



MARKTOWN UPDATE

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Marktown Tours Well Attended And Well Received

The weather was perfect. Not too hot, not too cold - just right. Sound like a children's story? Well it was close to it. As noted last month, the Marktown Preservation Society (MPS) has held tours of the Marktown Historic District for more than fifteen years. In the past they were on a reservation basis only. This fall was different - they were open to the public and they were GREAT!

More than fifty people attended the four public tours offered on both Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th. While we could have handled larger groups we were very pleased with the response that we did have. What was most amazing is who came to the tours. It was a mix of past Marktown residents and total strangers. To attempt to name everyone would be a mistake because we are sure that we would miss someone in the process.

What was most amazing is the degree of reunions that occurred before each tour.

Past Marktown residents got to see old friends that they hadn't seen in years. Add to this the number of friends that they ran into that they never thought they would see in Marktown and what we had wasn't just a series of tours, but more importantly, a great reunion of family and friends from across the greater Calumet Region. Some tour go'ers drove a much as four hours just to see Marktown once again.

What did they see on their tour? 405 Pros-

pect Street was opened and they got to see everything from an original 1917 bath tub to an original water meter and much, much more. The walking tour took visitors through each of the four sections of Marktown that were completed in 1918, and with the walking tour portion they were told the history of the Mark Town Site and the adjacent steel mills. The architecture was analyzed

and explained and the plans for the total restoration and preservation of the neighborhood were discussed in detail.

Was anyone disappointed in what they saw? If they were they didn't mention it! Past Marktown residents learned things about the neighborhood that they never knew while other guests were amazed at what they learned. Will we do this again next year? Absolutely! We will also be hosting a Marktown Reunion Picnic in June or July of 2005.

While the MPS conducted the tours special thanks and appreciation

must go to the East Chicago Street Department and the Sanitary Solids Division for doing a tremendous job this entire past season. Add to this their special efforts the week before the tour and what we ended up with was a great looking neighborhood. While we routinely thank Superintendents Andy Callas and Monsie Corsby, we must also extend our thanks and appreciation to the workers who actually got the job done. Marktown hasn't looked this good in years!



There were far too many past Marktowners at the tours to mention them all, but we did want to share just a few names and photos with you. The McNeils, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Springsteen, Herb & Kate Southern, the Anton sisters, Bob & Kay Fernando, Inez Davids and a host of others toured Marktown and exchanged stories of our community. We can't for get my friends Kay and Dusty Trapp from Dyer.

ISG Indiana Harbor Works To Improve North Harbor Area

Teamwork - we keep talking about it but some people just don't understand. Teamwork is when you work together, not to take credit for the job, but to get the job done. That's what is happening around Marktown. That's what it takes to make a difference in our community.

Back at the first of the year ISG Indiana Harbor executives asked the Common Council of East Chicago for a degree of tax relief on their reinvestment to keep Indiana Harbor Works competitive with other steel producing facilities across America. A few council members said they wanted to see ISG work with the community. What they failed to realize is that ISG and all of their predecessors here at Indiana Harbor have ALWAYS worked with not only Marktown residents but with the city administration.

Following the articles in the local papers the Marktown Preservation Society sent two letters. The first was to each of the members of the E.C. Common Council explaining just how important ISG is to the survival and future of the Marktown Historic District. The second letter was to ISG with a proposal to improve the landscaping on Riley and Dickey Roads. We cited two plans in our proposal. The first was the 1980 Site Preservation Plan and the second was the 2000 Urban Land Institute Report.

Exactly what happened next is a bit of a mystery. What we do know is that Donna Blackwell, an Accounting Manager at ISG and Tracy Brough, a

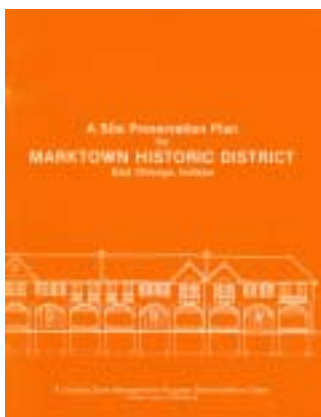
Transportation Manager brought in Allen Landscape of Highland, Indiana to develop plans for a series of five planters to be installed on Dickey Road just west of the Riley Road intersection.

As the plans for the planters were being completed the MPS sent out flyers to the Marktown residents and asked for their assistance. August 14th found residents of Marktown along with volunteers from ISG Indiana Harbor and professional landscape personnel from Allen Landscape working hand in hand in planting perennials and other plants in the five great new planters along Dickey Road. As we said, all it takes is teamwork.

We would like to once again thank ISG Managers Donna Blackwell, Tracy Brought,

Jolice Pojeta and everyone else who made this initial phase of the street scape improvement project possible. Like we said **"With Teamwork - everything is possible!"**

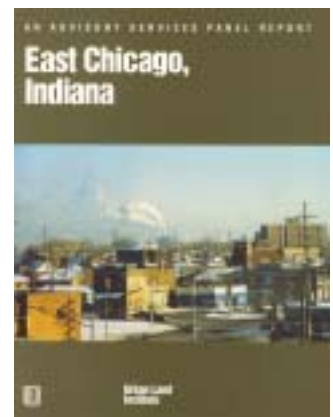
Oh, and one last thing. If you think that this was a great project just wait until you see what ISG Indiana Harbor is about to do with the exterior of No. 2 Sheet Mill on Riley Road! It'll be GREAT for all of us!



Top Photos: Volunteers from the Marktown Historic District team up with ISG Indiana Harbor employees and landscape professionals from Allen Landscape in Highland, Indiana to install the bedding plants in the five new planters located just west of Riley Road on Dickey Road.

Left: A Site Preservation Plan for the Marktown Historic District - December 1980

Right: The Urban Land Institute Advisory Service Panel Report on East Chicago, Indiana - January 2000 Both plans call for the full restoration of the Marktown Historic District and additional landscaping on all of the roads that lead to Marktown. Let's do it!



On the internet and want to reach us? Try: mrmarktown@sbcglobal.net

STARS Summer Camp Ends With Phenominal Program At Veteran's Parks

The STARS summer camp program which was sponsored by the East Chicago Parks and Recreation Department under the direction of Parks Superintendent Joe Valdez and Recreation Coordinator Lilly Ramos ended with a bang and a boom at Veteran's Park in August. Literally hundreds of participants from all of the community centers around East Chicago showed up for the final farewell and awards ceremony at the gazebo.

The Marktown delegation of participants, which was led by Team Leader Judy Hicks and Judy Grindey joined with all of the other participants in an outstanding program on Friday, August 13th.

Marktown participants began the event with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Later in the program four young ladies from Marktown performed an outstanding modern dance number that they had been taught as a part of the STARS program.

It was by all means an outstanding way to end a truly wonderful summer. If your child did not participate this summer, make sure that they sign up early next year, as this is a truly wonderful and enriching program that can and should be enjoyed by all!

Top left (l-r): Jackie Alvarado, Brianne Dail and Nisa Hernandez, leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Bottom left: Marktown Youth escorted by Team Leaders Judy Hicks & Judy Grindey, Summer workers Leslie Feliciano & Monica Lomeli, and Recreation Volunteer Lourdes Munoz-Hicks

Below: Vanessa Vidaurri, Evelia Munoz, Erika Molina and Adriana Munoz pose for a photo just before going on stage to perform.



A new motto for Marktown: Try to leave things better than you found them!

P.A.C.A. Picnic And Have Some Fun

Saturday, September 11th brought well over one hundred children and adults with special needs together for P.A.C.A.'s First Annual Back to School Picnic and Seminar. P.A.C.A. stands for Parents Aiding Children and Adults, a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding those in our communities with special needs. The event was held at the Marktown Pavilion on Pine Avenue. While the schedule ran from 11 AM to 5 PM the festivities continued well into the night.

Said Lourdes Munoz-Hicks *"It was our first year for this and I couldn't have done this without all of the wonderful volunteers, most of which were from Marktown. While the children enjoyed the food and entertainment, it gave me the opportunity to discuss the IEP's (Individual Education Plans) that are required for all children in special education. I also had copies of Article 7 - the State Standards for Children in Special Education. Working one on one with parents is absolutely the best way to educate them in reference to the rights afforded their children."*

The days event started early and as we said went well into the night. From the antics of Alberto the Magician to special guest appearances of Javi-

Jav, the owner of 87.9 FM to the free style DJ work of Kid Scratch from 92.3 FM, the day was filled with fun for everyone. Kid Scratch even donated a number of his special mix CDs for our participants.

Special thanks must also go to the ECPD K-9 Unit and members of the EC Fire Department who once again brought in their Fire Safety House to help stress the importance of fire safety in each of our homes.

In closing Lourdes said *"I really want to thank Indiana State Representative John Agulera for making it a point of stopping in at the event. Special thanks must also go to Lt. Rick Chaveria for his help in facilitating and coordinating the services required to make this possible."*

While I'm at it I really want to thank the more than thirty individuals and organizations who donated funds, goods and services to this most important project. Without their generosity and the assistance of all of the P.A.C.A. members and volunteers this event would never have been possible."

We thank Lulu for sharing this very special picnic with our neighborhood and look forward to seeing this happen each year for years to come.



Left: Children enjoy Alberto the Magician and his magical way with animal balloons.

Top: The Committee: Parents Aiding Children and Adults is a volunteer organization dedicated to aiding special needs individuals.

Bottom: Over one hundred people enjoyed the food, entertainment and educational seminars presented at the first annual P.A.C.A. Back to School Picnic.



Game, Set and Match on the Marktown Tennis Courts

Many residents of Marktown take things that happen in our neighborhood for granted, as if they have always happened and that things are just magically done overnight. That just isn't the case. Lets take the Marktown tennis courts as an example. The courts were installed back in the 1980 during the Coastal Redevelopment Project which brought about the renovation of the entire 13 acre Marktown Park. Unfortunately, due to changes in the Parks Department over the years the Marktown tennis courts fell into disrepair and disuse.

Last year the Marktown Preservation Society worked with the residents of



Marktown and Parks Superintendent Joe Valdez to see that the courts were refinished and new nets installed. Last fall when the season was over the nets were taken down by Jack Pranaitis, a Parks Department employee and life long Marktown resident. Jack would also keep an eye out on weekends and evenings to see that the tennis courts and other park property were not vandalized.

So, who's been cleaning up around the tennis courts of late? The Marktown Preservation Society, that's who. And why? Because this is OUR neighborhood and we need to take care of what little we have.

Flags Fly High At Old Marktown Community Center & Elsewhere

Long before it became relatively fashionable to fly flags and support those in the military, Judy Hicks wanted to see flags flown at the Old Marktown Community Center. You see, her father Steve Balog was a member of the Coast Guard Reserve during WWII. At that time they lived on Oak Avenue just behind what was then the Marktown Garage (now Michels Bar and Grill). Her father saw to it that there was a large flag pole in the front yard, a pole which is still there to this day.

Last year when she mentioned that she wanted to see a flag outside of the community center she didn't have to wait long before it was installed. The Marktown Preservation Society stepped in and not only put up the flag of the United States of America, but also included a "We Support Our Troops" flag as well.

Isn't it time that we all started supporting those from Marktown who serve in the U.S. Military? It doesn't take a lot to show your respect to all of the young men and women who fight to defend our liberties and freedom.



***Working together to clean up the Marktown Historic District is the key to our future.
Let's all pitch in and work as one for the betterment of everyone.***

In memory of PFC. Luis A. Perez

August 20, 1985 - August 27, 2004

Proclamation City of East Chicago, Indiana

WHEREAS, the courageous and dutiful individuals in the United States Armed Forces are fighting a War on Terrorism to protect our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces are currently a presence in Iraq in an effort to establish peace and order; and

WHEREAS, during their occupation in Iraq, casualties have amounted to over 1,000; and

WHEREAS, among these casualties was one of East Chicago's own natives, US Army Pfc. Luis A. Perez; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Perez was born on August 20, 1985, attended McKinley Elementary School in East Chicago, Morton High School in Hammond, Indiana and graduated from a high school in New York; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Perez enlisted in the Army shortly after his 19th birthday to follow his dreams of being a soldier like his father; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Perez was assigned to the Army Reserve's 223rd Transportation Company in Norristown, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Perez was shipped to Iraq, in which three days later his convoy hit an improvised explosive device on August 26, 2004, making him the ninth soldier from Northwest Indiana to die in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Luis A. Perez is survived by his wife, Molly Maes Perez; his parents Sgt. 1st Class Jose Perez and Maria Lisa Campos Miranda; four sisters and one brother, Kristine and Marian Perez, Anhelica, Marian and Miguel Miranda; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Perez was posthumously awarded the National Defense Medal, Army Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service, the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart;

NOW AND THEREFORE, in the City of East Chicago, I Mayor Robert A. Pastrick proclaim August 27, 2004 as

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUIS A. PEREZ DAY

And urge all the citizens to join me in giving thanks to Pfc. Luis A. Perez for his courage and heroism in protecting the lives of every American and preserving the peace in the Middle East.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of East Chicago, Indiana, this 10th day of September 2004.

Robert A. Pastrick, Mayor
East Chicago, Indiana



"This One's For You"

A dedication to the families of September 11th

The sun rises as a gift from God
However on the day of September 11th, 2001
He himself could not help or cover the evil lurking our great nation.
The greatest country in the world was hit with a bomb,
A bomb of pain, suffering and great tragedy.

The United States of America and the rest of the world
Held and stood still in amazement, as well as in grief.
All that was heard was the great tremendous sounds,
Sounds of horror as the bricks of our society fell hundreds of thousands of feet.
Everything was demolished not just the two buildings.

They demolished our way of civilization, the way of our life and our happiness.
The feeling of hatred, revenge and the action of blame took place.
Families were crushed, love was lost, but hearts were touched as well.
The greatest country united together as one.
We looked the devil himself right in the face united hand in hand.

We made it clean and clear that the United States of America will not stand...
The United States of America will not stand for this act of horror.
No words can express the feelings America felt on the day, that hour.
Nor no words can express the feelings of the family members.
The pain and suffering the families went through we cannot heal.

However we can make it so that...

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

Luis A. Perez
August 20, 1985 - August 26, 2004

We thank you PFC. Luis A. Perez -
BUT, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

Editor's Note:

There isn't much that anyone can say that has not already been said. The most unfortunate and untimely death of Pfc. Perez marks the first loss of life of a Marktown resident in the Armed Forces since the death of John E. Urbellis during the Viet Nam War.

City flags were flown at half-mast while many residents of Marktown showed their respect by fly-

ing flags 24 hours a day for the first thirty days following his death. Yellow ribbons were tied around trees in support of our troops still serving this country while red, white and blue ribbons were tied around trees in remembrance of PFC Perez.

Our condolences are offered to each and every member of the Perez and Madrigal families and to all of those who knew this outstanding young man. *Paul A. Myers*

Thoughts of a Returning Veteran

Henry A. Padilla - a Marktowneer you should know!

Not many people in Marktown know the Padilla Family. You see, they purchased their home at 516 Spring Street in December 2002. They moved here primarily because Mrs. Padilla's sister lives on Broad Street and they wanted to be close. They wanted to be safe. You see, when they purchased their home they knew that Staff Sergeant Henry Padilla of the 1244th Transportation Company of the Army National Guard in North Riverside, Illinois was about to ship out to Iraq. He would be leaving behind his wife Sandra and their son Omar.

Sgt. Padilla is a 17 year veteran of the National Guard and has no regrets of his military service. He also fully supports our efforts in Iraq.

After 18 months abroad Sgt. Padilla returned home. About two days after his return he found a set of color photographs of his wife's garden and other gardens in his mailbox.

"When I first saw the photo" said Henry "I didn't know what to say. Here we are, relatively new to this neighborhood and they have included Sandra's flowers in their newsletter." Henry went onto say that the flowers were planted as an old fashioned Victory Garden. Each loving plant was a private prayer for Henry's safe return; a relatively safe return that would happen just days before the tragic loss of PFC Luis Perez from just down the street.

"When I first spoke to Mr. Myers about the garden photos I also asked if he helped with the property tax problems here in Marktown. He said he did and

would later show me the informal and formal appeals that he filed. I really didn't know what to say. Here I was thousands of miles away from my home and family trying to secure the liberties and freedoms that we take for granted for people I have never met before in my life, and while I was gone someone from my new neighborhood who had never met me or my family took the time and effort to fight for what was right by appealing a very unfair property assessment. That's what this country, this state and yes this neighborhood are supposed to be all about."

Sgt. Padilla is glad to be home. In talking about the war in Iraq he said that he was known for quoting John Wayne in saying "Courage is being scared to death but still willing to saddle up!" Mr. Padilla, like many of us, grieves for the family of PFC Luis Perez. He made mention that he would have liked to have received Marktown Update while he was over there. He also said he would have like to have gotten just about any mail while overseas.

In the eighteen months his Company was in Iraq they drove 3,400,000 miles in their 1952 "818's". Now that's some driving.

We're glad that Staff Sergeant Padilla has returned home in relatively good condition. We are pleased to have the Padilla family as neighbors and we wish them well. We also extend a prayer of safety to all of the young men and women from Marktown, East Chicago, the state and the nation who fight for freedom here and abroad..



Top: Staff Sergeant Henry Padilla of the 1244th Transportation Company stands beside his company sign in Iraq.

Center: The 1952 Detroit Diesel was one of the few Army vehicles that would not only keep running but would not bog down in the sand. No armor plate, no bullet proofing and no air conditions made this one of the most dependable vehicles in the war.

Bottom: Sandra, Omar and Staff Sergeant Padilla at their home on Spring Street.

**Let's Work Together To Preserve Marktown's Unique History
And Architecture For Future Generations**

Who Cleans Up Marktown? The MPS - That's Who!

Anyone like those unsightly weeds growing up out of the cracks in the sidewalk, curbs and along the houses? No one we know, that's for sure. But who cleans up Marktown block by block? The Marktown Preservation Society, Paul Myers and a small army of volunteers - that's who.

As we noted in an earlier edition of Marktown Update, all anyone has to do is ask and the MPS is there to lend a hand. This year we have had the pleasure of being invited to assist in weed removal and clean up on virtually every block of every street in the Marktown Historic District. Now that's what we call community service and teamwork!

Shown below is a weedless Spruce Avenue. To the right is the 500 block of Spring Street before the weed whacker crew cleaned up.



New Stove and Refrigerator for the Marktown Center

Back in May of this year when we fully realized that we were not going to get our new community center anytime in the near future the Marktown Preservation Society drafted a four page letter to Mayor Pastrick detailing many of the items that needed to be addressed at the Old Marktown Community Center. As we noted in the July 2004 issue of Marktown Update, some of that work was completed this summer.

In the first week of September item seven on our "TO DO" list was taken care of when a new stove and refrigerator were delivered to Marktown. Even though the City of East Chicago is suffering the pains of the property tax issue, it is nice to see that things still happen. The parks are maintained, the water is still on, the garbage is picked up and yes, the residents of the Marktown Historic District have a new stove and refrigerator at the Old Marktown Community Center.

Special thanks must go to Mayor Robert A. Pastrick, Dr. Tim Raykovich, Parks Superintendent Joe Valdez, and yes to the Marktown Preservations Society for having defined the problem and worked with everyone to make it happen. It's TEAMWORK!



Let's start and think "RESTORATION" and not "DEVISTATION."

Another Perk For Being The *Elected Precinct Committee Person of Mark"s"town*

What's different about the left yard as opposed to the right yard? Try the missing tree in the yard on the left. It wasn't missing until 8:00 AM on Friday, August 27th when city crews were kind enough to remove it from the back of this yard. Now there is a municipal ordinance that permits trees on private property to be removed by the City of East Chicago, but that very same ordinance REQUIRES that the property owner reimburse the city for the expense of the tree removal.

Immediately after seeing the tree removed a telephone call was made to the East Chicago Parks Department to inquire as to a cost estimate for having trees removed from private property. We were informed that they no longer remove or trim trees on private under any condition. We then received a follow-up call telling us that the tree had been struck by lightening and had to be removed. Right! Sure!!

There are two very interesting details about this tree. First, no one in the neighborhood ever heard about the tree being struck by lightening at all this summer, and secondly, the property is owned by our own *"elected precinct committee person."* Is that where the city is supposed to send the bill?

While we are quite sure that no one else in this neighborhood was offered a free tree earlier this year, our present question is whether or not anyone else was offered free tree removal? What's fair for one is fair for all. Or is it?



E.C. Fire Department Serves Marktown Neighborhood



Fire Safety was the name of the game when the ECFD brought their Fire Safety House to Marktown on August 7th and again on September 11th. As seen on the right, children and adults alike enjoyed learning about fire safety from some of our own fire safety professionals. The next time you see the Fire Safety House, stop in and say hello!

left to right: District Chief Tom Boyle, Civil Services Secretary Maria Becerra, Captain of Inspections Reggie Robinson and District Chief Levy Wash.



***The Marktown Preservation Society is preserving the past
for future generations of Marktown, East Chicago, Indiana and the nation!***

Historic Fences and Gardens Take Root on Prospect Street

One of the authors of the 1909 Plan of Chicago, Daniel Burnham, once wrote:

"Make no little plans: They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that *a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing*, asserting itself with ever growing insistency. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty."

And so it was in 1917 when Marktown's architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw, first put pen to paper as he set the plans for the Mark Town Site into motion. One of the concepts that he envisioned was a unified fence system that would separate the private yards from the public areas and streets. We know exactly what Mr. Shaw had in mind for this. We have his original plans and we have two examples of the fencing on the 500 block of Lilac Street. What he designed was a cast concrete fence that would run from concrete stoop to stoop with a simple gate securing the yard.

In 1989 when the newly formed Marktown Preservation Society brought in nationally recognized restoration architect Charles Gregersen to work on the plans for the Marktown Street and Sidewalk Project, Mr. Gregersen included these low lying fences into the plan and with it, a series of street side gardens. While the fences were an important part of the plan, the gardens were actually of greater importance.

What Mr. Shaw knew in 1917, what Mr. Gregersen knew in 1989 and what the Field Museum in Chicago proclaimed this past spring was that public and private gardens are one of the key factors for the quality of life for the residents and for economic reinvestment and redevelopment.

What is most unfortunate for the residents of the Marktown Historic District is that while the fences and gardens were included in the original plans in 1917 and again in 1990, they were cut from the funding of the project for strictly political reasons - that is

until know. That is until the residents of just one street decided to make a difference. That one street is Prospect Street and working together is nothing new for the property owners and residents alike on that one street.

As we have noted before, working together, teamwork, is but one of keys to the future of not only the Marktown Historic District, but of all of East Chicago. Prospect Street residents have worked together on a number of projects in the past including unified house numbers, flag flying and clean up programs. Now they have moved forward and have agreed to have the exact same style of fencing installed from one end of the street to the other and then back again.



Top: Original 1917 concrete fence on the 500 block of Lilac Street. Note the concrete filled planter between the fence and the sidewalk.

Bottom: Newly installed fence and garden executed under the 1990 Coastal Redevelopment Plan. The concrete was removed and an outstanding garden was installed. Prospect Street will be the first street utilizing this plan.



Paul Myers noted *"The fences will assist in unifying the street to a greater degree than in the past, but they are not the most important aspect of the project. The gardens are the key. The fences will serve as a blank canvas for the gardens that will be installed. We don't want all of the gardens to be identical. What we want to see is some individual style and imagination in the garden areas. I think what I am most impressed with is the number of residents from across Marktown who have inquired about the fences and have expressed a desire to have them installed on their property. Unfortunately, we will be concentrating on Prospect Street in 2005. Once that is done we would be more than glad to lend a hand elsewhere in the neighborhood."*

The plans for this project were funded by the Department of Redevelopment - City of East Chicago. Mr. Charles Gregersen of the Pullman Historic District - Chicago served as the Consulting Historic Architect. The landscape design for the first two sections was executed by Melissa Mravec of Allen Landscape Center - Highland, Indiana. The paint preference and paint product was coordinated by ICI Paints of Cleveland, Ohio. The initial phase of the project was executed under the direction of the Marktown Preservation Society. For further information on this project call Paul Myers at 397-2239.

"Landscapes mirror and landscapes matter, they tell us much about the values we hold and at the same time affect the quality of the lives we lead..." -D.W. Meinig

Images From The Past: Marktown Up Close



What do these two great brick Georgian style homes have in common with the Marktown Historic District? To begin with they were both designed by Marktown's architect Howard Van Doren Shaw. The home on top was designed in 1913 for Cyrus Mark, Clayton Mark's father. The home is located at 1005 Michigan Avenue in Evanston, Illinois and is a tribute to their dedication to the concepts of historic preservation.

The bottom home was designed by Mr. Shaw in 1917, the same year that Marktown was built. It was constructed for Mr. C.D. Brown of Crown Point, Indiana who owned the local bank. The landscape for the Brown home was done by Jens Jensen who also designed the original Marktown Center Park. Mr. Jensen also designed what is know known as McArthur Golf Course in Indianapolis Blvd. in East Chicago along with a number of other properties and avenues in this city.

So, what happened to the Brown house in Crown Point? It was razed (torn down) a number of years ago to make way for a strip mall. If you go into downtown Crown Point down Main Street, there, about three blocks from the square you will see a WWII U.S. Army tank on your left (east side of the street). That's where the Brown house stood for more than fifty years. Now do you see a need for a Historic Preservation Ordinance?



New Marktown Community Center Construction Update

Ask yourself this simple question:

Why hasn't your elected precinct committee person called a meeting to discuss what happened to OUR new community center, the canal dredging program or the medical waste disposal facility just down the street from us? Is she serving us or just herself and family?



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