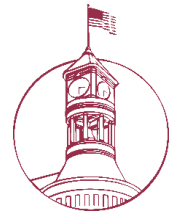


CITY OF COLUMBUS
Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
105 N. Dickason Blvd
Columbus, WI 53925



Dear Homeowner:

Thank you for being a steward to one of Columbus's historic homes! Columbus has a long history of preservation and honoring architecture that goes along with the homes and businesses in our community. We have over 200 century-old buildings in our little town, along with a rich legacy of manufacturing and farming.

The city of Columbus has several historic districts in the community:

Columbus Downtown Historic District: This 10-acre area features 79, mostly cream-brick, buildings constructed between 1852 and 1938, serving as the city's commercial hub. It includes the Farmers and Merchants Union Bank, designed by Louis Sullivan, and was a filming location for the 2009 movie *Public Enemies*.

Prairie Street Historic District: A residential district comprising 39 houses, two carriage houses, and a church, showcasing diverse architectural styles, including Victorian Gothic and American Craftsman. It is noted for its large, subdivided lots and houses dating from 1860 to 1936.

Dix Street-Warner Street Historic District: A residential area on the west side featuring 26 houses, highlighting residential development patterns.

South Dickason Boulevard Residential Historic District: Recognized for its well-preserved, cohesive neighborhood, illustrating early 1800s development patterns.

As you may be aware, your property is featured in the Columbus History and Architecture Tour book. This walking tour book was developed to assist those visiting and living in Columbus to get a visual presentation of our community's architecture and learn about the city's historic properties, such as the year it was built, who built the home, and an introduction to that individual, along with their contribution to our community.

The Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission (CHLPC) has purchased a marker for each of the residential properties on this walking tour, noting the year it was constructed and who the first homeowner was. You may have seen these markers in front of other homes around Columbus. The new markers have an updated appearance from the marker that was displayed in prior years, which most have since deteriorated and are no longer displayed.

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Previous Design



New Design

These new markers are available to you at no cost. They come with two small fence posts that will be attached to the marker and can easily be placed into the ground. The intent is to leave the markers in the ground year-round, as the product that was chosen for the new sign is weather-resistant with a reportedly long life. In the past, homeowners placed them in a section of their yard that did not require them to be moved when lawn care or maintenance needed to be completed, as well as in a highly visible spot that allowed those on the walking tour to easily see them from the sidewalk.

During the months of April and May, volunteers will place your new marker near the front entrance of your home, such as on the porch, so that you can display it in an outdoor spot of your choosing. We encourage you to call the Diggers Hotline prior to putting the sign into the ground: 811 or 800-242-8511. We are hopeful that you will find the new marker attractive and will be eager to display it to identify your historic home. If you are interested in learning more information about the National Register of Historic Places or Wisconsin Historic Property tax credits, that can be found here:
<https://wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15299>

Thank you for supporting Columbus's historic preservation mission!

Sincerely,

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