

**ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Next meeting will be Monday November 17, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at the Hart House, 524 Belle St., Alton. Our featured speaker will be Alton historian Charlotte Stetson. The first thing we read every morning in The Telegraph is "Our Past". The old photo and news articles remind us of the rich history of our area. Charlotte Stetson has been compiling this information since 1994. Come and hear how Charlotte composes our daily history lesson. Meeting is open to the public.

PARTY: Our annual Holiday Party will be held at Princivalli's Cafe at 602 East Third Street in downtown Alton across from St. Mary's Catholic Church. The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday December 7th. The meal will be an Italian buffet with two kinds of pasta, salad and bread for \$14.00 per person. This includes tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax and tip. There will be a beer and wine cash bar available.

You can pay at the door, but please call Terry Sharp (463-5761) and tell him how many is in your group. This is a very informal party, so we hope everyone will come out.

DOWNTOWN: There has been more and more discussion about how bad our downtown looks. There seems to be no control on signage and storefronts. As new businesses open, the area looks more and more shabby, disjointed, inappropriate or just downright ugly. One measure that might have to be done is to have the whole downtown turned into a historic district so that building permits have to go through the historic commission for approval. We need stronger control over the downtown building owners to keep them from destroying our historic commercial area. As things are now, we furthering the look of a dying river

town. Comments?

FOR SALE: There are many fine historic houses for sale. "Greenwood" at 2367 Central is an 1850's house built by Nathaniel Buckmaster. A beautifully restored house is at 2452 Mills, across from East Elementary School in Upper Alton.

These houses are still for sale: Sebastian Wise House- 505 Bond, Captain Leheye House- 703 State Street, and a house with a great river view at 453 Bluff A beautiful one and one half acre wooded area is for sale in Christian Hill. They are asking \$130,000 for this tract bordered by Beacon, Bond and Prospect. Wouldn't this be a great city park?

DUES: Dues for 2009 can be mailed to the AALA, Box 232, Alton, IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00 a year. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Remember the AALA in your will. Thank you for your support.