

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
A G E N D A
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Sips and Sprinkle's Lobby
221 W. Locust Street
5:30 pm**

ROLL CALL

Members:

Lisa Kummerow, Chair
David Kummerow, Vice-Chair
Anna Pivoras
Kris Bryan
Becky Tobin
Filitsa Platopoulos
Alexandra Omiotek

Staff:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Ex-Officio:

Mike Chamberlain, Mayor

MINUTES: Approve Minutes—May 28, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS:

Certification of Appropriateness- 704 North State Street
Landmark Application- 401 East Lincoln Avenue
Downtown Façade Improvement Grant

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2020 Awards Program:
Promotional/Fundraising Events: Ghost Tour
Leath Warehouse Update: None
Maintenance Small Grant: None
10 Year Plan: Implementation
Expenditures: None
Friends of Preservation: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of America Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties- No update
Book Sales- No update

DISCUSSION:

Newsletter

US Route 20

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

Staff Report:

Next Meeting Date: July 23, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 28, 2019
5:30 pm
401 Whitney Boulevard**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Lisa Kummerow, Vice Chair
David Kummerow, Chair
Anna Pivoras
Becky Tobin

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent:

Filitsa Platopoulos
Alexandra Omiotek
Kris Bryan

With a quorum present, Chair Lisa Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Pivoras) to amend the agenda, moving "Maintenance Small Grant" to the beginning of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that the windows at 333 W. Hurlbut Avenue have been installed. Ms. DelRose directed the Commission to review the pictures included in their packets.

It was moved and seconded (D. Kummerow/Pivoras) to issue a reimbursement check of \$2,500.00 to Mr. Stapleton for the window replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Pivoras/Tobin) to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mindy Long, archivist for the Ida Public Library, stated that she was present to inquire how the library can work with the Commission on projects and offer assistance.

Mindy Long stated that she was contacted by a resident who was interested in his older home. Ms. Long stated that she was able to locate quite a bit of history about previous owners and the architect of the home.

Becky Tobin directed Gina DelRose to send the property owner a letter explaining the significance of the residence and encouragement to landmark the property.

Mindy Long stated that the Ida Public Library will be hosting a Privy Dig Lecture on June 8th.

Leah Bush, curator of exhibits for the Boone County Museum of History stated that she had been reviewing the Elgin Historic Downtown Project. Ms. Bush stated that after contacting

Mindy Long, they reached out to the web designer of www.historicelgin.com to discuss doing a similar website for Belvidere.

Leah Bush stated that there is a cost for the website but she would assist in data collection to keep the cost as minimal as possible.

Mindy Long stated that she would assist in data collection as well.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Boone County Arts Council could be contacted about including the murals.

Mindy Long stated that she is aware of a Humanities Grant that may help off-set some of the costs.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Daughters of the American Revolution could be contacted about including local Civil War monuments.

Mindy Long stated that the cemeteries could participate as well.

Gina DelRose stated that it would be a good idea to have the web designer give a presentation that all the local stakeholders could attend.

Becky Tobin left the meeting at 5:50pm.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2019 Awards Program: Gina DelRose reviewed the final budget and stated that food costs had run over from what was spent in previous years. Ms. DelRose stated that \$550.00 was raised in ad sales for the property maintenance grant fund and there was a record number of people that attended.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Gina DelRose stated that she needs to reach out to a local property owner that expressed interest in participating in the ghost tour.

Gina DelRose stated that the Sips and Sprinkles Chef's Night Out fundraiser is coming up and that commission members should be present.

Gina DelRose stated that the fundraiser is on the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting night and questioned if the Commission would prefer moving their meeting to a different day or holding it at the restaurant.

The Commission decided they will meet at the restaurant.

Gina DelRose stated that she will be representing the Commission at the Ida Public Library's Kick Off to Summer Reading event. Ms. DelRose stated that she will bring US Route 20 handouts and a coordinating coloring sheet for the children.

Leath Warehouse Update: No updates.

10 Year Plan: No updates

Expenditures: Gina DelRose reviewed the budget for the 2019 Awards Program.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: No updates.

DISCUSSION:

Newsletter- Gina DelRose stated that the newsletters were sent out and posted on the City's website along with the Commission's Facebook page.

US Route 20- Lisa Kummerow and David Kummerow met with Bryan Farr of the Historic US Route 20 Association in Freeport and they will now be overseeing the Illinois division of the Historic US Route 20 Association.

Lisa Kummerow stated that Bryan Farr is still awaiting funding to be released in order to move certain projects forward.

David Kummerow stated that the City of Freeport has agreed to place US Route 20 items in their visitor center.

Lisa Kummerow stated that the US Route 20 signage that the Commission ordered was mailed to an incorrect address but should be arriving soon.

Courthouse Square III Survey Grant- Gina DelRose stated the grant application was approved and will be moving forward soon.

Downtown Façade Improvement Program- Gina DelRose stated that she has received numerous inquiries about the grant and expects several applications to be submitted. Ms. DelRose stated that grant applications will be reviewed by the Commission at their June meeting.

CLG Annual Report and Work Plan- Gina DelRose stated that in order for the Commission to be considered a Certified Local Government and be eligible for state grants, she must submit an annual report and work plan to the State of Illinois every year. Ms. DelRose stated that the fiscal year 2019 report and the fiscal year 2020 work plan were included in the packet.

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

Staff Report: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Recorded by

Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner

BELVIDERE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Belvidere Community Development Department
Phone 815 547-7177
Fax 815 547-0789



APPLICATION
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Property Address 704 N State St., Belvidere, IL 61008

Property Legal Description 26-44-3 LT 1 BLK 40 ORIG TOWN
704 N STATE ST

Name of Owner Maria Alequin

Mailing Address 704 N. STATE ST., BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Daytime Phone 773-680-4734 e-mail address _____

Date of Original Construction _____ Original Use _____

Proposed Work: Alterations Restoration _____ Addition _____ New Construction _____

Garage _____ Siding _____ Relocation _____ Demolition _____ Other _____

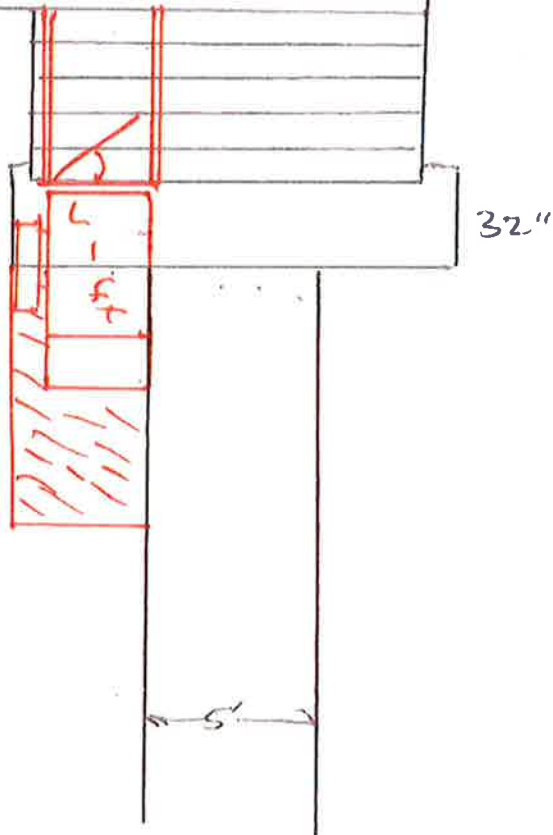
In addition to the plans, architectural drawings, elevations and photos, describe the proposed activity, the current condition of the structure and reason for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

There is a handicapped individual at this residence, and
installing a 48' ramp to get in the house, we proposed an
automated, self-folding VPL, which can be easily removed,
along with the temporary deck over the stairs.
In the current condition, this individual has a hard time
getting in/out of the house basically impossible.
We are obtaining this certificate due to the address
being located in the historical district.

House

FRONT PORCH

- * BRIDGE OVER EXISTING STEPS
- * 25 SQ FT CONC.
- * 36X54 UPL
- * 120V 20A DEDICATED CIRCUIT



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Architect's or Contractor's Name Extended Home Living Services Address 210 W CAMPUS DR, STE B

City Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Contact Amanda Adams

Applicant's Name Amanda Adams Address 210 W. CAMPUS DR, STE B

City Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Contact -

What is the estimated cost of the project? \$9,100

(If the cost exceeds 25 percent of the fair market value, you might consider applying for the property tax freeze program through the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (217 785-5042).

Will original materials be replaced? If so, what is the estimated cost of repair of original material compared to the replacement material ?

Is the proposed work necessary because of conditions that pose an imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of citizens? Y If yes, please explain: TO provide home access for disabled

If this request is for demolition, indicate the proposed use for the site.

Please submit photographs and architectural drawings and elevations to identify the existing conditions and the proposed changes affecting the existing structure.

The undersigned certifies that the project will be constructed in accordance with the aforesaid plans and specification unless otherwise indicated on the approved Certificate of Appropriateness granted by the Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission.

Applicant Amanda Adams Date 6/5/19

Owner Date

Departmental Use Only

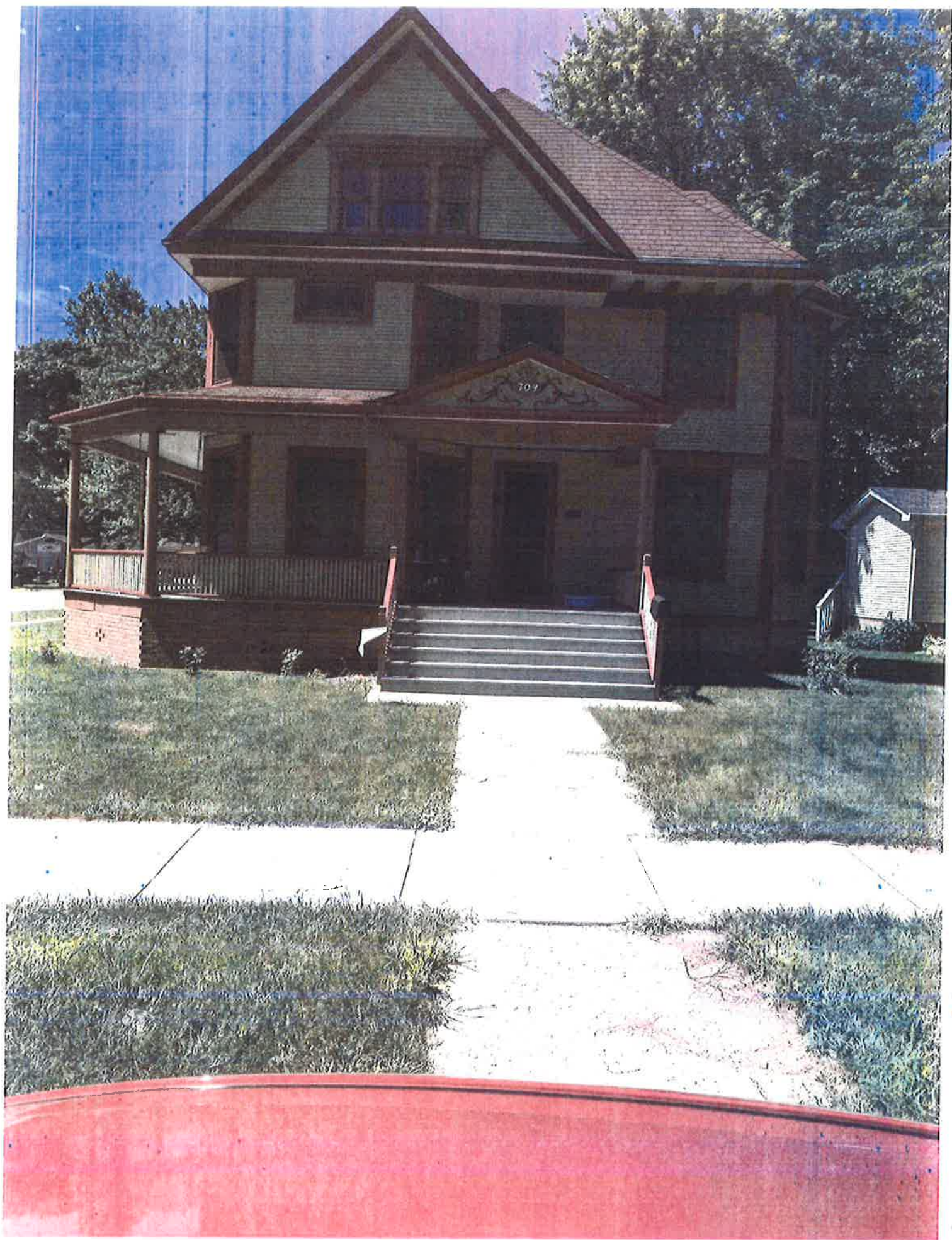
Application Approved Denied

Notes Condition:

Certificate Approved on Date By Chair

Certificate Issued on Date By Administrator

cc: File, Building Department



31 July 2018

Customer	Client Jobsite
Ms. Jamie countryman IDHS Rockford 171 Executive Parkway #101 Rockford, Illinois 61107 jamie.countryman@illinois.gov	Frances Alequin 704 N. state St. Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Here's our proposal to install a vertical platform lift at the clients front entrance:

Install One, New Residential Vertical Platform lift. Model and Features:

Bruno VPL-3153 Equipped as follows:

- 750 lbs. weight capacity
- Key switched for security with weather protected controls and emergency stop switch on the platform
- Acme screw drive with safety back-up nut and solenoid actuated screw breaking at the landing
- 42" high solid sides with grab bar on the platform, welded steel tubular guide construction and weather resistant powder coated paint throughout
- Automatic self-lowering folding ramp that provides easy access when in the "down" position and a safety enclosure in the "up" position
- Totally enclosed bottom-formed steel safety pan that is spring sensitive, shutting the unit down if an obstruction is encountered
- Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed
- Straight Through Platform (on / off opposite sides)
- 36" wide x 54" long platform
- Rocker switch control with emergency stop on the platform
- Surface mounted controls with rocker switch control on the lower landing
- 36" wide top landing gate includes rocker switch call / send controls with key and mechanical interlock which is released only when platform is at top landing
- Installation of lift tower on the left hand side as viewed from the bottom
- Upper Landing gate with hinge on left hand side as viewed from the bottom

Warranty

- Extended Home Living Services, Inc. provides a one-year warranty on labor. The equipment is also covered under Bruno's Gold Warranty which provides a two-year warranty for major components and one year on parts.
- Vandalism, Acts of God, tampering and misuse are not covered by the warranties

Deliver and Install Lift

- Deliver and install the Bruno VPL lift and fully train the user in how to safely operate and maintain the lift
- Install a dedicated electric line (long run) from the electrical panel to power the lift
- Excavate, form and pour concrete support pad for lift and walk
- Construct a smooth, plywood vertical fascia panel at the front edge of lift platform
- Construct a bridge over the existing porch steps using pressure-treated lumber with the surface of the platform approximately 1/4" below the door threshold

- Build 42" high handrails as required on open sides of platform and stairway Handrails will be pressure-treated lumber with 2" x 2" vertical spindles on 5" centers with 2 x 4's as the top and bottom rails
- Permit costs are included in this proposal
- Elevator Permit and Inspection: Extended Home Living Services, Inc. will obtain the required elevator permit for this project along with any other required municipal licenses and we will remit required costs and fees to the municipality

Total For Items Listed Above

All work will be completed in a workmanlike manner. Extended Home Living Services, Inc. (EHLS) and all of its subcontractors agree to carry Workers' Compensation and General Liability insurance. Any alteration or deviation from the job specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All painting and staining will be the responsibility of the client unless otherwise noted. EHLS provides a one-year labor warranty and manufacturers equipment warranties.

All existing code violations including but not limited to: mold, lead, asbestos, or fire protection, are the responsibility of property owner and are not included in this proposal unless otherwise stated. If violations not explicitly stated in above proposal are required to be corrected, that additional cost is the responsibility of client (or payer source).

If permits are required, permitting time is approximately 2-4 weeks. Any required equipment will be ordered after permits are approved. Manufacturer delivery time is approximately 1 to 4 weeks. Total amount of time for installation is 1 to 7 days. Custom ordered equipment may not be returned and will require a charge if the job is cancelled after the equipment is ordered. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need additional information about this proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,

Robert Conroy
Accessibility Sales Specialist
847.636.7379
robert.conroy@ehls.com

UNENCLOSED STRAIGHT-THRU PLATFORM (NO PIT)

VPL-3100/VPL-3200B SERIES VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFT

TECHNICAL DATA/SPECIFICATIONS

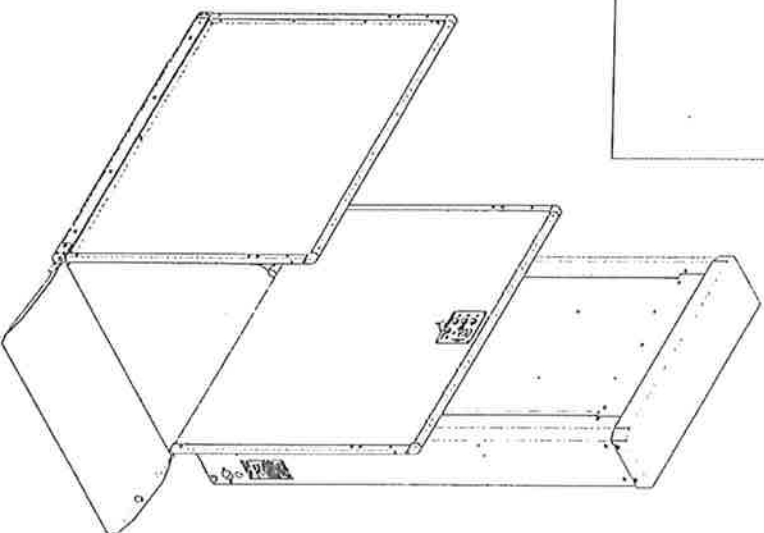
- RATED LOAD:** 750 lbs maximum.
- INPUT POWER SOURCE:** 110-120 Volt 15 Amp 60 Hz dedicated service.
- AC POWERED UNIT:** 110-120 Volt 3 Amp 60 Hz battery charger.
- DC BATTERY POWERED UNIT:**
- DRIVE:**
- AC POWERED UNIT: 1 hp motor, 1750 rpm, single phase, 120 VAC, 1.15 service factor, continuous duty.
 - DC BATTERY POWERED UNIT: VPL-3100B: 1/2 hp motor, 1750 rpm, 24 VDC, continuous duty.
- INTERMEDIATE REDUCTION:** VPL-3200B: 1 hp motor, 1750 rpm, 24 VDC, continuous duty.
- FINAL DRIVE:** Dual 4L style Poly-V belts and pulleys, 3.94:1 pulley reduction.
- VPL-3100: 1" dia. ACME screw w/bronze nut and bronze safety back up nut.
- VPL-3200B: 1.25" dia. ACME screw w/bronze nut and bronze safety back up nut.
- MOTOR CONTROLLER:**
- AC POWERED UNIT: 24 VAC Relay control.
 - DC BATTERY POWERED UNIT: 24 VDC Relay control.
- SPEED:**
- AC POWERED UNIT: 9 feet per minute maximum.
 - DC BATTERY POWERED UNIT: 10 feet per minute maximum.

For complete technical specifications please see
 ILS-00834 "VPL-3100 Series Residential Vertical Platform Lift Technical Specification"
 ILS-00986 "VPL-3200B Series Residential Vertical Platform Lift Technical Specification"

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- USA FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION:** CLASS II, 510(K) Exempt, File No. 890.3930,
 Product Code: PCE
- ANSI/ASME:** A18.1-2011 Section 5 Safety Standards for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts
 CSA B613-00 (JAN 2002) Private Residence Lifts for Persons with Physical Disabilities
- ANSI/ASME:** CSA B44.1-11/ASME-A17.5-2011 Elevator and Escalator Electrical Equipment

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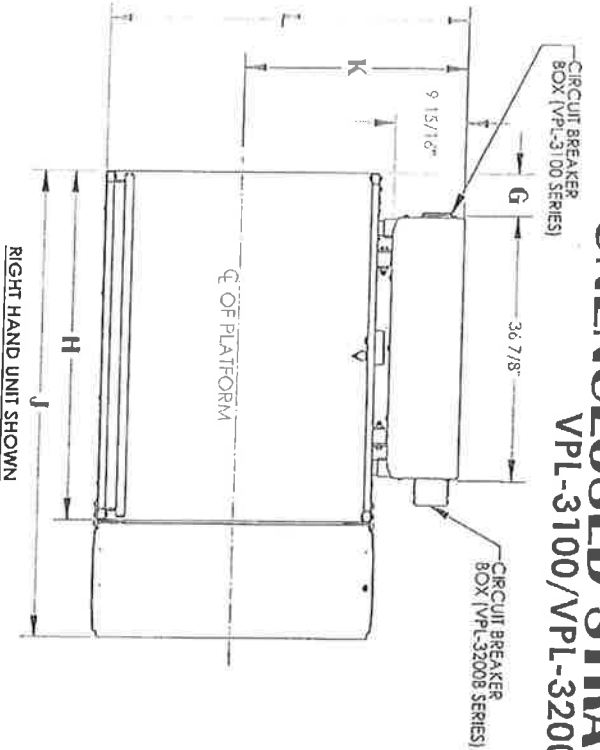


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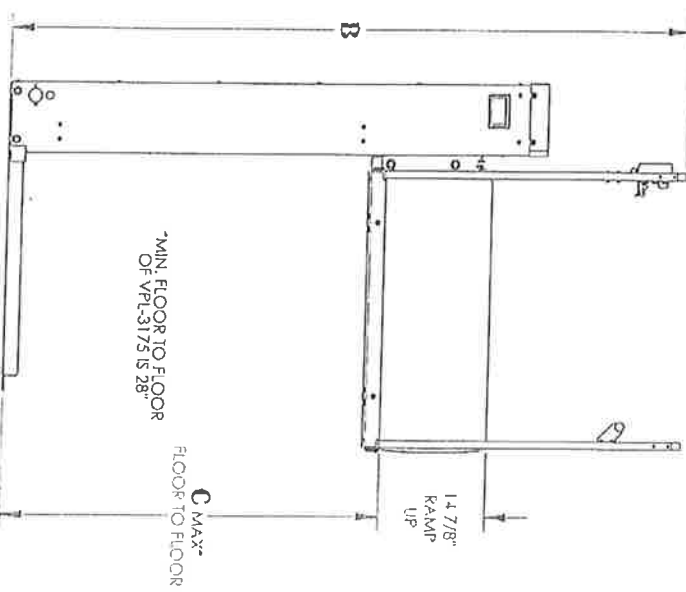
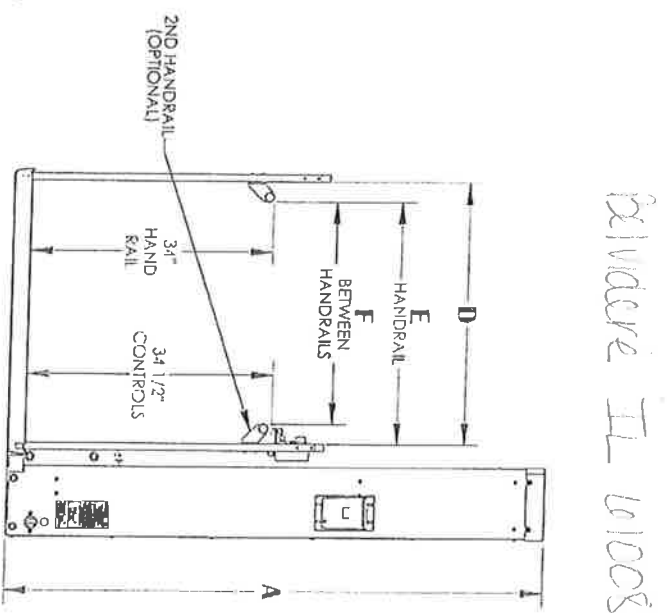
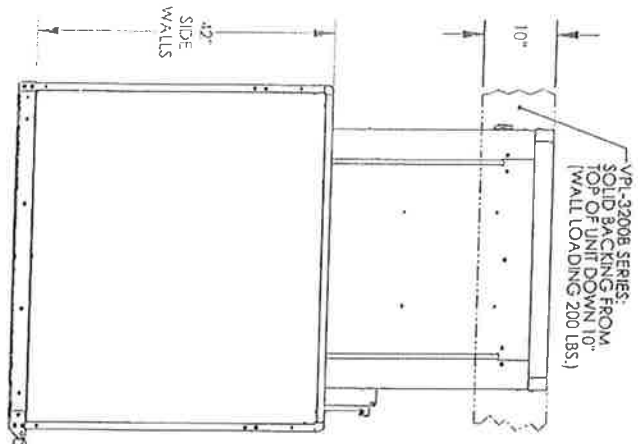
VPL-3100/VPL-3200B SERIES VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFT



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36" X 48" PLATFORM	36-1/4"	33-1/2"	30-3/4"	5-3/4"	48-7/16"	64-5/8"	31-9/16"	50-13/16"
36" X 54" PLATFORM	36-1/4"	33-1/2"	30-3/4"	8-3/4"	54-7/16"	70-5/8"	31-9/16"	50-13/16"
36" X 60" PLATFORM	36-1/4"	33-1/2"	30-3/4"	11-3/4"	60-7/16"	76-5/8"	31-9/16"	50-13/16"
42" X 60" PLATFORM	42-1/4"	39-1/2"	36-3/4"	11-3/4"	60-7/16"	76-5/8"	34-9/16"	56-13/16"

	A	B	C
VPL-3153	75-9/16"	95"	53"
VPL-3175	97-9/16"	117"	75"
VPL-32108	148-1/16"	165"	123"
VPL-32128	172-1/16"	189"	147"
VPL-32148	196-1/16"	213"	171"

*Francis A leguin
704 N. State St.
Beverly IL 61008*



NOTES: 1) ACCESS RAMP CAN BE MOUNTED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PLATFORM
2) SEE ILS-00938 FOR LANDING GATE DETAIL/ALIGNMENT

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- Landing call/send station
- Platform gate
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- Paddle controls
- DC battery powered in 4- and 6-foot units





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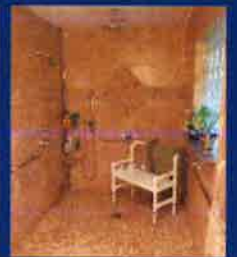
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Wheelchair Lifts are sometimes called Porch Lifts and are often used to get in/out of the house. They are built to operate in the changing weather climate of Chicagoland. Vertical Platform Lifts can also be used indoors and in public buildings to travel between floors. VPLs are similar to elevators but use constant pressure switches.

Vertical Platform Lift Basics

Lift Tower



The lift travels up and down a rail system enclosed in the lift tower (either hydraulic or screw mechanism). The drive system is contained within the lift tower; no additional machine room is needed.

Platform



The platform travels vertically and can be configured for entering/exiting same side, 90 degree exit, or opposite side entering/exiting.

Key Operated



The lift is key operated with pressure controls located at the upper and lower landings as well as on the platform. The key is optional.

VPL Safety Features

- Solid metal walls on either side of platform keep legs/arms out of harm's way when lift is moving.
- Upper landing gate/door at the top landing is secured with an auto interlock. The gate will not open when lift is not in place, ensuring no one will fall to surface below.
- Safety underpan lifts automatically and stops from descending if anything is detected under the lift.
- Emergency stop switch on platform; push to stop, pull to reset.



*"This wheelchair lift has given me my independence back and I'm very grateful for that. It's such a great feeling being able to get in and out of my house and not having to rely on family members and friends for their help."
— Jose R, Chicago*

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Vertical Platform Lifts can be used both indoors, outside, and in residential and commercial settings. Short VPLs, often called "Porch Lifts" are used to provide access from ground level to enter homes. In a commercial setting, VPLs are enclosed in a "hoistway" — either a factory supplied enclosure or a constructed enclosure.

VPL Constraints:

- Up to 14 feet of travel
- Up to 3 stops
- Up to 750 lbs. — ideal for power chair users
- Platforms 48" to 60" long

VPL Options:

- Drive Mechanisms: Hydraulic or Screw
- Call/Send controls to offer additional security and ease of operation
- Hands-free telephone
- Customized grab bars
- Stay dry canopy
- Variety of door options
- Optional battery-operated VPL for added peace of mind; battery operation provides access in and out of your home even during a power outage.

EHLS Family of VPLs:

Exterior/Open



Key Features:

- 750 lb weight capacity
- Open lift
- Weather protected controls
- Automatic self lowering ramp
- Up to 14' of travel
- Uses hydraulic or screw drive

These VPLs are very versatile. They are appropriate for indoor/outdoor use and are often referred to as 'Porch Lifts'.



Exterior-Open
Extended Height VPL



Exterior-Open

Factory Enclosed



Key Features:

- Factory enclosures meet the requirements for commercial VPL applications
- Protects the lift and user from the elements
- A variety of finishes are available including; plexi-glass, aluminum, metal, and luxury framed or frameless glass

These VPLs are appropriate for commercial and residential settings and can be used indoors or outdoors.



Hoistway/Shaft



Key Features:

- 750 lb weight capacity
- A VPL in a constructed hoistway meets the requirements for a commercial/residential lift that travels through a floor
- Non-skid surface on platform
- User choice of doors

This configuration is used in both residential and commercial settings and are in a constructed hoistway.



Inclined Platform Lift - IPL:



Key Features:

- 650 lb lifting capacity
- Space saving, easy access
- IPL easily folds when not in use
- Used over straight and curved stairs

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- We install the equipment we sell and our technicians and installers are factory trained



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June 19, 2019

ADVISORY REPORT

Local Landmark Designation Thornberry; 401 N. Main Street (St. John's Church)

REQUEST AND LOCATION:

The applicant, Marion Thornberry on behalf of the owner, St John's United Church of Christ (St. Johannes Evangelische Kirche), 401 North Main Street, Belvidere is requesting local landmark designation according to Section 58 of the Belvidere Municipal Code for the property located at 401 North Main Street in Belvidere Township (PIN: 05-26-383-010). See the attached location map

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CURRENT ZONING:

The portion of the subject property that the building is located on is designated as "Institutional" on the City of Belvidere Comprehensive Plan, adopted November 10, 1999. The parking lot portion is designated as "Single Family" The institutional category encourages large-scale public buildings, hospitals and special-care facilities. Small institutional uses may be permitted in other land use categories. The property is zoned I, Institutional District. The neighborhood is predominantly residential with numerous churches and government facilities along North Main Street.

CRITERIA:

The proposed landmark meets the following criteria of Section 58-61: it has character and interest as part of the development of the City of Belvidere; it is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of Belvidere and Boone County and it is suitable for preservation.

According to the Belvidere Historic Resources Inventory Report compiled during the 2014 Courthouse Square Area Phase 1 Survey, the church is constructed in the Romanesque Revival architecture style and was built between 1907. Hagerty Heritage Planning listed the property as being in excellent condition even though there is a non-historic addition on the rear of the church and the basement windows have been replaced. One distinctive feature of the church is the large arch-top window that is centered below the gable and set with intricate tracery and art glass windows. The Report states that the property meets the eligibility requirements to be listed on the national registry in addition to those of a local landmark.

St. John's United Church of Christ has a history of restructure and growth. In 1901, 10 members of the German Lutheran Church left in protest of the church's requirement that members may not belong to any outside fraternal "secret" organizations. The members organized a new church under the name of St. Johannes Evangelische Kirche) and joined the Evangelical Synod. The first service of the newly formed church was held in a borrowed space

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of the Universalist Church (now a Seventh Day Adventist church). Membership grew and the congregation moved to the Methodist Church that is now the site of one of Belvidere's pump stations. It was at this time that, although only men were allowed to be members of the church, they ceased segregating men and women during worship services. In 1934, The Evangelical Church merged with the Reformed Church of America and in 1957 the two churches merged with the Congregation Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ.

In 1905 the church purchased the property and in 1907 the red brick church was constructed. The church is a variation of the Akron Theater Plan which was developed in 1867 and consists of curved pews in a semi-circle with a slanted floor towards the chancel area and the Sunday School rooms in the basement. Official dedication of the Church offered on March 8, 1908. At this time the church had a women's organization called the FrauenVervin, a choir and Sunday School. In 1911 a young people's organization called JungenVervin was formed as well as a men's fellowship. The youth group was very active and raised money for a large bell to be placed in the belfry and a new piano. The Sunday School donated the large stained glass window which is still in the sanctuary. It wasn't until after World War I that services began to be conducted in English. The current pipe organ was dedicated in 1924 and was built by the M.P. Moller Company which was located in Maryland.

One of the most notable Reverends in the Church's long history is H. Richard Niebhur who served as interim for the church in 1927. Rev. Niebhur was the president of Elmhurst College at the time and he later went on to national prominence as a theologian, teacher and author.

SUMMARY:

The planning staff believes that the designation of the property as a landmark will not have an adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood. Currently the structure is utilized as a church. The landmark designation will not change the use of the property or have an effect on the surrounding neighborhood which already consists of several landmarked properties. The landmark design will not have an adverse effect on the elements of the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan designated the area as Institutional. The current use fits into the Comprehensive Plan and would not change with the designation. The proposed landmark meets the criteria for designation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The planning staff recommends the approval of the designation of the church at 401 N. Main Street as a local landmark.

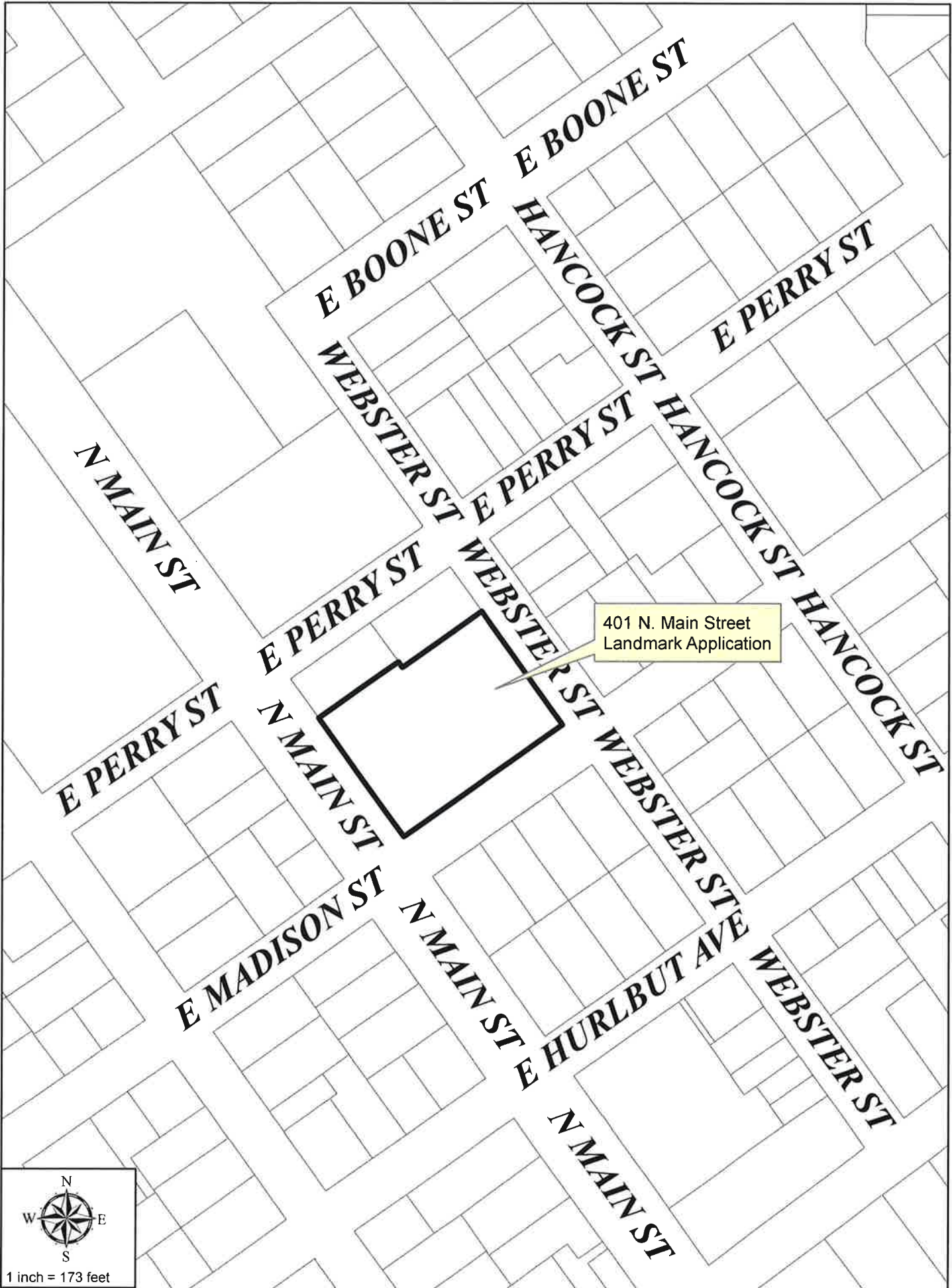
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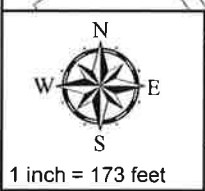
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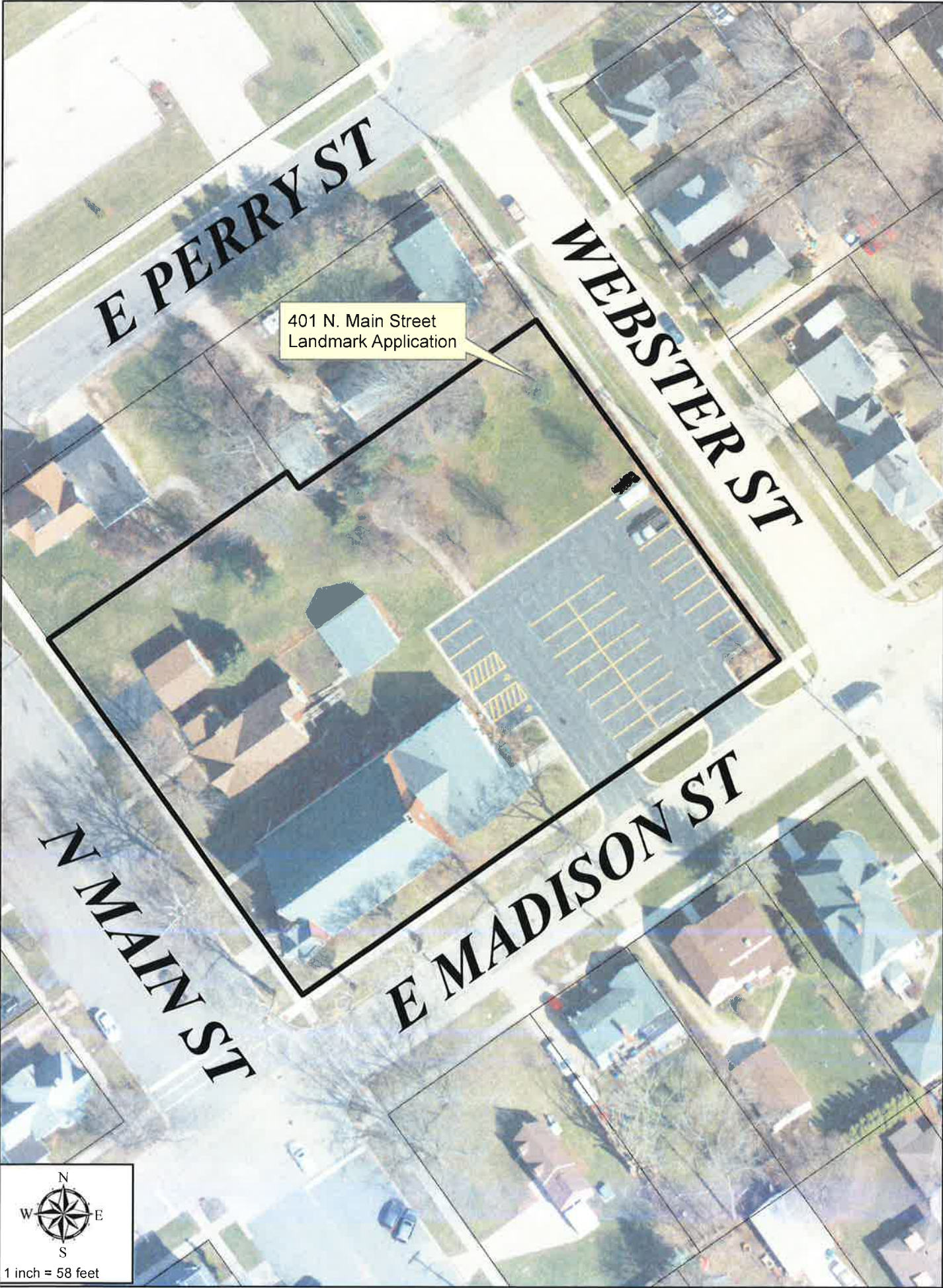
ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map by the planning staff.
2. Aerial Photo by the planning staff.
3. Comprehensive Plan Map by the planning staff.
4. Application by the applicant.
5. Supporting Documentation by the applicant.



401 N. Main Street
Landmark Application





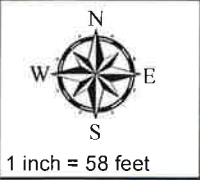
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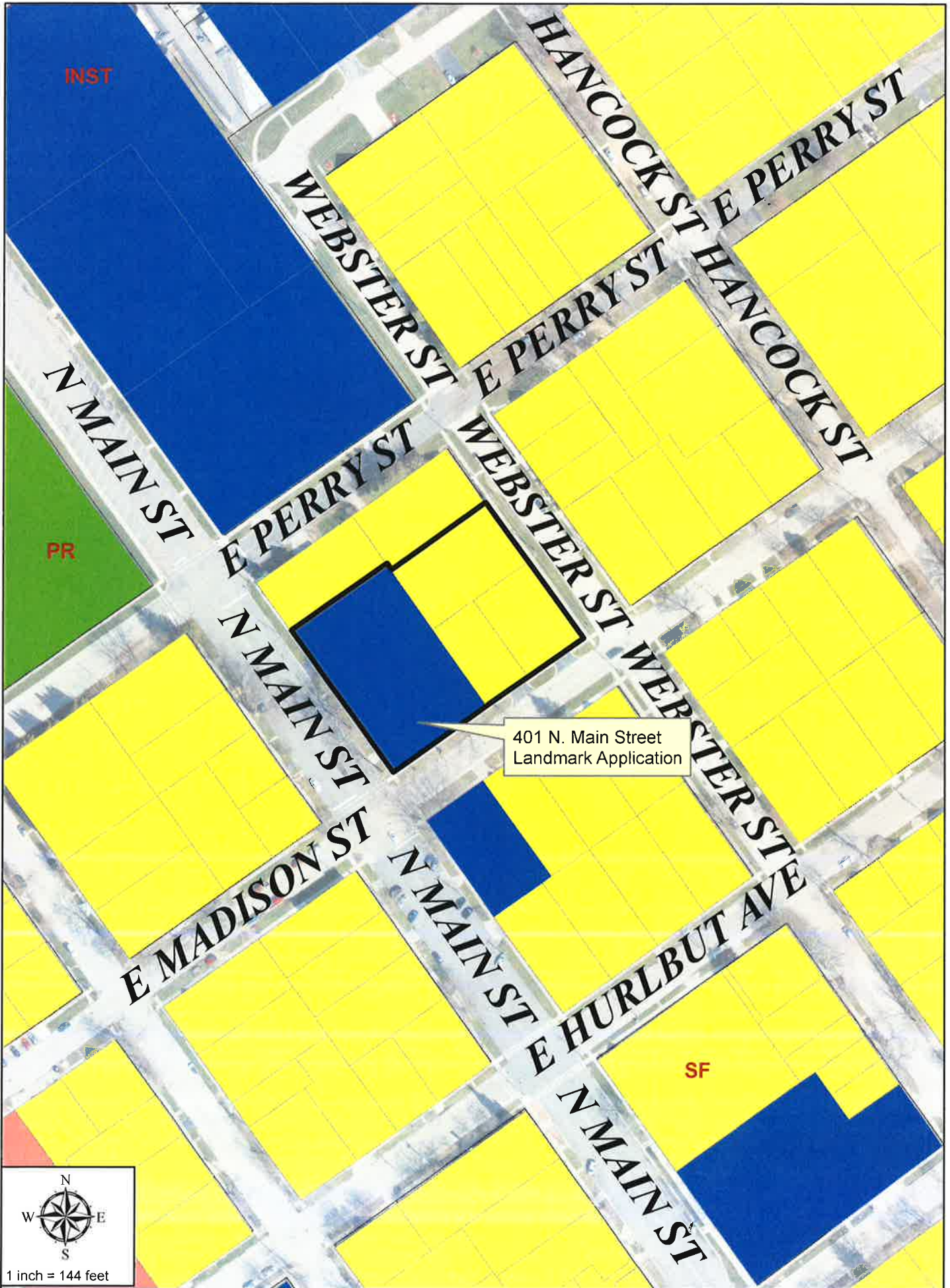
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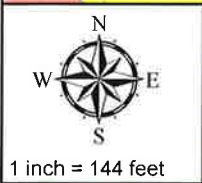


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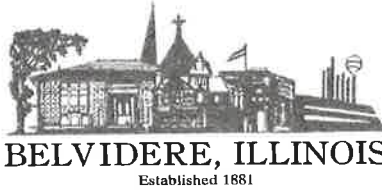
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BELVIDERE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Belvidere Community Development Department
Phone 815 547-7177
Fax 815 547-0789



**APPLICATION
FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

Property Address 401 NORTH MAIN ST. Belvidere, IL, 61008

Has the structure ever been located at another location? NO

If yes where? _____

Property Identification Number (PIN) 05-26-283-010, 05-26-283-004, 05-26-283-007
05-26-283-008

Property's Legal Description _____

Historic Name of Property Evangelical St. Johannes ST. JOHANNES Evangelische Kirche

Common Name of Property ST. Johns

Applicant's Name MARION L. Thornberry

Applicant's Address 528 East 8th Street Belvidere, IL 61008

Applicant's Phone Number 815-985-8544

Name of Owner ST. Johns

Owner's Address _____

Owner's Phone Number _____

Classification i.e. Structure, Buildings, Site, Object, or District Structure / Building

Ownership i.e. Public, Private, or Both Private ownership

It has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important to pre-history, history, or other areas of archaeological significance.

Please attach the following information with your application.

A narrative statement completely describing the subject and fully explaining the characteristics of the subject (architectural, historical, etc.) which meet the criteria used to identify Landmarks. List any other significant exterior architectural features that should be preserved.

A site plan drawn to scale (not less than 1 inch= 100ft) showing the location of the building, traffic access, drives, open spaces, signs, and dimensions of yard areas.

Existing elevation drawings of all sides of every structure to be considered, illustrating architectural details coinciding with the Narrative statement, if applicable.

Photographs of all sides of every structure to be considered, which best exemplify the characteristics to be considered by the Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission.

Any other information you wish to include which would become part of the Landmark Register (family photographs, genealogies, histories, abstracts, old maps, newspaper articles, etc.)

List the owners of record of all the properties located adjacent and across the street, alley, or road from the subject property.

Property Identification Number (PIN)	Name	Address

Please remember submitted items will become property of the Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission, and will not be returned.

Is Public Acquisition being considered? no

Is the property currently occupied? yes

Please list the existing uses for the property, as well as any prior uses that you are aware of: _____

Is the property represented in existing Landmark Surveys? yes - Courthouse Square I

If yes, please list type, title, and date _____

*** In compliance with sections 58.61 & 58.62 of the Belvidere Municipal Code, the following information is required.**

Please check the following Landmark status criteria that the subject property meets.

The property has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of Belvidere, Boone County, State of Illinois, or the nation.

It's location is a site of significant City, County, State, or National event.

It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of Belvidere, Boone County, State of Illinois, or the Nation.

It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.

It is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of Belvidere, Boone County, State of Illinois, or the Nation.

It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

It embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.

It has character which is particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

It is suitable for preservation or restoration.

It is included in the National Register of Historic Places and/or Illinois Register of Historic Places.

I hereby affirm this application and all information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that all materials will become property of the Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission. I understand the Commission will be responsible for the recording of the Landmark in the Landmark Register.

By virtue of this request for Landmark Designation, local elected and appointed officials responsible for the review and approval/denial of this application are hereby given permission to inspect the property proposed for designation in order to determine its suitability.

Applicant *William F. Spangenberg* Date *05/28/2019*
Owner *St. Johns UCC* Date *05/28/2019*

Departmental Use Only

Application Approved _____ Denied _____

Notes Condition: _____

Application Approved on _____ Date _____ By _____ Chair _____

Application Issued on _____ Date _____ By _____ Administrator _____

cc: File, Building Department

**Belvidere Historic Resources Inventory:
Courthouse Square Area**

No. 41
Survey Date: 3/30/2014

Property Information

Address: 401 N Main PIN: 05-26-283-010
 Building Names: St. John's United Church of Christ
 Important Dates: August 18, 1907
 Historic Function: Evangelische St. Johannes Kirche
 Current Function: St. Johns United Church of Christ
 Color Code Criteria: Red
 Outbuildings
 Number: 1 Any Significant:
 Architectural Style: Richardsonian Romanesque
 Property Type: Institutional
 Approximate Age: 1900-1909
 Condition: Excellent
 Potential for Integrity?



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Structure Information

Structure: Masonry
 Foundation: Stone Concrete Not Visible
 Brick Parged
 Cladding: Clapboard Asphalt
 Siding Stucco
 Shake Stone
 Board-and-Batten Brick
 Aluminum/Vinyl Concrete Block
 Asbestos Metal

Additions

Type: Location:
 Historic Front Rear
 Non-Historic Side Roof

Porch

Type: Material:
 Enclosed Porte Cochere Stone Wood
 Stoop Wraparound Brick Concrete
 Veranda Multi-Story

Significance: Location:
 Historic Altered Front Rear
 Side Balcony

Doors

Leaf: Two-Leaf
 Material: Wood
 Significance: Arrangement: Type:
 Historic Sidelights Paneled
 Replacement Transom Paneled w/Lights
 Glazed

Windows

Type: Material: Significance:
 Double-Hung Steel Original Windows
 Sliding Wood Original Storms
 Casement Vinyl Replaced Windows
 Fixed Aluminum Replaced Storms

Roof

Type: Material: Dormers:
 Gable Mansard Asphalt Gable
 Hipped Shed Metal Hipped
 Jerkinhead Flat Slate Shed
 Gambrel Shake Jerkin
 Clay Tile

Chimney

Material: Brick Concrete Block Stone

Description

The Romanesque Revival church is constructed of red brick and has a steeply pitch gable roof, corner tower and rectangular massing. A one-and-one-half story sanctuary level is raised on a lookout basement, and the tower rises two levels above the basement. The front façade, facing west, is dominated by a shaped, parapeted gable and an engaged corner tower. A large arch-top window is centered below the gable, set with intricate tracery and art glass windows. The tower, also parapeted with diminutive shaped gables, has corbelled bracing at each corner, flaring out from two-and-one-half stories down. The tower lantern is decorated with scalloped louvers, and a large, limestone plaque reading "Evangelische St. Johannes Kirche" is inset above a large gabled entry portico. Within the porch, an arched wood ceiling echoes the transom above a pair of entry doors with cross shaped lites. Two wood and plaster supports rest on brick knee walls and a concrete stoop. Along the nave, facing north and south, there are also arch topped windows and set with art glass. At the east elevation, a central chimney stack is flanked by two 1 lite attic windows. Basement windows have been replaced with 1/1 double hung windows, and all square topped windows on primary facades are trimmed with...

NR ELIGIBILITY

Individual Eligibility:
 District Eligibility:

District Name:

Belvidere Old Town NRHP District

Contributing:
 Non-Contributing:

Events (NR-A)
 Persons (NR-B)
 Architecture (NR-C)
 Archaeology (NR-D)

LOCAL ELIGIBILITY

Individual Eligibility:
 District Eligibility:

District Name:

Contributing:
 Non-Contributing:

Events 2
 Persons 3
 Architecture 4, 5, 6, 8
 Archaeology
 Other 1, 7, 9, 10, 11

St. John's United Church of Christ

401 NORTH MAIN STREET - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

In 1901 19 members of the German Lutheran Church left that organization in protest to the church requirements that members may not belong to any outside fraternal "Secret" organizations.

They organized a new church under the name of St. John's Evangelical Church (St. Johannes Evangelische Kirche), and at the same time they joined the Evangelical Synod. That same synod sent out a Rev. Kroenke of Carpentersville to help St. John's organize and help lead the first services.

These first services were held in borrowed space from the then Universalist Church at the corner of Hurlbutt and Van Buren, which is now occupied by the Free Methodist Church.

Due to growth in membership, St. John's moved and rented the old Methodist Church on the Southeast corner of N. Main and E. Madison (site now occupied by the city water pump station.) By this time membership had grown to 63 and 60 children attended Sunday School. It is also important to note here that only men were allowed to be members. It was also at this time that they discontinued the practice of separating the men from the women on each side of the church during worship, which was the practice of their forefathers.

As the church continued to grow in 1905 the church purchased 2 nice lots across the street on E. Madison Street for the sum of

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\$3,000.00. In August of 1907 they built a new brick church on the corner lot for the sum of \$15,000.00. They had to borrow \$6,000.00 to build it and they dedicated the building on March 8, 1908. This beautiful building is the same one that is still used today by the St. John's Congregation.

The Church had a women's organization, called the FrauenVervin, Choir, and Sunday School almost from the very beginning and in 1911 a young people's organization, JugenVervin, and Men's Fellowship were added. The youth group was very active and in a very short time raised enough money for a large bell for the belfry and a new piano.

The Sunday School donated the big stained glass window which is still in the sanctuary and considered by many to be the most beautiful window in the area.

After World War I it is believed to be the first time the worship services were conducted in English.

In 1934 the Evangelical Church merged with the Reformed Church of America and in 1957 ~~with~~ the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church to form The United Church of Christ.

At the present time, St. John's United Church of Christ is at 401 North Main Street and is pastored by Rev. Kenneth D. Kramer, Sr.

At the time of the nation's Bicentennial Anniversary, St. John's will be ~~el~~ celebrating its 75th year as a congregation.

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
401 North Main Street

In 1901, a group of 19 members of the Immanuel German Lutheran Church met and formed a new congregation under the name of St. John's German Evangelical Church. This group chose to form a new church because of controversy concerning membership in fraternal organizations.

The congregation met in the Universalist Church on Hurlbut and Van Buren, where the Free Methodist Church now stands and later they met in the Methodist Church on the southeast corner of Madison and Main, where the present city water pump station is located. The congregation's first pastor was Rev. Frederick P. Umbeck.

April 1, 1905 the congregation took possession of the two lots they purchased on the northeast corner of Main and Madison. The purchase price was \$3000. The two houses on the lots were sold and the funds were used to help pay for the lots.

Construction on St. John's Church began July 15, 1907. The congregation did most of the digging. The contractor was James Nelson. The church was built in accordance with the American church style and was to cost \$12,808. A variation of the Akron Theatre Plan was also used in building the church.

*Be sure
James Nelson
here
Akron
Theatre*

In 1913 Sunday evening services were conducted in English for the first time.

*Delicate!
We forgot
the address
services
were not
at all
in 1913*

On May 18, 1919, the congregation voted to purchase a parsonage on the corner of Madison and Webster Streets for \$2,800. It was later sold and ground breaking for the present parsonage was begun in August, 1953. The cost was \$16,839.

*In the
corner site?*

On June 25, 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches merged to form the United Church of Christ.

The present pastor is Rev. Mark E. Yurs, who began his ministry at St. John's on June 1, 1982.

St. John's Church likesto point with pride the fact that H. Richard Niebuhr served as interim for their church in 1927 Niebuhr was the President of Elmhurst College at that time. He later went on to national prominence as a theologian, teacher and author.

H.

*Good - see Niebuhr
has been a member
of "Epiphany Society"
Mark E. Yurs
was Yurs
source of info
Answer*

BIDS HIGHER THAN THOUGHT WOULD BE

BOR - June 18, 1907

Cost of New St. Johannes Church in Excess of Estimate According to Bids Opened Sunday — Another Meeting Called.

At a meeting Sunday afternoon of the St. Johannes church congregation the bids for the erection of the new church edifice were opened.

The lowest bid was \$14,975 and the highest nearly \$16,000, without the heating installation. The figures were so much in excess of those anticipated that it was decided to make no award of the contract but to call another meeting, and in the meantime the building committee is to go over the plans and see if a readjustment of the specifications in some particulars might not bring the price down nearer the figures in mind.

The general idea had been that the congregation would be able to expend now somewhere between ten and twelve thousand dollars for the building proper, and perhaps a couple of thousand dollars more eventually for the interior finishing and heating apparatus.

The adjourned meeting was called for June 30. The pastor, Rev. Pinckert, who is the chairman of the building committee will be away for a week or so and on his return the matter will be taken up and the results of the conferences submitted to the congregation on the date mentioned.

START WORK ON CHURCH

GROUND WAS BROKEN TODAY FOR NEW ST. JOHANNES EDIFICE — CONTRACT WAS LET TO JAMES NELSON

BOR - July 2, 1907

The congregation of St. Johannes church at its meeting Sunday afternoon voted unanimously to award the contract for building the new church edifice to James Nelson. The price was \$12,808.

Some changes in the original specifications made it possible to obtain lower figures than made according to the first estimates a couple of weeks ago. Some parts of the basement are to be left unfinished, the spire of the steeple will be omitted and the congregation will attend to the excavation for the basement.

The contract calls for the heating installation, the building to be heated by steam, and the decoration of the auditorium. The spire and other parts left unfinished, mentioned above, will be supplied later.

The ground was staked out Monday and the excavating work begun today. The building will be commenced immediately and is to be completely finished and ready for occupancy by Dec. 1st.

The edifice will front on North Main street and extend east along East Madison street. On the north side of the church a large plot of ground will remain, which will be utilized at some future time for the erection of such other structure as may be desired.

The plan of the new structure in detail was given recently in The Republican. The society is to be congratulated that its efforts to secure a church building of its own have been crowned with success. The congregation has worshipped for some time in the old M. E. brick church situated on the opposite corner of the street. The fruition of the plans for a new building commenced several years ago and in which the first step was taken by purchasing the lots on which it is to be erected, is largely due to the indefatigable efforts of the present pastor of the church, Rev. E. F. Pinckert, and the other members of the building committee, as well as the hearty support and interest of the congregation. Material assistance also has been and will be received from many citizens outside the church organization.

About \$5,000 of the necessary money has been raised. There were two bids, the successful one by Mr. Nelson and one by Fred Dixon for \$13,800. The contract has been signed by the building committee, consisting of Frank J. Bahr, John Gahlbeck, Simon Schilling and by Rev. Pinckert. The contract calls for the completion of the work by December 1st.

LAY CORNER STONE SOON

BEGINNING OF THE...

SOLEMN RITES — PASTORS

FROM MANY CHURCHES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

BOR AUGUST 3, 1907

The corner stone of St. Johannes Evangelical church will be laid with appropriate ceremonies Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, at 2:30 o'clock.

The site is at the corner of North Main and East Madison streets. The basement walls will be entirely completed by that time. They are made of cement with a lining of brick.

The pastor of the church, Rev. E. F. Pinckert, will be assisted on the occasion by Rev. Holke, of Freeport, Rev. Silbermann, of Pearl City, and other ministers of the denomination of this vicinity. All the pastors of the evangelical churches in this neighborhood have been invited to participate in the exercises. The pastors and churches of other denominations in the city will also be invited to assemble at that time with the St. Johannes congregation.

The exercises will be of great interest and the program will include other features beside the addresses and the ceremony of laying the corner stone.

May 24, 1989

According to the Rev. Yure, St. John's Church is a variation of the Akron Theatre Plan. This plan was developed in 1867, and consists of curved pews in a semi circle with a slanted floor toward the chancel area (the area containing the altar, pulpit, choir and organ), and having Sunday School rooms underneath.

ST. JOHN'S TO DEDICATE PIPE ORGAN SUNDAY

42—ST JOHNS TO DEDICATORY SERVICE TO BE HELD AT 11 O'CLOCK IN FORENOON—REV. RIEMANN SPEAKS AT SPECIAL SERVICE IN AFTERNOON AND PROF. STANGER OF ELMHURST COLLEGE WILL GIVE RECITAL IN EVENING

BDR NOV 5 4 1924

The new \$3,000 pipe organ just installed in St. John's church will be dedicated at 11 o'clock tomorrow forenoon. The dedication sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Prof. Karl Karlson of Elmhurst college and the dedication of the organ will be by the pastor of the church, the Rev. D. C. Jensen.

Special music will be furnished by the choir and Miss Anna Feil of Bensenville will officiate at the organ.

The new organ was built by the M. P. Moller company of Hagerstown, Md., and installation has just been completed by experts from the factory.

A second special service will take place in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when the speaker will be the Rev. W. Riemann of Davis. Miss Feil will officiate at the organ and it is expected Prof. C. G. Stanger will be present and play a number.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, Prof. Stanger, professor of music at Elmhurst college, will give a recital on the new organ. The Rev. F. W. Warber of Foreston, president of the Freeport pastoral conference, will bring greetings at this service.

The program to be given by Prof. Stanger is as follows:

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| (a) Prologue | Rogers |
| (from organ Suite) | |
| (b) Intermezzo | |
| Meditation | Sturges |
| Jubilate Deo | Silver |
| Toccata | Dubois |
| Madrigal | Rogers |
| (a) Processional to the minister | |
| (from Lohengrin) | |
| (b) Grand March | Wagner |
| Evensong | Johnson |
| Jubilate Amen | Kinder |
- An offering will be taken.

CHURCH FILLED AT DEDICATION OF PIPE ORGAN

THREE LARGELY ATTENDED SERVICES HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAY — NEW PIPE ORGAN FORMALLY DEDICATED IN FORENOON — PROF. STANGER OF ELMHURST COLLEGE HEARD IN RECITAL IN EVENING. RN—Nov 7, 1924

The dedication services and inaugural recital Sunday for the new pipe organ installed at St. John's Evangelical church attracted a large attendance. The auditorium was filled at the morning and afternoon services and at the evening recital additional seats were required.

In addition to the congregation of St. John's other local churches were represented and many came from numerous places in this section, and some from several Wisconsin points.

In the afternoon a dinner was served to the many visitors from out of town by the ladies of the congregation.

Rev. D. C. Jensen, pastor of the church, had general charge of the services.

At the morning service the sermon was delivered by Prof. Karl H. Carlson, of Elmhurst college. Miss Anna Feil was the organist for the morning and afternoon services. In the afternoon, Rev. W. Riemann preached the sermon and an organ number was given by Prof. C. G. Sanger.

At the evening recital a fine program of musical numbers was given by Prof. Stanger, who is director of music for Elmhurst college. Prof. Sanger is a master of the instrument, and in the several selections given demonstrated the varied features of the splendid new organ to perfection. Rev. F. C. Warber, chairman of the Freeport Pastoral conference gave in the evening the address of greeting and congratulation. Miss Feil artistically rendered a special organ number. The numbers by the choir were a most enjoyable part of the services.

The sermons and addresses had in large part for their themes the prominence and value of music in church services and its influence on the soul; how it is elevated and inspired by good music and reached by it when words are ineffective.

The dedication of the organ was in common with that for the decorations that have recently been made in the auditorium and other improvements, which amount altogether to an expenditure of \$5,000, of which \$3,000 is for the organ. All represent much labor and effort on the part of the pastor and congregation.

Among those in attendance especially interested in the occasion were Mrs. E. J. Pinckert and son, Louis, of Chicago; Prof. and Mrs. Paul C. Seybold, of Davis, and Mrs. Alverna Schilling, also of Chicago.

The organ, which has a very handsome facade, is of superb tone and much power and equipped with all the important accessories. The builders are the M. C. Moller company of Hagerstown, Md. The following are the specifications for the new instrument:

Great Organ.

Open Diapason	61 Pipes
Dulciana	73 Pipes
Flute Traverso	61 Notes
Melodia	73 Pipes

Chimes silent stop.

Pedal Organ.

Bourdon—Large scale	32 Pipes
Lieblich Gedeckt	32 Notes

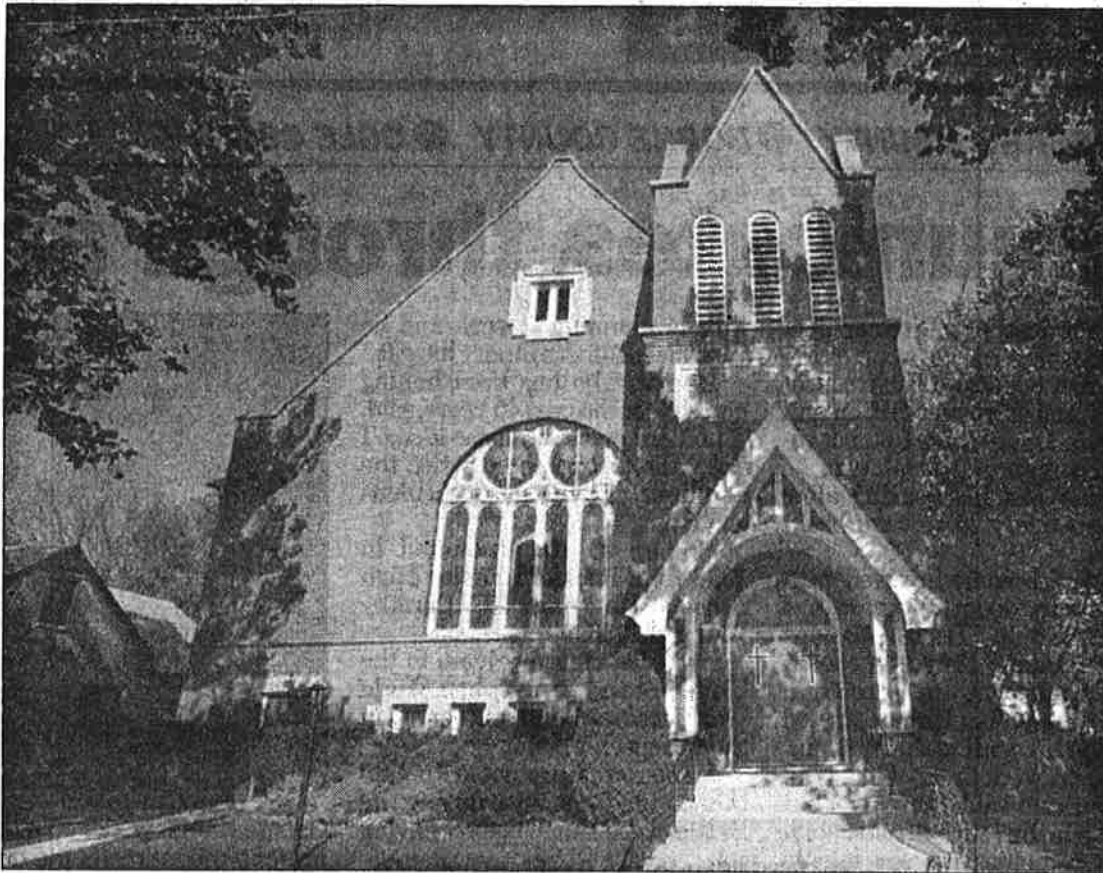
Swell Organ.

Stopped Diapason	85 Pipes
Flute D'Amour	73 Notes
Salicional	73 Pipes
Dolce	73 Notes
Violin	61 Notes
Oboe	61 Pipes

Ten couplers affecting manuals and pedal organ and usual mechanicals found in up-to-date organs.

The program that was given by Prof. Stanger was as follows:

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| (a) Prologue | Rogers |
| (from organ Suite) | |
| (b) Intermezzo | |
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| Jubilate Amen | Kinder |
- An offering was taken.



KEN LOVE/The Register Star

St. John's United Church of Christ.

Church name: St. John's United Church of Christ.

Address and phone: 401 N. Main St., Belvidere; 544-3773.

Denomination: United Church of Christ.

Ministerial staff: Rev. Dr. Mary M. Lundgren, pastor.

Total membership: 291.

Average worship attendance: 103.

Service times and days: Saturday, 5:30 p.m., worship; Sunday, 11 a.m., worship (summer 9 a.m.).

Special activities: Christmas children's program, Christmas Eve candlelight service with luminaries, Ash Wednesday service, Lenten soup suppers and video series, Palm Sunday donkey processional, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service, spring women's banquet, turkey dinner, rummage sale, craft and bake sale, Vacation Bible School baseball challenge with Pearl City U.C.C., Launch Sunday.

Classes, workshops offered: Sunday School for all ages, weekly adult Bible study (Thursday nights), new membership classes, confirmation classes.

Church groups: Youth Fellowship, Young Adults, U.C.C. Club, Fidelity Circle, Fellowship Circle, Women's Guild, Cub Scout Pack 121, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Kids Adventure Club (2nd Wednesdays), church basketball league, participation in the Prairie Association



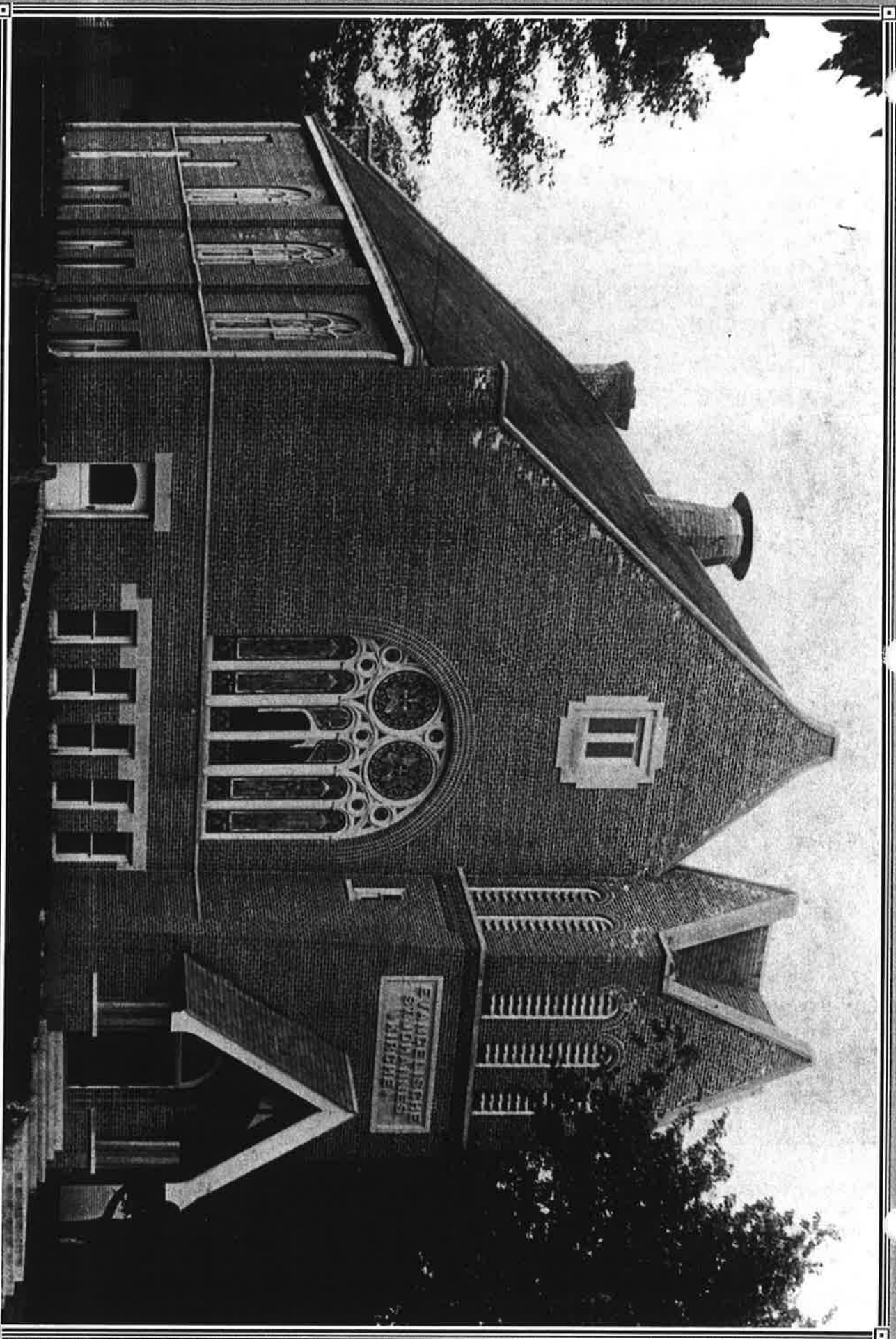
Rev. Mary M. Lundgren

of the Illinois Conference U.C.C., Boone County Ministerial Association and Rockford U.C.C. Mission Council, Homebound Visitors Group.

Help projects: Monthly Second Mile offerings for local and world missions, deliver Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army bell ringing, food collections, member of Helping Hands Network, sensitivity to social justice issues, prayer chain.

A word from the minister: Saint John's United Church of Christ in Belvidere is an exciting place to be. We are a growing enthusiastic, very active congregation. As Boone County is growing, we rejoice that many new people are worshipping with us, with new members of all ages. Weekly children's sermons in worship are well attended. We are concerned for the spiritual well-being and growth of every person in the congregation. We are a diverse congregation of all ages united in Christ. On the first Sunday of each month as well as on special Holy Days, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Baptism is a sacrament to which we give individual celebration. Founded in 1901 by 19 families of German heritage, we have a rich tradition in the Christian faith. Our future hopes and dreams include an addition to our church and greater love for God and all God's people in our hearts and actions.

Your church can be featured in Church of the Week. For information, contact Neighbors editor David Shultz by fax (987-1365) or phone (987-1240).



Sermons were originally delivered in German, as indicated by the inscription on St. John's Evangelical Church. Erected in 1907 on the corner of East Madison and North Main streets, the church's current membership stands at 125. Photo courtesy of the Boone County Historical Society.

Local pastor opens parsonage doors to drummers

This story is about two boys, Nick, 9, and Ryan, 8, and how a church and its pastor opened their hearts and homes to them.



KATHY MORBALL

COMMENTARY

On March 25, their mother, Denise Drummer was involved in a pedestrian accident on Route 20 and Pearl Street. Her injuries were severe requiring extensive hospitalization. She is still receiving medical care.

As the boys' primary caretaker, her accident left them tense and scared. No relatives lived in town and they did not know where they



RYAN DRUMMER (LEFT) AND BROTHER NICK

would go. They did not want to leave their friends or their schools while their mother was being hospitalized.

When schools were notified of the accident, which happened around noon on a Friday, the boys' two broken legs, a broken pelvis,

pastor was called. The Rev. Dr. Mary Lundgren of St. John's United Church of Christ took the boys to Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rockford, where their mother was undergoing six hours of surgery for

arm and shoulder. "We were very sad, totally bummed," said Ryan. "Very sad," added Nick. Lundgren stayed with the boys until their mother was out of surgery. She waited while the surgeon patiently explained to the boys what happened to their mother, and that she would have to remain in the hospital for a long time. She offered to let the boys stay at her house and has had them since. During that time, an outpouring of love, sharing and concern has come forth from the congregation of St. John's and other people who learned of Nick and Ryan's ordeal. "I think she (Lundgren) has done an exceptional job," says Lois Swenson, Boone County coroner, who has pitched in by doing seven loads of laundry. "She never had any children and suddenly she went to an instant family. The whole church family has pulled together, but she certainly has gone above and beyond by bearing the brunt of the responsibility."

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lines up baby sitters and cooks from a list of volunteers for times when Lundgren is busy working. Nancy Hunter, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, watches the boys after school until Lundgren is finished working.

"I was amazed," said Lundgren. "This is the most caring, loving congregation. They always respond and are willing to help."

Nick and Ryan are pretty amazed, too. From the trips to the Discovery Zone, movies, pizza parlors, baseball games and miniature golf, to the bags of cookies, Easter baskets and even a fixed-up bike from the Rev.

Lundgren, however, said she has had plenty of help from spur-of-the-moment baby sitters who are called upon when she has to attend to emergency ministering, like when a member of her congregation died late in the evening and she went to comfort the family.

Or, from two elderly members of her congregation who couldn't baby-sit, but wanted to help. They made a monetary contribution, which helped pay for doctor bills when the boys had the flu.

And, there were the numerous times congregation members have offered to take the boys on outings, so Lundgren could do her job. There were many more times that congregation members dropped by with food, because they knew how tough it was to not only care for two small boys, but to care for a congregation as well.

Each Tuesday Lundgren meets with the church secretary Karen Hart and sets her schedule. Hart

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John Wesley Lee and his son David Lee.

"Everyone just pitched in," says Nick. "We didn't think everyone would pitch in so much."

Sometimes, it's good to live in a small town.

When something bad happens, neighbors, friends and community rally round to help. Sure, such acts of kindness happen in a big city, but here they are part of everyday life. Just ask Nick and Ryan.

"There's so many people who have helped us," they said. "We want to say thank you to everyone."

Kathy Morrall is copy editor for the Belvidere Daily Republican.

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