

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF MEMORANDUM

ITEM: Heritage Preservation Week Update

DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2020

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A. DESCRIPTION:

The Heritage Preservation Commission's Education and Outreach Committee has been discussing ways in which the Commission can further involve the community and raise awareness of historic preservation and the historic resources within the city. This is a result of the feedback heard by HPC and staff at the listening sessions held in the City's local historic districts in 2018-2019. The committee and staff have developed 'Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Week' which will take place May 4-9, 2020. All events are free and open to the public. Some events will be ticketed and attendance may be capped due to space limitations.

The goal of 'Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Week' is to engage the community in various forms of preservation education with a variety of events that span preservation of the built and natural environment, exploration of our historic neighborhoods, and celebration of our diverse communities that define Saint Paul's history. The schedule is designed with all ages in mind and with the flexibility to add and change individual events from year to year in order to make this an annual event that stays fresh and exciting and continues the education goals of the Heritage Preservation Commission as outlined in Sec. 73.04(7) of City Ordinance.

B. ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

- #IHEARTSTPAUL Social Media Contest- Snap a photo of your favorite historic building or site in Saint Paul, caption it with why you love it, and use the hashtag #IHeartStPaul to be entered in the photo contest. Contest winners will be announced May 1st. Winners will get to join an exclusive tour of the Schmidt Brewery Rathskeller.
- Capital City keystones – An acknowledgment of demonstrated excellence by individuals and communities in preserving Saint Paul's historic and cultural assets.
- Tour of City Hall – Learn about the 21-story Art Deco skyscraper which opened in 1932.
- Women of Dayton's Bluff History Tour - Learn about the rich history of women in Dayton's Bluff. Discover how some of the streets got their names, what 1950s tv star lived in the neighborhood, which resident was a participant in the Manhattan Project, and much more!
- Meet and Greet the Heritage Preservation Commission - Get to know the Heritage Preservation Commission. Learn about Saint Paul's heritage preservation districts, the application process for work on historic properties, and ask questions.
- Tool Library Open House – Discover all the resources available at the Saint Paul Tool Library! Watch short demonstrations on how to use certain equipment and learn how they can assist your home preservation project.
- Limestone Houses Walking tour - Explore the West Seventh Neighborhood as you learn about Saint Paul's historic Limestone Houses built between 1854 - 1880 during the City's 'Pioneer Era'.
- Merriam Park Bike Tour – Explore the Merriam Park neighborhood on wheels! Cycle along a tour of Merriam Park based on the recently completed Merriam Park Historic Context Study adopted by the HPC.
- Schmidt Brewery Rathskeller Sneak Peak - Exclusive event to cap off Preservation Week to see the newly restored Schmidt Brewery Rathskeller. Ticketed event due to limited space - Capital City Keystone recipients as well as #IHEARTSTPAUL Social Media Contest winners will get guaranteed access to the event.