

Protect Your Heritage

**PDHA Annual
Meeting
Thursday,
December 12
7 PM
Lincoln Center
Room 503**

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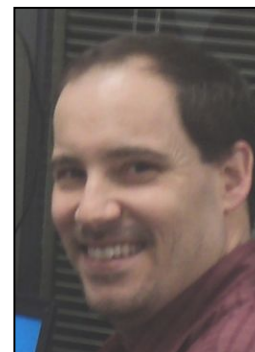
2013 Annual Meeting

Downers Grove Historic Survey & Zoning Update



Tom Dabareiner

This year's Annual Meeting will focus on the Village's recently completed survey of historically significant buildings and sites. Our featured speakers will be Senior Planner Stan Popovich and Tom Dabareiner, Director of Community Development. Stan and Tom will also give us an overview of the update for the Village's Zoning Ordinance that is currently underway.



Stan Popovich

Ken Lerner, Chair of Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance, will begin our meeting by honoring Marge Trocki, Park District Interpretive Naturalist and honeybee keeper extraordinaire.

PDHA welcomes the public to hear these presentations at our 18th Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 12th, 7:00 PM in room 503 at the Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL. Refreshments will be served.

– By Gordon Goodman

Bee Yard Project

Early this spring the Downers Grove Park District installed four new hives for honeybees in Lyman Woods with a contribution of PDHA funds and volunteers. This bee project included the purchase of protective suits and masks so that interpretive program participants can help with the honey harvest.

This fall Interpretive Naturalist Marge Trocki shared her skill and knowledge by conducting Park District programs about honeybees, including a honey harvest event for families. This Lyman Woods honey was extracted, filtered and bottled, yielding a nice light-gold honey that is now unfortunately sold out! Watch for opportunities next year to learn more about the Lyman Woods honeybees.

– By Gordon Goodman



Marge Trocki with a comb from a bee hive

Please Join Us
on Our 2014
Highland Ave.
Adopt-A-
Highway
CLEAN-UP
DAYS

April 19
June 14
August 16
October 4

Saturdays
8:30-10:30 AM

Check our
website for
updates and
to sign up to
participate!

Have you
renewed your
membership
in the
Heritage
Alliance?

See the back
page of this
newsletter for
more info and
how YOU can
make a
difference!

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Update on 31st Street Bike Trail

The DuPage County Division of Transportation is nearing the completion of preliminary engineering for its bikeway project along the 31st Street corridor. This route will pass immediately adjacent to the north side of the Lyman Woods Preserve and provide access to the William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center. Federal approval to proceed with the



Bike trail truss bridge with an open grated deck

project is anticipated to be in hand by the end of 2013. One of the project's components will be a multiuse bicycle & pedestrian truss bridge with an open grated deck over Lacey Creek at the northeast corner of the preserve. The bridge will appear very similar to the one shown above and the open grate of the deck will permit sunlight to reach the creek bed vegetation underneath.

In 2014, with all necessary approvals in place, the County will complete detailed engineering for the trail and draw up plans for undertaking construction during 2015.

– *By Chris Saricks with Morgan Cotten, Chief Highway Engineer, DuPage County*

Next Steps for Bike and Pedestrian Plan

At its August 13th meeting, Village Council accepted, in amended form, the Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan prepared by the consultant Sam Schwartz Engineering. Review and comments by Council members led to changes in the implementation schedule. The Plan is now available for examination on the village website by following the “**Parking and Transportation**” link in the “**Resident Section**” at the bottom middle of the home page: www.Downers.us Then click on the “**Village Bikeway Plan**” link on the right side of this page. Finally you can download a PDF document entitled “**Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.**”

A fundamental element of the Plan is its division into three phases (short-term, medium-term, and long-term). The components of each phase are based, not surprisingly, on their relative cost and complexity. According to Department of Public Works lead planner Dorin Fera, the short-term items of the Plan could be budgeted and executed within six months from their start dates. The timing for the various items within each phase has not yet been determined and depends on the convening of a task force that, according to the Plan, is charged with recommending and working with village staff to coordinate the Plan's implementation. – *By Chris Saricks*

Recycling Extravaganza 2013

The Village of Downers Grove and the Downers Grove Park District hosted the annual Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Village of Downers Grove Public Works Facility. PDHA board members Chris Saricks, Mark Thoman and Ken Lerner were



PDHA Volunteer Mark Thoman directs traffic.

volunteers at the event. This year's event involved the collection of electronics, scrap metal, paper, carpeting, printer cartridges and batteries for recycling. Activities included the collection also of usable items for reuse – even better than recycling. Some of the items collected for reuse were building materials, household items,

eyeglasses and bicycles. In all over 90,000 lbs. of material were collected for recycling and reuse. The event also provided appropriate disposal for American flags.

In addition to the environmental benefits, this Extravaganza also served an educational purpose as District 99 students provided extensive help with collection, as well as live entertainment.

PDHA wishes to thank those local businesses who generously donated food and beverages for the volunteers:

Celebrity Sandwiches, Dunkin Donuts, Caribou Coffee, Jimmy John's, Skuddlebutts, Busy Bee Bakery, Ultra Foods, Shop & Save, and Great American Bagel Company.



Village staffer Doug Kozlowski wrestles carpet rolls.



Bicycles collected by Working Bikes – most destined to be fixed up and reused

If you missed the Extravaganza but have items to recycle or donate, the Village recycling page has lots of information – just follow the “**Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste**” link within the “**Resident Section**” in the middle bottom of the Village website: www.Downers.us. – By Ken Lerner

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Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance is an 18-year old, Illinois not-for-profit corporation recognized as a charitable group by the Internal Revenue Service. The Heritage Alliance's Board of Directors manages its activities.

The following people are current PDHA directors:

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Jane Amorosi,
Wally Brown,
Marge Earl,
Greg Hosé,
John Schofield,
Dave Schulz, &
Mark Thoman.

Jane and Dave are now retiring from the board with our thanks for their long years of service.

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Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance Fall 2013 Newsletter

You are invited to join us at our 2013 Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm
Room 503, Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Ave., Downers Grove.
Check our website www.PDHA.org for more details.

Your membership in the Alliance helps in our efforts to work with local government officials to preserve our heritage resources. Your participation in our programs demonstrates to our community the strength of our alliance to protect Downers Grove's natural and cultural heritage.

Please join Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance or renew your membership now as we work for protection of the natural and cultural heritage of Downers Grove.

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Yes, I want to begin/renew my membership in Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Contribution: \$ _____ (Employer matching contribution?) _____ I/We can also volunteer some time.

A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION of \$10 or more will help the Alliance defray expenses, but is **not** required for membership. Your email address will allow us to keep you informed of future events.