

ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION
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March 2008

General Membership Meeting

There will be no general membership meeting in March. The next meeting will be Monday April 14th. Thanks to Alley Ringhausen, the Executive Director of the Great Rivers Land Trust for speaking at last month's meeting.

New Sign

The old Christian Hill sign across State Street from Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral was looking pretty faded. So the AALA had a new sign made exactly like the old one. We will soon have a price for some small historic district signs for Christian Hill similar to the ones in Middletown.

Lincoln and Douglas

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln/Douglas debate in Alton. There are several events planned to celebrate this important event. A Lincoln Reception is Saturday April 12th. Call the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau at 465-6676 for more information.

Warning

There continues to be rumors about new downtown developments. Since much of the downtown and Broadway corridor is not in a historic district, there is always the possibility that historic buildings will be threatened. Buildings could be demolished and whole blocks could be affected. How the city government controls any development to keep our historic river town ambience will determine our future.

Another future problem could be a building height controversy. For example, a homeowner on East Fourth Street has a great view of the river. His view adds to the value of his home. A new downtown high rise is taller than the older surrounding buildings and blocks the homeowner of his view. This lowers the value of his home. Should there be an ordinance preventing and controlling the future height of new building?

House Tour

We have one fabulous house committed to the tour already but, we are always looking for new houses, new volunteers and new ideas. Please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Neighborhoods

Right now Olin Park (Water Tower Park, to you old timers) at State Street and West Ninth Street is still under major make over. We hope that the surrounding neighbors will speak up and their voices will be considered in the reshaping of this park.

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. This year promise to give the Museum some of your time, talents or money.

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.