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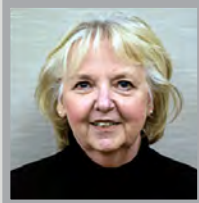


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The President's Report



NPA celebrated another wonderful year of participation in the life of our beautiful historic city, and I was privileged to be a part of that. It was a busy year for all of us.

- The Board of Directors adopted a new mission statement—Enriching the present by honoring the past through the preservation of Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic charm—adopted a new logo, and adopted a renewed focus on all aspects of community life in our beautiful historic city... sidewalks, trees, businesses, homes.
- The 30th Annual Historic Home Tour was a huge success. It began with memories—of the group of dreamers who saved the Craig House and have continued throughout the years with the help of homeowners, sponsors, volunteers, and planners. This was an especially wonderful year because our tour was endorsed as a Bicentennial Legacy Project and Mayor Ditslear declared September 17th as Noblesville Preservation Alliance Day.
- NPA donated \$1,000 to the Noblesville Trustee. This money was given to thank the community for supporting the Home Tour and was used for emergency help to local residents.
- The tradition of the Holiday Lights Driving Tour continued with 12 homes beautifully decorated for Christmas.
- Along with Noblesville Main Street, NPA sponsored the purchase of historic banners for the downtown light poles. Each banner depicts a local business the way it originally looked. This is one more way NPA lives its mission to enrich the present by honoring the past.
- NPA received a \$5,000 Legacy Grant from the City of Noblesville Fund, a fund of Legacy Fund Community Foundation, a CICF affiliate; \$2,500 was used for Façade Grants and \$2,500 will be used for restoration of the Interurban Building in Forest Park.
- Plans have been finalized and work will soon be underway for the restoration of the Interurban Building in Forest Park. This was a long process but thanks to the persistent work of NPA Board members and donations of work and materials from local businesses, the project should be completed this spring.
- NPA participated in the Christmas Parade, sponsored an Ice Sculpture on the square, and planned an Historic Movie at the Courthouse (complete with Christmas cookies and hot chocolate). The Board of Directors chose to take a more visible presence in community life, and are looking forward to participating in even more community activities in 2017.

I've been honored to be part of NPA these last three years. Noblesville is a very special community because of the people who live and work here. I'd like to especially thank the Board of Directors, the NPA members and volunteers, and the sponsors who carry this dream of preserving and protecting our wonderful community.

Nancy Hebel

President, Noblesville Preservation Alliance





The Craig House

A look back at the home that started it all

Thirty years ago, the William Houston Craig House, which now sits at 1250 Conner Street, was situated just across the street next to the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. The Craig family, who built this Queen Anne-style home in 1893, were active members of the Presbyterian Church and donated the land adjacent to their home site for the church to be built the same year. Not quite 100 years later, the church had grown and needed more space. After many church meetings, ideas, and alternative plans, it was decided that church expansion would mean the Craig House would need to be demolished.

A group of citizens who loved the Craig House and the part of Noblesville history it represented, banded together to form the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and worked to save this grand old home. The first Historic Home Tour was formed as a fund-raising event to help offset the costs of moving this home away from the wrecking ball and to a new location just across the street.

In March 1988, the home was lifted off its original foundation and moved across Conner Street to its new lot. Originally it was facing backwards and it took two more days to turn the house around, no small feat for a building weighing 300 tons. It was all well worth the effort. The majestic Craig House still stands today and is a testament to the hard work and determination of our early preservationists.

The dreamers who met to make a plan to save this beautiful home have passed the torch to us. It's our mandate to continue their legacy by cherishing our historic neighborhoods and preserving the historic significance of each one. None of us own our homes. We are stewards who care for them and pass them on.



2016 Most Endangered Historic Structures and Neighborhoods List



NPA keeps a Most Endangered List in order to monitor structures throughout Noblesville that are a hazard/concern to the public or in danger of demolition/structural damage. We develop this list with input from NPA and community members. The list is intended to raise awareness of historic or significant properties which could be lost or demolished and to assist with keeping Noblesville's neighborhoods intact. An 'endangered structure' is a significant historic structure or one which contributes to the fabric of a historic area that is in danger of destruction by neglect, demolition or misuse which may significantly and negatively impact the community.

For more information about any of these properties search by address at:
www2.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/apps/reports/defaulttax2.asp





1. FEDERAL HILL, AREA BOUNDED BY WESTFIELD RD. LAKEVIEW DRIVE, PARK ST. & NIXON ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: First platted in the 1870s, sections of this area went by the names of West Noblesville and Garversville. The area got its overall name from the house that originally sat on the site of today's Riverview Hospital. The Federal Hill School building still remains and has been repurposed as an office building.

THREATS: The area is zoned commercial. Many of the historic structures have been demolished for restaurants and medical offices over the years.

RECENT ACTION: The Federal Hill Park, opening in spring 2017, is a project which the city hopes will spur development in the area. For example, Blue Sky's new building is under construction nearby. Federal Hill Park is set to include concert, Farmer's Market and recreational facilities. The hope is to expand downtown west of the river and to include the river which will sit within the hub of downtown activity. This is a positive for the city, but the residential use of the area may be nearing its end, which is surely a negative for the people who still call this neighborhood home.

2. VERNACULAR VICTORIAN 208 N. 10TH ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: Site of the first county courthouse. This Victorian on north 10th St. was owned from c. 1907-1950's by Charles and Katherine Kraft.

THREATS: This former single-family home was converted to a rental property decades ago. From the exterior, this building is poorly maintained and a notorious downtown eyesore. The home tells a sad history of inappropriate, shoddy renovations. For example a 3rd story window was removed and replaced with a double hung window hung sideways. In addition, the siding does not meet the city's property maintenance ordinance. One only can wonder what the condition of the interior is.

RECENT ACTION: This property and two other adjacent rental homes are for sale as a group.



3. 19TH CENTURY FARMHOUSE S635 SHERIDAN RD.

SIGNIFICANCE: This farmhouse is listed in the Indiana Historic Sites & Structures Inventory as a contributing example of a 19th century Noblesville farmhouse. Built around 1870, it is one of the few remaining examples in Noblesville of I-House style farmhouses constructed around this time period. The house also features classic Italianate details.

THREATS: This home sits on the edge of town in a formerly residential area which is now largely zoned commercial. The land around this home is ripe for redevelopment and is currently for sale. After long years of neglect, the farmhouse's deteriorated state makes it especially susceptible to demolition.

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect.



Endangered Properties

4. WAINWRIGHT HOME N. ALLISONVILLE RD.

SIGNIFICANCE: This gorgeous, stately Gothic Revival home was built circa 1870 by prominent Noblesville citizen and Civil War officer, Major William A. Wainwright, and his wife Hannah. Wainwright started the Wainwright Bank in Noblesville. The home is perhaps the finest extant example of Gothic Revival architecture in Noblesville.

THREATS: Sadly, this home has sat vacant and open to the elements for over 20 years. Efforts to purchase and save it have been unsuccessful. In 2006, NPA reported that the property had been saved, and a new owner planned to restore the home. The home was secured, but unfortunately the restoration never took place. The years of neglect to the home and property leave this former beauty desperately threatened. Sadly, it might be too late for this one. If so, it will be a sad end to a significant home that tells the story of our city's development.

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect.



5. COMMERCIAL BUILDING 1008 LOGAN ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: Former gas station, Edsel Dealership, Ledger (local newspaper) office and restaurant.

THREATS: This neglected and underutilized building sits on one of the most prominent corners in downtown Noblesville. The siding, soffits and roof are rotting on the exterior. The original pressed tin ceiling is peeling and rotting on the interior. This is a structure with vast potential, but currently is victim to lack of maintenance, proper utilization and vision. This building, which sits in the heart of our city, while we all watch the slow decay of this once proud structure, does not meet the city's property maintenance ordinance. How long will this continue before the owners sell—or the city forces them to bring the building up to code?

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect.



6. THE HIGHWAY BAR 93 S. 10TH ST. (AT CARBON ST.)

SIGNIFICANCE: This structure was originally a Victorian Vernacular home. In the past this area of Noblesville was rural and this home may have been a farmhouse. For years this home was used as the Highway Bar and Grill, a storied location for nightlife in old Noblesville.

THREATS: Years ago the bar was closed with rumors of redevelopment for a NPD substation or parking lot/vehicle storage. The property is not owned by the city though. The adjacent yard of this structure is used to store vehicles possibly by the adjacent car lot. The redevelopment of an adjacent property, which included the demolition of a desperately neglected old home, puts this structure at risk for demolition and redevelopment. When it happens it will be the end of an era for the old Highway Bar and Grill.

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect.



7. FREE CLASSIC VICTORIAN 1154 MAPLE AVE.

SIGNIFICANCE: This brick home was listed in the Indiana Historic Sites & Structures Inventory for its contributing architecture. It is an example of a turn of the century Free Classic style home – one of just a handful in Noblesville.

THREATS: This home has sat vacant for at least 15 years. Many years ago, the home and carriage house were converted to apartments. There have been five or more units on this small property at a time. This home is an unusual style for Noblesville and its neglect is an embarrassment to this vibrant neighborhood. This beautiful home needs an owner who recognizes its potential - ASAP.

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect. The yard is mowed and landscaping maintained street side, but the home remains vacant and in a state of neglect. Because the home and carriage house have gone unmaintained for so long, the roof is showing wear, a front window is broken, an upper window is boarded up and the unique fieldstone carriage house is falling in with broken windows on the alley side. This puts the carriage house at grave risk for vandalism. NPA members and countless community members are at a total loss as to why this home sits vacant. Hopefully someone with vision will be gutsy enough to give the owner the right offer at the right time and save this home.



8. ELIAS GASCHO FARMHOUSE EAST PLEASANT ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: This property is listed in the Indiana Historic Sites & Structures Inventory as a notable example of a late 19th Century farmstead. The Italianate style I-house was built for Elias Gascho in 1873 by Mr. Rawlins, a Pennsylvania carpenter. It originally stood along Hwy. 37, in the approximate location of Kahlo Jeep (see photo above on right.)

THREATS: In 2004, the owners sold the land along Hwy. 37 to Kahlo Jeep, and the farmhouse was moved to a small parcel further east on Pleasant St. The massive and significant “Sweitzer” barn, smoke house, summer kitchen and sheds were demolished. Ironically, in the 1995 NPA Annual Report, it was reported that there were plans to preserve the Sweitzer barn, which unfortunately did not happen, although some of the barn’s parts are rumored to have been used by Conner Prairie in the construction of their marvelous bank barn in the 1860’s area of the park. The same family retains ownership over the parcel of land and the farmhouse. However, the home has been vacant now for years, with no known progress in restoration. The home’s location in the middle of commercial and road development, combined with its vacant state, leave it at great risk. Several years ago, NPA wrote to the owners to express concern and offer assistance. The family wants to stabilize and restore the home, but lacks the funds and does not reside locally anymore. The Board assigned its Awareness Committee to investigate possibilities further. PLEASE CONTACT NPA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP with efforts to save this home. An unstable outbuilding was removed last year. If something doesn’t happen soon with the home its continued neglect and decline will mean the end for one of the last Gascho farmhouses left in the area.

RECENT ACTION: None - continued neglect.



Endangered Properties

9. S.K. GASCHO FARMSTEAD 19654 PROMISE RD. & 19605 PROMISE RD.

SIGNIFICANCE: These two properties were originally part of one large, early Hamilton County farmstead built c. 1865. The barn is one of the last extant Schweitzer bank barns in the area. The I-House farmhouse is complete with an intact summer kitchen. According to the Interim Report at one time the property also included a drive-thru corncrib and sheds. This farmstead is significant.

THREATS: The barn, summer kitchen and home are vacant and unused. Preservation of these properties would be so valuable to our community because of the importance of the Gascho family, their age and architectural significance. The farmhouse and summer kitchen are vacant and included in that property for sale. The owners are aware of the important history of the barn and home and are open to moving/salvage options, but sale and demolition of all farm structures is imminent if quick action is not taken.

RECENT ACTION: The property with the barn has been purchased by a developer and will be demolished this spring if something isn't done to move or salvage it. This would be a disastrous loss to our city's history.

*See #10 for ideas to save this barn.



10. CHRISTIAN GASCHO FARMHOUSE 166TH ST. & BODEN RD.

SIGNIFICANCE: While the home has been significantly altered over the years and appears somewhat non-descript, this is yet another Gascho farmstead at risk of demolition. The home is significant because of its age, its former owners—and the role this family played in our city's development. Unfortunately, the original bank barn was demolished over 30 years ago—the cobblestone foundation is still visible.

THREATS: The home was sold to Noblesville Parks Department by the Boden family several years ago. The Parks Department plans to develop this large property into Finch Creek Park as funding allows. The home is boarded up and at risk for demolition. Previously Brandon Bennett, head of Noblesville Parks Department, met with the NPA Awareness Committee to discuss the significance of the Gascho family within Hamilton County and Noblesville history. Based on this meeting, the Parks Department has explored the possibility of preserving the home and incorporating it into the park development plan. Come what may, the Parks Department is well aware of the significance of this property as one of the last extant Gascho farmhouses.

RECENT ACTION: The Finch Creek Park plan has changed to include a privately contracted sports facility. As far as the house goes, there are three options being considered currently—tear it down, renovate/restore it or rebuild in a similar style. The Awareness Committee attended a recent Park Board meeting. The possibility of moving the SK Gascho barn (#9) was brought up by an NPA member as a way to save some of our history and also round out the Christian Gascho house with its missing barn. The Park Board also discussed the possibility of including elements of agriculture into the park plan with farm-to-table gardens or camp programming. It seems hopeful and fitting that the home and barn could find a place within this park. In spite of all of the good reasons to save the home, because the sports facility will require parking and many acres for development, the Gascho home continues to be in grave danger of demolition. This would be a tragic loss for our early settlement-era history.



Interurban Building



The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department donated the Interurban Building, located in Forest Park, to Noblesville Preservation Alliance with the agreement that it would be restored and maintained. This is an original shelter and waiting area for Indiana's Interurban Transportation Network, a privately owned system of electric streetcars that connected the state's cities in the early 1900's. Most have disappeared through the years and NPA members feel very thankful to have been tasked with repairing and restoring it.

Members of the Board of Directors, Geof Odle and Mike Corbett took on this project. The initial estimate for repair was over \$30,000 which included a new foundation, new roof, and shoring up the walls to make the Interurban Building safe for use. The Board decided that this was too much money to spend and began looking for alternative ways to accomplish the refurbishment at a more reasonable cost.

Former Board member, Mary Giorgio applied for a grant on our behalf from The Legacy Fund, and we received \$5,000—\$2,500 was used toward the project. New plans were drawn, building permits were approved, and historic specialists were contacted to get input on materials and colors that might have been used originally. Anita Landress and Brad Dahlager volunteered to see the project to completion.

Community support for this project has been tremendous. Sagamore will donate the concrete foundation, Ace Hardware, Sherwin Williams, and Lowes have agreed to donate some of the materials, and Lowes said they would sell us the balance of the materials at cost. Myers Construction will begin the work as soon as they have an opening in their schedule. This wonderful project will be completed this spring. We know it will add to the beauty of the park and more importantly, preserve an important historic landmark.



It's so hard to say goodbye...

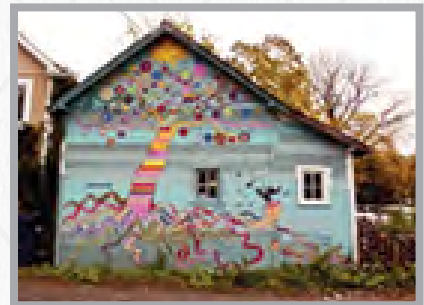
1. VICTORIAN ERA BARN 15995 RIVER AVE.

RECENT ACTION: While the home on this large property is listed as saved this year, unfortunately the barn was demolished. The property had been neglected for many years, it would have taken a lot of work to stabilize and improve the barn. It's just unfortunate because it was a lovely old barn. A pole barn has been built in its place.



2. DR. KRAFT CARRIAGE HOUSE

RECENT ACTION: This large, lovely carriage house was demolished this year. The developer told NPA members that the structure was to be saved, but it was suddenly demolished with no fanfare. We're not aware of why plans changed. A carriage house of this quality and size are extremely rare in Noblesville. This is an unfortunate loss. The owner owns three other adjacent properties to this one, all with on site surface parking lots. Nearly the entire backyard of the Kraft House, right up to the edge of the alley, has been paved for a parking lot.



3. CO-OP WHEAT STORAGE PLANT WALNUT & S. 9TH ST.

RECENT ACTION: Despite a lot of public interest in newspapers, on social media and even on television, the Wheat Storage Plant was lost this year. The interior was an architectural marvel constructed of massive native timbers. All that remains in Noblesville from this historic structure is some of the stone foundation (slated to be used by Noblesville Parks Department) and a set of double doors (saved by the Hamilton County Historical Society.) Everything else—every board and beam was salvaged by a Zionsville company that sells reclaimed wood for mostly commercial purposes and custom home construction.



Because of the significance of these properties (whether historical, architectural or situational) we are keeping an eye out for any changes, positive or negative, that may affect their integrity.

1. CRAYCRAFT HOME 1135 CONNER ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: This home has both historical and architectural significance. It is listed in the Indiana Historic Sites & Structures Inventory of Hamilton County as a notable example of Colonial Revival architecture. It is also part of the Conner St. National Register Historic District. The home was built in 1921 by Albert Craycraft, a prominent Noblesville businessman.

THREATS: Many of the home's original architectural details have been removed, such as shutters, front door, porch railings, and windows. Because of unusual circumstances with ownership, this home's status remains at potential risk.

RECENT ACTION: NPA and community members were able to successfully fight the owner's efforts twice to rezone the property to commercial use. The home is owned by the same real estate investor and is being used as a rental property. The good news is it is occupied by a family who appreciates its beauty and convenient location in the heart of Noblesville.



2. VICTORIAN HOME 185 S. 8TH ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: This is a lovely late Victorian home with many original details and gorgeous woodwork.

THREATS: This home, though lovely and well-maintained, sits on the cusp of the downtown commercial district which puts it at risk for conversion to business use. This potential commercial conversion poses an additional risk to the residential homes in the area. Commercial encroachment into residential neighborhoods is a slippery slope, something that every Old Town Noblesville resident should be concerned about. Last year the owner applied for and received a zoning change from Residential to Downtown, which is a special zoning category for downtown businesses.

RECENT ACTION: NPA understood the owner planned to convert this stately home into a meeting space. Since last year it has sat with little visible signs of life. We are unaware of how or when this home will be used and what changes may occur.



Watchlist Properties

3. OLD NOBLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GYM BUILDING 1448 CONNER ST.

SIGNIFICANCE: This beautiful old gym building with Arts and Crafts details has served generations of Noblesville children, first as the NHS gym and most recently as the Boys and Girls Club. This building is significant, not only because of its history within the community and its architectural beauty, but also because of its place within this residential neighborhood.

THREATS: Sadly, the original school building was demolished many years ago. Later a modern building was built in its place. Two homes were demolished for a parking lot to the east of the gym. This is a large property sitting prominently in the middle of one of Old Town's most beautiful residential districts. The Boys and Girls Club has been a positive force in the neighborhood. Who will replace them when they leave?

RECENT ACTION: The Noblesville Boys and Girls Club will be moving all of its operations further east to the former site of Conner Elementary School, which has been demolished. NPA is hopeful a positive new use for the Old Gym Building can be found in the heart of this residential district which is on the National Register.



4. HAZEL DELL BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE 16810 HAZEL DELL RD.

SIGNIFICANCE: This is one of Noblesville's last remaining brick schoolhouses. It was built in 1892. The building is constructed in a vernacular Italianate style, with a 2 room T-plan layout. Besides educating students, the school served as the meeting place of the Hazel Dell Community Club.

THREATS: The structure sits in the middle of residential development. This puts one of the few well-maintained brick schoolhouses left in Noblesville at risk of being "out of place" and therefore at risk.

RECENT ACTION: In NPA's 1998 Annual Report, this school was listed as a "lost cause."

Luckily we were wrong; the schoolhouse was restored in the 1990s, and converted to a gift shop. In NPA's 2001 Annual Report, the owner received the prestigious "Josiah Durfee" Award for Individual Merit for her work in saving the schoolhouse. While the structure was yet again listed on our 2013 Endangered Property list, it is occupied and currently listed for sale. Signs of life are a positive, but this location on a busy road (surrounded by housing developments) seems to make it a tricky property to secure and maintain a long-lasting purpose.



Disappearing Historic Details Around Noblesville



*Sometimes we take for granted the everyday (but irreplaceable) things.
You don't know what you've got until it's gone...*



1. BRICK SIDEWALKS

SIGNIFICANCE: Brick sidewalks are a part of Noblesville's history. They are charming reminders of the city's past, and contribute to the historical landscape of Old Town neighborhoods.

RECENT ACTION: Each year, the City of Noblesville removes more and more brick sidewalks as part of their overall sidewalk maintenance plan. Sometimes, homeowners request replacement of the brick sidewalks in front of their home with concrete. NPA held a Restoration Workshop on brick sidewalks which was held at 12th and Cherry. Participants learned how to perform basic maintenance and repairs to brick sidewalks.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: If you live in a historic home and have a brick sidewalk in front of your home, be on the lookout for signs that it might be slated for removal. The city will likely send a letter in advance of beginning any work. If you would like to save the brick in front of your home, the city will work with you to help save it, rather than replacing with concrete. You may be asked to contribute to the cost of saving the brick. Contact NPA if you need assistance advocating for the preservation of your brick sidewalks.

RECENT ACTION: NPA has been meeting with the City of Noblesville Engineering Department to offer our assistance in coordinating with homeowners for the repair of brick sidewalks when sidewalks are slated for replacement. When sidewalks were replaced recently on Logan St. some of the original limestone curbs were maintained. Hopefully this is a sign that the city is beginning to understand the value of these details which makes Noblesville's historic core stand out.

Disappearing Historic Details Around Noblesville

2. ORIGINAL WOOD DOORS & WINDOWS

SIGNIFICANCE: Original wood doors and windows are part of a home's historic character. They are oftentimes defining elements of a home's architectural design, and their distinctive appearances are main focal points of a home's exterior façade.

RECENT ACTION: Many homeowners in Old Town Noblesville are choosing to replace original wood doors and windows with modern pre-fabricated alternatives, such as vinyl windows and pressed wood doors that lack the beauty and architectural integrity of the originals. Sometimes, this is done because homeowners are unaware that these doors and windows can be repaired, and with a few easy **steps energy efficiency can be greatly improved.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Noblesville Preservation Alliance is committed to helping homeowners save their original doors and windows. Tutorials for restoration are available at www.noblesvillepreservation.com/Restoration.php.



3. BARNS & CARRIAGE HOUSES

SIGNIFICANCE: Barns and carriage houses are significant parts of the historical landscape of a property. Their architecture often mirrors that of the main house, oftentimes including beautiful decorative trim and finishes. Like any historic structure, barns and carriage houses require maintenance to retain structural integrity.

RECENT ACTION: There are fine barns and carriage houses still to be found in Noblesville, but their number shrinks every year. Some aren't maintained properly and others are removed by the property owner in favor of more modern architectural design and amenities. Our preference in circumstances like this is to help the property owners find creative solutions to meet their needs—up to and including relocating structures. Some features of the state tax code have been recently changed which lawmakers hope will make it more financially feasible for property owners and farmers to keep their barns standing.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Noblesville Preservation Alliance encourages homeowners to thoroughly explore options before removing functional barns and carriage houses from their property. Homeowners seeking to restore their historic carriage houses and/or barns could apply for a NPA Homeowner Façade Grant. For more information about barn preservation go to: www.indianabarns.org and www.indianalandmarks.org/AboutUs/Initiatives/Pages/RuralPreservation.aspx.



And now for some good news—finally!

1. **ITALIANATE HOME** **15995 RIVER AVE.**

SIGNIFICANCE: A nice example of a vernacular Italianate-style farmhouse. This farmhouse was built in 1886, and sits on 2 acres of land.

RECENT ACTION: This house was on the market for over 2 years, advertised as a potential business location. The farmhouse's location adjacent to other businesses and gravel pits make it susceptible for business zoning or demolition. Last year it was sold to an out of town consulting firm (for an unbelievably low price.) The home's exterior has been stabilized and improved in the past year. Hopefully the original details of the home's interior have been preserved. Last time someone from NPA was inside there was still a lot of original trim and doors and a detailed open staircase. Regardless, it appears that this farmhouse (and the original outhouse) is safe for now. The current tenant is the grandson of a former owner of this property and he is really happy to have it back in the family.

*Note: See the "Lost" category for the story on the barn.



2. **BEDFORD STONE MID-CENTURY HOME** **15290 S. ALLISONVILLE RD.**

SIGNIFICANCE: This home sits on a large lot and is a nice example of a "Bedford Stone" Mid-Century home.

RECENT ACTION: This home and property has been vacant, neglected and unsecured for several years, which left it susceptible not only to vandalism and vermin, but also to arson. The lovely grounds surrounding the home which went overgrown for years, clearly in violation of the city's mowing ordinance, appear to have been used as storage for construction vehicles. We're not 100% certain if this home will have a happy ending, but it appears that the home is being improved and stabilized and brush is being cleared somewhat. The Awareness Committee will keep their eyes on this home. Worse case scenario, something is happening here and this property which is a gateway into Old Town Noblesville may soon be brought up to city code.



2016 Façade Grants

The most important mission of Noblesville Preservation Alliance is to protect and preserve our beautiful historic neighborhoods. The façade grant program is designed to support homeowners in the thoughtful restoration of their historic homes. As fund requests are prioritized, two criteria are considered:

- The home is an excellent example of a particular architectural style in Noblesville.
- The façade improvement will focus on stabilizing and repairing a damaged or deteriorating historic feature.

— 2016 FAÇADE GRANTS —

The NPA Board voted to fund The Gascho Home with a \$500 seed grant to replace a retaining wall. NPA cooperated with other Noblesville organizations to support this project.



THE DILLON HOME
1408 LOGAN ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Repair / replace rotted wood on three exterior porches, including the front porch; Repair the original decorative detailing hanging in the home's gables; Paint the porch and gable trim and architectural detailing in an historically appropriate scheme.



THE HUBARTT HOME
1179 MAPLE AVE.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Replace the front porch wood flooring which is rotting in several locations; A composite material replicating the look and size of the original wood will be used; Resolve water drainage issues to prevent recurring floor rot; Repair water damage to the porch roof.





THE PENNINGTON HOME
1261 WAYNE ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

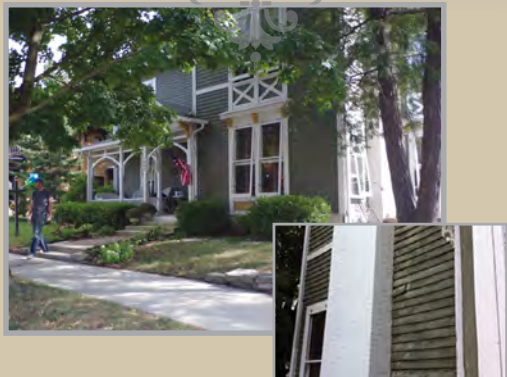
Replace the garage door on the carriage house with a door that closely resembles the style and architectural details appropriate for a carriage house door.



THE MCCARTY HOME
1360 LOGAN ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

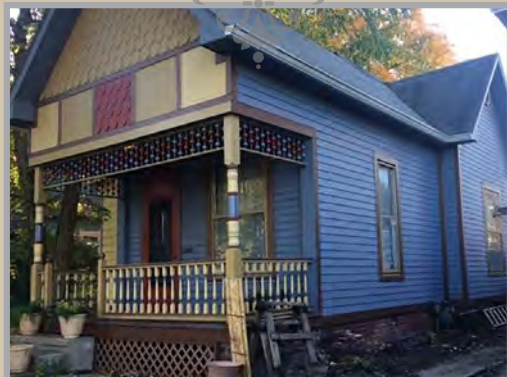
Replace the porch windows and door with a more architecturally appropriate style; Paint the exterior and add architecturally appropriate decorative trim around the home's front windows.



THE KENLEY / YOUNCE HOME
1057 LOGAN ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Replace damaged wood siding on the east side of the home with a hardy plank material that has previously been applied to other areas of the home's façade; Paint the east side of the home to match previously restored areas of the home's façade; Add an original stained glass window to the east façade that used to be located in the back of the home and was recently recovered from a neighboring property.



THE TARDY HOME
1389 CONNER ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Remove aluminum siding from the west side of the home; If the wood underneath the aluminum siding is in good condition it will be salvaged. Otherwise a hardy plank material will be used that matches in width to the previously uncovered and restored wood on the front façade; Paint the siding to match the new front façade color.

2016 Historic Home Tour



2016 HISTORIC HOME TOUR

What a celebration! This was a very special year of honors, biggest and bests. Mayor John Ditslear proclaimed September 17, 2016 Noblesville Preservation Alliance Day. Our Tour of Historic Homes was proud to be an endorsed Bicentennial Legacy project. As Indiana celebrated 200 years of statehood, we celebrated 30 years of the Historic Home Tour. It also was a day of record breakers: There were over 80 volunteers. There were over 800 guests. We took in the most revenue ever—over \$10,000.

The Historic Home Tour is so important to NPA. The proceeds are reinvested in Noblesville to help fund innovative NPA initiatives including the façade grant program. It's also important to the community because guests from nearby and farther away spend the day in our wonderful city and learn to appreciate the value of historic homes and neighborhoods and the history of our old town. It's our hope that they will witness and become inspired by the preservation efforts of many families in Noblesville.

This year—the 30th Anniversary of the Historic Home Tour—eleven homeowners welcomed guests to their homes.

- **Sheriff's Residence and Jail / Hamilton County Historical Society** | 810 Conner St.
- **Althouse Home** | 1095 Conner St.
- **Stewart Home** | 1159 Conner St.
- **First Presbyterian Church** | 1207 Conner St.
- **Meyer Home** | 1138 Cherry St.
- **Mayes Home** | 1759 Conner St.
- **Boys & Girls Club** | 1448 Conner St.
- **Coltrain Home** | 307 North 10th St.
- **Harrison Home** | 1159 North 10th St.
- **Booker Home** | 1175 North 10th St.
- **Burnett Home** | 19300 Allisonville Rd.



Saturday
September 16, 2017
31st Annual Historic Home Tour



2016 12 Houses of Christmas



This year the traditional Christmas Lights Tour continued throughout the month of December with 12 beautifully decorated homes. This was a great way for families to celebrate the holidays and view Noblesville's holiday lights from the cozy warmth of the family car. The homes demonstrated a wide variety of themes and decorations and each was unique and lovely.

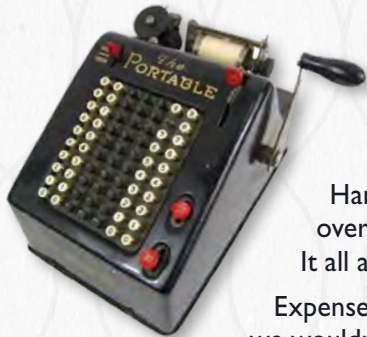
Tour-goers voted for their favorite homes and this year the winner was the Porch Family. Congratulations! Special thanks go to each of our homeowners.



- **The Sheriff's Residence** | 810 Conner St.
- **The Owens Home** | 1210 Conner St.
- **The Young Home** | 1336 Conner St.
- **The Parker Home** | 1374 Maple Ave.
- **The Compton Home** | 1239 Maple Ave.
- **The Hebel Home** | 1194 Cherry St.
- **The Hopper Home** | 1615 Maple Ave.
- **The Martin Home** | 1609 Logan Str.
- ****The Porch Home** | 1248 Harrison St. **
- **The Richardson Home** | 1363 Grant St.
- **The Gerking / Begley Home** | 1376 Evans Ave.
- **The Guyer Home** | 1330 North 10th St.



2016 Financial Report



Another successful Home Tour yielded record revenue in 2016. We raised both the sponsorship levels and the price of admission, which resulted in revenue beating the previous year by \$5,000 or 50% and profit by \$4,000 or 60%. Attendance was up by 88 people or 14% (718 in 16, 630 in 15).

Hamilton County Tourism awarded us a \$750 grant, membership income was up \$600 over budget, donations were up \$300 over budget and we sold \$374 in t-shirts and books. It all added up to revenue some \$7,000 over budget for the year.

Expenses were also over budget but the additional revenue permitted us to do some things we wouldn't have been able to otherwise. In addition to awarding our entire \$5,000 in façade grants, we gave \$1,000 to the trustee's office for poor relief dedicated specifically to fixing homes, and we sponsored an ice sculpture at Main St.'s post-Thanksgiving celebration on the square.

So we spent \$5,000 of the additional revenue and show a profit of about \$2,000 for the year.

The \$5,000 grant from Legacy Fund for the interurban rehab, which was carried over last year from 2015, will be carried over again into 2017 as it has taken awhile to get things underway. We are confident the work will be done in 2017.

January - December 2016 Finances

ASSETS

Current Assets Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD income account	669.05
Certificate of Deposit - Other	30,140.44
Total Certificate of Deposit	
Checking	
Endangered Structures Fund PayPal	
Total Checking/Savings	52,272.49
Total Current Assets	52,272.49

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	42,842.31
Equity	7,545.85
Opening Balance Equity	1,884.33
Retained Earnings	
Net Income	
Total Equity	52,272.49

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 52,272.49





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