

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

The City of Evansville has been awarded a grant of \$13,400 by the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS). The grant funds are administered by WHS as part of a National Park Service program utilizing off-shore drilling monies. Only Certified Local Governments, communities with approved historic preservation programs, are eligible for these grant funds. Evansville became a Certified Local Government in 1985.

This grant will be used to have nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places prepared for two new residential historic districts and three individual resources. The potential new historic districts and several individual resources were identified in 2006 during an intensive survey of historic resources in our community undertaken as a Smart Growth Plan action.

The proposed South First Street Historic District contains a group of very fine Queen Anne style residences, several of which are believed to have been designed and/or constructed under the supervision of Benjamin S. Hoxie, the designer or builder of numerous significant Victorian residential structures in Evansville.

The proposed Grove Street Historic District contains a variety of early Twentieth Century styles, including American Craftsman, Bungalow and Colonial Revival style structures.

The Almeron Eager Memorial and Eager Family Cemetery Plot is an impressive statuary group in Maple Hill Cemetery. The Eager family has been associated with business, industry and public service in Evansville for five generations.

St. John's Lutheran Church is a very fine Contemporary style religious building that was designed by noted Wisconsin architect, John Steinman.

Leonard-Leota Park boasts an intact designed landscape, constructed during the Great Depression, utilizing a series of Federal relief projects. Several Rustic style structures are contained in the Park, including a carillon tower, bath house, warming house, park store and other structures.

Preparation of these nominations is extremely technical and use of a preservation consultant approved by WHS is required. The applications will be completed early in 2010. Decision on the nominated resources is likely in mid-2011.