



Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter

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Bartlett Submits Historic Surveys to State

In June of 2007, the Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission submitted the surveys of forty-seven properties in the Bartlett Historic District to the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TSHPO) in Nashville. Members of the Bartlett Historic Commission and consultant, Robert Dye, spent two years assembling inventories of the properties, including a diagram of the existing building, photographs and completion of the survey form for each of the properties.

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office requires each community in the State that has a historic district to submit a survey of all properties within the district.



"The Blackwell House"—a Bartlett Historic Landmark, located on the corner of Sycamore View and Blackwell.

Historic Landmarks

The Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission is charged by City of Bartlett Ordinance 99-12 to identify and earmark resources as historic landmarks. A resource must be considered to be significant to the history of Bartlett in any of the following three ways: A) a significant historical event occurred at the location, B) a person of historical significance to Bartlett was associated with the location; or C) the architecture of the resource is historically significant. A resource must be at least 50 years old to be considered for

a landmark.

Bartlett currently has two historic landmarks—a log home known as "The Moser Home" on Sycamore View was inducted in 2005 and the most recent landmark known as "The Blackwell House" on Sycamore View in 2006.

The Bartlett Historic Commission is currently reviewing several applications for consideration of landmark status for 2008 and 2009.

Persons wishing their re-

sources to be considered for landmark qualifications, should submit a letter requesting landmark status to the Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission outlining the boundaries of the proposed historic landmark, the proposed historic landmark guidelines, a statement as to why this resource should be landmarked and a completed historic survey.

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Historic Preservation

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- Sharon Kelso, Chairman
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- Alderman Emily Elliott
- Eric Holmes
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- Marilyn McCormick
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Special points of interest:

- The Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, except the 4th Monday in January at 7:00 pm in the Large Conference Room at City Hall, 6400 Stage Road.
- The public is encouraged and invited to attend meetings.



Tennessee Preservation Trust Statewide Conference

By Sharon Kelso

Historic Preservation member, Sharon Kelso attended the Tennessee Preservation Trust Statewide Conference in the Spring of 2007 in Franklin, Tennessee.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Ed McMahon; the senior researcher at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C. Mr. McMahon posed the questions. "What is distinct about your town? What do your citizens care about and want to enhance in your community? Does your community have a long range plan for conservation of natural and cultural resources?"

Goals for a community should be highly prized environmental areas, vigorous economy, vibrant community, and sustainable development. The community front door is critical to economic well being. It shows

economic vitality and pride in your individual community. What makes your community special? Do you value trees and landscaping? There is value in a view. Well maintained street-scapes will substantially raise the value of a home or business.

Charleston, S.C. motto is "The best of the city to everyone". When you build and develop your community, can you expect to see it in 50 to 100 years? New Urbanism speaks to the creation of town centers and main street America. The vision for the future is to invest in local assets and resources. Enhance those assets by creating partnerships, incentives, and consideration for quality of life in the community.

Tourism is the largest industry

in America. It can have a positive or negative effect on a community. Tourism for maximum benefits must be sustainable, with historic buildings, cultural events, scenic views and partnership with local businesses. The best marketing is word of mouth and focusing on the authentic: food, music, crafts, architecture, and tourism facilities. Recognize your limits and preserve the identity of the community. Enhance the journey with a story to tell whether it may be painful or pleasant.

Enhance your entries and corridors to various historic sites. Reduce sign pollution throughout the community. Use public art, murals, and sculpture to enhance public spaces and tell the story of your community. Make your community a place where everyone is happy to live.

Historic Signage

The City of Bartlett installed new signage at the corners of Stage Road and Sycamore View and Stage Road and Court Street in February 2008 showing visitors and residents of the community the direction to the Bartlett Historic District.

Signs showing the boundaries of the historic district, are located on Sycamore View and Court Streets identifying the Bartlett Historic District.

A special plaque is placed at the landmarks which identifies the

name, circa or date, significant event or distinction of the historic landmark.

A landmark sign can be viewed in the photograph of "The Blackwell House" on the previous page.



New signage at the corner of Stage Road and Sycamore View points to the Historic District.

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Bartlett Historic District signage identifies boundaries of the historic district. Signs are located at Sycamore View and Court Street.

Questions? Can I remove a tree?

One of the most common questions asked of the Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission from residents of the Historic District is—"can I remove a tree in my yard?" The rural character of the district is defined by well-treed lots. This district has always had an expressive tree canopy. Efforts should be made to preserve it where possible. Therefore, prior

to the removal of a living tree with a circumference of at least 38 inches at breast height, a request should be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission seeking approval of the removal of the tree, unless the tree is deemed to be a threat to life or property by Bartlett's Director of Code Enforcement or his designee.

Any tree removed shall be replaced with a tree native to this area of a minimum of two-inch caliper.

If you have any questions regarding removal of trees or other issues about the Bartlett Historic District or landmarks, please contact the Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission.