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The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society has been making some history of its own in the past three years. Here's a short history of how *A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs*.

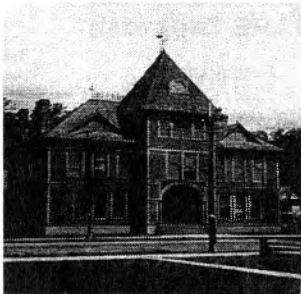
2003

The City of Harbor Springs moves to renovated offices on Zoll Street and discussions begin in earnest to open a museum in the original City Hall.

A vision to guide the project is adopted ~ "To create an inviting and memorable historic destination where visitors of all ages can understand and appreciate the distinctive heritage of Harbor Springs."



Building today
Photo courtesy of Mary Cummings



City Hall, ca. 1910

2004

HSAHS hires its first Executive Director and a long-term lease agreement is reached with the City. The HSAHS Board of Trustees adopts a four-year plan to guide the strategic plan.

Jonathan Lee & Associates Architects conduct an assessment for the adaptive re-use of this important landmark building.

Community open houses gather input for a future museum.

2005

A state-wide search is conducted for a project architect. Wigen, Ticknell, Meyer & Associates, a firm with excellent credentials in historic preservation, is awarded the contract. The conceptual design is completed.

A Planning Phase grant from the Offield Family Foundation underwrites the preliminary museum and exhibit designs and community visioning sessions plan the museum's exhibits.

The *A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs* theme is selected and a blue ribbon committee is recruited under the leadership of campaign co-chairs Sarah Cohen and Patsy Ketterer.

HSAHS Trustees contribute the first donations for the museum. A quiet campaign is launched during the summer.

2006

The Quiet Phase of the campaign gathers momentum with major grants from the Ayrshire Foundation, Frey Foundation, HMS Foundation and Offield Family Foundation, as well as generous gifts from early donors.

Exhibit plans for the museum are finalized and HSAHS launches its first web site:
www.harborspringsareahistoricalsociety.org



Conceptual Plan

The Capital Campaign kicks-off on the first day of summer June 21st!

With sincere thanks to our donors who have given from March 1 through May 31, 2006. Capital Campaign contributions will be acknowledged at a later date.

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Last Chance for Historic Post Card Book First Edition

In All The World, No Place Like This, early post card views of Harbor Springs, is nearly a sell-out! A second printing of this extraordinary hardcover book has been ordered and will arrive the end of June. There are only a few books in the first edition remaining. If you would like a copy at the \$60 price (plus \$3.60 tax) call the HSAHS office, 526-9771 or send a check payable to HSAHS to P.O. Box 812, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.. The second edition price per book will be \$65.00 plus tax. Don't delay; when they are gone they're gone!

Shay Days Gears Up Third Weekend in July

HSAHS is hosting its 9th annual Shay Days July 14-16. Demonstrations, model trains, displays, hands-on activities, historical programs and walking tours highlight the achievements of local inventor Ephraim Shay and his geared engines which revolutionized logging world-wide. All events take place at the "Hexagon House" on Main Street. \$5 donation per person or \$10 per family (up to five members) provides admission for all activities throughout this special community event. Hours: July 14 and 15 from 10 to 6PM and July 16 from noon to 6 P.M.

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Enclosed is my 2006 membership contribution for: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other

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IN FULL BLOOM THIS SUMMER- HSAHS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *A MUSEUM GROWS IN HARBOR SPRINGS*

HSAHS is well on its way to reaching the goal of raising \$1.7 million for the renovation of the Old City Hall into an exciting area history museum. In the last year through quiet fundraising, donations and pledges close to \$800,000 have been secured for this project from individuals, foundations and businesses. Now it's time to ask for the help of our members, friends and community to make sure there's a home for Harbor area history. Let's raise the remaining funds this summer and fall so construction can start next spring!

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of our campaign, *A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs*, on Wednesday, June 21, 5-7 pm at the Old City Hall. Plan to join HSAHS for some old-fashioned fun and refreshments while you learn more about the museum project.

How can you help HSAHS create a museum that showcases the themes of life in Harbor Springs and the surrounding area? Talk up the museum project with friends and neighbors this summer. Pick up informational brochures at Jo Ford Park to hand out to interested folks. Let us know if you would like to host a gathering of friends for a brief presentation about the project. Look at our Summer Events page and plan to attend one of our special summer benefits.

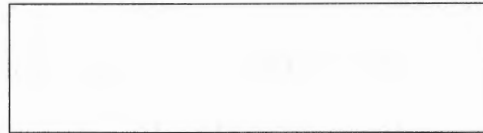
Watch your mailbox for a fall mailing letting you know about a special opportunity to help the museum campaign. We need EVERYONE'S support!

Yours for history,
Sarah Cohen and Patsy Ketterer, Co-Chairs
A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs



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2006 Summer Events Celebrate Harbor Springs History

Harbor History Talk – June 13

“School Days” Growing up in Harbor Springs in the 1930’s and 1940’s with Eleanor “Muggs” Jardine, Patsy Wager Ketterer and Norine “Coon” McBride. 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall on Zoll Street.

Business Before Hours – June 13

Rise and Shine! Tours of the old City Hall, 349 East Main Street, for the Harbor Springs business community from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Capital Campaign Kick-Off – June 21

It is official! The *A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs* capital campaign will be launched on the first day of summer at the old City Hall. Come for an old-fashioned lemonade social from 5-7 p.m. See what is planned for the future museum and take home your own piece of history.

Hramiec-Hoffman – June 30

A special wine and cheese art opening is planned Friday, June 30 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Hramiec-Hoffman Gallery on M-119. \$10 donation per person and a portion of the sales that evening benefits HSAHS.

Walking Tours – July 7, 14, 21, 28

Take a Step Back in Time on a one-hour walking tour at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays in July. Meet at the old City hall, 349 East Main Street.

Shay Days—July 14,15,16 see article

History Art & Nostalgia – August 3-6

Unprecedented opportunity to purchase photographs from the Virgil Haynes collection featuring scenes of the 1940’s-1960’s at the Shay House, 396 E. Main. A portion of the sales benefit HSAHS. August 3, 5-8, preview reception - \$10 per person donation, August 4 and 5 from 10-6 p.m., August 6 from 10-2 p.m.

Home Tour – August 7

A “Blissful” Day Along the Shore is the theme of this year’s historic home tour of log cabins and homes along Lake Michigan north of Harbor Springs on Monday, August 7 from 10-3 p.m. \$30 per person includes a “take along” lunch. For reservations call 526-9771 or send check payable to HSAHS, P.O. Box 812, Harbor Spring, MI 49740.

Harbor History Talk – August 10

“One of Ed’s Great Talks” Ed Meyer is working on a super talk but is keeping the topic under wraps. Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall on Zoll Street.