

Memo

To: Historic Preservation Committee

Fr: Trevor Fuller, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Re: DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Date: February 19, 2015

"Each May, Wisconsin celebrates Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month. This annual event offers many opportunities to celebrate your community's historic places. Throughout Wisconsin, activities are held that remind us of the important historic resources that give meaning and a sense of place to our communities — and focus attention on how critical it is to make sure they are preserved." -Wisconsin Historical Society

Below is a list of ideas taken from the WHS website. The committee is asked to discuss some ideas for future historic preservation events. Some ideas below could be relevant, if not for this year, for next (e.g. plague/dedication event if the Water Department building and Pump Station are nominated to the National Register).

Need ideas for planning a community event?

Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month is an opportunity to celebrate historic places and can help your historical organization increase visibility to membership, constituents, or the community at large. We have compiled this list of suggestions for your group to consider.

- **Awards**
Sponsor an awards program to honor outstanding historic preservation efforts in your community. Invite the media and local officials to attend the awards ceremony.
- **Fundraising**
Kick off a fundraising campaign to benefit your community's favorite historic preservation project.
- **Historic Building Owner Workshops**
Sponsor a "how to" workshop on rehabilitating older properties. Team up with local and state preservation experts for training and hands-on techniques.
- **Historic Markers & Plaques Dedication**
Sponsor a dedication ceremony for a new historic marker or plaque.
- **Host a Presentation from the Wisconsin Historical Society**
The Historic Preservation-Public History Division offers a presentation titled "Understanding Historic Preservation" that explains the basics of historic preservation and gives an excellent overview of how the Wisconsin Historical Society can assist with