



CENTRAL OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS

Indianola Middle School Threatened

How disheartening to learn of Columbus City Schools' abandonment of the proposed use of the National Register-listed Indianola Middle School, 420 E. 19th Ave., as the combined French Academy and Spanish Immersion Schools despite the development of a workable, creative solution developed by a team of esteemed professionals.

In March 2012, Columbus Landmarks Foundation was asked to call together a team of architects and consultants experienced in preservation to explore alternatives on the heels of a failed contract to renovate the building. We heartily agreed in the interest of rescuing this important preservation project that was at risk and protecting the investment already made. An eminently qualified team was assembled and with program requirements in hand for each of the two schools, the team first conducted a walk-through of the building from basement to roof (literally – a few team members nearly got locked out on the roof top!) Next they spent an

afternoon conducting a charette, exploring design alternatives and matching program needs with space available for each school – all the while accommodating the schools' wishes to remain independent of one another within the building. The team explored the pros and cons of housing one versus two schools within the building and determined that indeed, the most cost effective and efficient use of the square footage and real estate was to house both programs in the one building. In the end, a model was constructed, additions designed, color renderings drawn, conceptual plans developed and it was determined that both schools' needs could be met and within a reasonable budget.

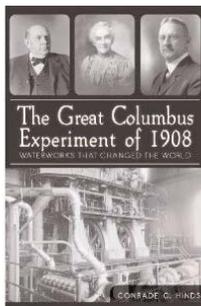
Just last month, we learned of the decision to abandon the project. The \$1 million of taxpayers' funds being thrown away is a travesty, and so too are the wasted hours of



donated professionals' time spent planning, investigating, brainstorming, designing and drawing up conceptual plans. Thank you to our team: George Acock, Charissa Durst, Robert D. Loversidge, Jr., Steve Shinn, and Nathalie Wright. Now what is to become of Indianola Middle School? If you are concerned, please contact the Columbus Board of Education, 270 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, c/o President Carol Perkins (carol@whycarolcares.com) and join Columbus Landmarks in encouraging the Board to continue to seek an alternative use for this Howard Dwight Smith-designed treasure.

Trustee Authors Book

The Great Columbus Experiment of 1908



Congratulations to Conrade Hinds, Columbus Landmarks Trustee and author of the newly published book, *The Great Columbus Experiment of 1908, Waterworks That Changed the World*. Published by The History Press, the book explores

how Columbus' water tragedy became the world's water solution.

After Senator Marcus Hannah - a presidential hopeful at the the turn of the 20th century - contracted typhoid from Columbus tap water and died soon after, the embarrassed city rushed into action. The Columbus Experiment was born. Scientists and a collection of nationally renowned men who were taught the science of sanitary engineering at MIT by a forgotten and uncredited female chemist devised a plan and mobilized an army of workers into action in spite of the ceaseless internal strife of city politicians. The result was a water

treatment system that all but eliminated the scourge of typhoid, cholera and many other waterborne diseases from the civilized world, saving perhaps millions of lives.

Signed copies of the book can be picked up in the Columbus Landmarks office or purchased on any of our tours for \$15 (\$20 if shipped) Buy online at www.columbuslandmarks.org or by calling 614-221-0227. Other titles available include *Historic Columbus Taverns* by Tom Betti & Doreen Uhas Sauer and *Columbus and The Ohio State University Then and Now* by Kathy Mast Kane and Doreen Uhas Sauer.

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Fall 2012

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The Scioto Mile

Owner: City of Columbus
Location: Civic Center Drive
Designers: MKSK, 360 Architecture, Schooley Caldwell Associates, HKI
Developer: Columbus Downtown Development Corporation



The Scioto River Bridges

Owners: ODOT and City of Columbus
Location: Main & Rich Streets
Main Street Bridge Designers: DLZ Ohio, MKSK
Rich Street Bridge Designers: Burgess & Niple, MKSK

James B. Recchie Award Finalists



Huntington Park

Owner: Franklin County
Location: 330 Huntington Park Lane
Designers: 360 Architecture, MKSK



East High School

Owner: Columbus City Schools
Location: 1500 E. Broad St.
Designers: Moody Nolan, Inc., Schooley Caldwell Associates



Shadowbox Live

Owner: Shadowbox Live LP
Location: 503 S. Front St.
Designers: Lion Real Estate Services/Urban Design and Shadowbox Live
Developer: William Schottenstein

Preservation Award Winners

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FALL TOURS

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Coming in November ... Wine & Cheese Tuesdays



Hats off to Columbus Landmarks' Education Committee - recipient of 2012 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Award for rich offering of tours, programs and publications!

School children line up for the Halloween Costume Parade in 1962 outside the former Northwood School in the University Area. Image courtesy of Doreen Uhas Sauer.

Ghost Tours Haunt Again

When Spirits Roamed the Village Walking Tour

Friday, Oct. 19 (SOLD OUT); Friday, Oct. 26 (SOLD OUT); Saturday, Oct. 27 6-9 p.m.; tour begins at Beck Street School, 387 E. Beck St. TICKETS \$10 for Columbus Landmarks & German Village Society Members/\$20 non-members

Columbus Landmarks Foundation and German Village Society are pleased to debut a new walking tour appropriate to the season, featuring the stories and architecture of Columbus's popular 19th century neighborhood.

Halloween Lantern Walking Tour

Sunday, Oct. 21; Sunday, Oct. 28 6-9 p.m.; Tour begins at Topiary Park Gatehouse, 480 E. Town St. TICKETS \$10 members/\$20 non-mbrs

Our ever-popular lantern walking tours on the most beautiful 19th century street in the downtown and certainly in one of the most haunted neighborhoods - Town-Franklin.

Gables & Gargoyles Bus Tour

Monday, Oct. 22; Tuesday, Oct. 23 Wednesday, Oct. 24; Monday, Oct. 29 (SOLD OUT); Tuesday, Oct. 30 6-9 p.m.; Tour begins at Columbus Landmarks, 61 Jefferson Ave. TICKETS \$25 members/\$30 non-mbrs

Enjoy spooky stories collected over 30 years on this traditional bus tour with favorites from the past along with new ghost stories acquired over the previous year.

Haunted Historic Tavern Bus Tour

Thursdays Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & Nov. 8 (SOLD OUT); Saturday, Oct. 20 3-6:30 p.m. AVAILABLE Tour begins at Jury Room, 22 E. Mound TICKETS \$25 members/\$30 non-mbrs Sometimes a tavern tour is not just a tavern tour until you can call on a few spirits to join you—both the ethereal and the liquid kind. Drinks are not included in the price of the tour, but sparkling narration, ghostly stories, historic gossip, and architectural knowledge of the taverns and their environs is eerily included.

So You Think You Know Columbus? Bus Tours

Part III Sunday, Nov. 11 1-4 p.m. / Part IV Sunday, Dec. 9 1-4 p.m.

So You Think You Know Columbus? is a rolling overview of the city we love. In parts three and four of a four-part Columbus Bicentennial series, we will continue to reveal the architectural seldom-seen Columbus and to explain the history of the city through some of its memorable advocacy issues and historic preservation challenges. This is a tour series, but you are welcome to join us for any or all. You'll never look at Columbus the same way again! TICKETS \$25 members/\$30 non-mbrs; tours begin at Columbus Landmarks, 61 Jefferson Ave.

Architecture, History & Life Near a Big Ten U.

We are partnering with the University District Organization to offer a series of three fall walking tours. Tickets are \$10 for members & \$15 for non-members.

Old North Columbus Walking Tour

Sunday, October 21 2-4 p.m. Tour begins at North H.S., 100 East Arcadia

Join us for this walking tour in a neighborhood that once featured a log cabin outpost, a stagecoach stop between Columbus and Worthington, a Civil War camp, a self-sufficient separate town, and Prohibition watering holes.

"In the Spirit" OSU Walking Tour

Sunday, October 28 2-4 p.m. Tour begins at William Oxley Thompson's statue in front of the Main Library

A walking tour of campus and off-campus buildings with architectural and historical significance.

City Life: Architecture, History and Life Near a Big Ten University

Sunday, November 4 2-4 p.m. Tour begins at King Avenue United Methodist Church, 299 King Ave.

Explore on foot the legacy of William Neil, stagecoach king whose home became The Ohio State University, and the vision of his descendants still evident in the beautiful Victorian homes and churches in the neighborhoods south of the University and north of Victorian Village and Harrison West.

Tour Cleveland with Doreen

Columbus Landmarks is heading north for the **Past-President's Favorite Places in Cleveland Tour!** Join Doreen Uhas Sauer, Cleveland native, for this personally-guided, first-ever Columbus Landmarks bus trip to Cleveland that will include history, architecture and carbohydrates.

Saturday, Nov. 10 7:30 a.m. to approx. 7:30 p.m. TICKETS \$125; tour begins at Columbus Landmarks Foundation, 61 Jefferson Ave.



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Mid-Century Building Survey Continues with AmeriCorps Member

In September, Columbus Landmarks entered a third year of hosting an AmeriCorps member and welcomed returning volunteer, Andrew Neutzling. Known as the Ohio History Service Corps, the Ohio Historical Society sponsors multiple AmeriCorps members throughout the state at a variety of local history and preservation-related partner organizations.

Among last year's findings, we rediscovered Leon A. Ransom, the first African American architect in Columbus to design prominent local projects like hospitals, libraries, and fire stations. Another previously undocumented component of Columbus mid-20th century architecture that was surveyed was public housing. Through documenting Franklinton's Sunshine Terrace Apartments, it was learned that a large percentage of Columbus' public housing is being demolished, underscoring the importance of recording these complexes. Public housing represents an important chapter in the development of the city. In addition to more work with Ransom designs and public housing, commercial corridors and mid-century housing developments also will be focused on this year.



Leon Ransom-designed OSU Tower East

Poindexter Village Update

While the Poindexter Village Advisory History Group awaits the opportunity to review a draft Memorandum of Agreement that is in progress between the City Historic Preservation Office, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, there is an opportunity for you to provide community input about the Poindexter Village area as part of a series of area-specific community planning workshops - scheduled by PACT for Tuesday, October 30 from 5:30-8:00pm at the King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Avenue. Other workshops focused on Taylor Avenue and the Mt. Vernon Ave./Long St. Commercial/Retail Districts are being held at the same time and place on Tuesday, October 9 and Wednesday, October 10, respectively.

African American Landmark Preservation Initiative Funded

Columbus Landmarks has been awarded a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation from The Richard & Julia Moe Fund. Columbus Landmarks will use these funds to create the organizational structure for a task force that will foster and promote the preservation of buildings associated with the African American history of our city. Only six grants were awarded to preservation organizations, intended for outstanding, innovative projects that can serve as models for organizations across the country.

COMING UP

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Treasures of Town Street