

**ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION  
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**September 2008**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**Monday September 15, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Hart House, 524 Belle Street, Alton, IL. Our program will be an update on the Eldred House in Green County, IL. Seth McGee, president of the Illinois Valley Cultural Heritage Association (IVCHA), will be our featured guest. The Eldred House is a two-story stone farmhouse located about one mile north of the town of Eldred. It was constructed in 1861 by prominent farmer James Eldred. Although it suffers from continuing deterioration, some local and state money may be on the way to help save this landmark building. Everyone is invited to attend.**

**HOUSE TOUR:**

**Mark your calendar now. The AALA's Fall Historic House Tour will be Sunday October 12th this year. Tickets go on sale October 4th at the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, 200 Piasa, downtown Alton. Tickets will also be sold the day of the Tour. We have another great line up of Alton homes, large and small. We are always short a few volunteers to host houses or to sell tickets. Call Terry Sharp at 463-5761 if you can help for a couple hours on the day of the Tour.**

## **OLIN PARK:**

Finally they are going to start to put Olin Park back together. New playground set for \$70,000 and walkway lighting for \$18,400 were approved by the City Council. It is all a mud pit now. We need a "Friends of Olin Park" group.

## **FOR SALE:**

There are many fine houses for sale in our historic districts. The U. S. Nixon House at 727 Langdon was just bought by a local couple. The AALA is encouraging the real estate agencies and home owners wanting to sell their homes to have open houses on October 12th, the same Sunday as our Fall Historic House Tour.

These houses are still for sale: Sebastian Wise House- 505 Bond, Captain Lehey 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 2008 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.