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**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ROUND-UP: INDIANAPOLIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

City, community partners host a year packed with celebration to honor commission's longevity and community impact

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC) celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a variety of public events and historic tours hosted by the IHPC and community partners to acknowledge the Commission's influence on development, culture and vibrancy in Indianapolis over the last 50 years.

Founded in 1967, the IHPC is a nine-member board that provides design and zoning review and approval for locally designated historic districts, conservation areas, and individually designated properties. The IHPC is empowered by the Indiana State Legislature to preserve the character and fabric of historically significant structures for all present and future residents and visitors of Indianapolis.

“Historic preservation, at its core, is not about leaving things unchanged, it is about maintaining the integrity and relevance of each building and each district for its own unique identity,” said Emily Mack, Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development.

**Capital City Tour & Tales**

**Thursday, August 10, 2017 | Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

In honor of the IHPC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Indiana Landmarks will host free walking tours of Monument Circle and the Wholesale District on August 10 at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tours begin under the canopy at Union Station, 301 S. Meridian Street. The tours will highlight the architecture, history, and design of downtown Indianapolis, as well as interesting details that often go unnoticed.

For more information: <https://www.indianalandmarks.org/event/capital-city-tour-tales/>

**Landmark Look: Coca-Cola “Before”**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017 | Tours offered between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

In honor of the IHPC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Indiana Landmarks will host a tour of the 1931 Coca-Cola Company Bottling Plant, an art deco building on Mass Ave that is soon to be repurposed with a mix of residential, a hotel, theatre, retail and office space. Tours will be offered between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The event is sold out. A media preview tour will be held at 11:00 a.m.

For more information: <https://www.indianalandmarks.org/event/landmark-look-coca-cola/>





### **Indianapolis Cultural Trail Bike Tours**

**Monday, August 21 & 28, 2017 | Tour begins at 4:30 p.m**

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail and IHPC are partnering to provide a unique tour of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, through the lens of the City's historic preservationists. Guides will highlight the architecture, history, and design of the Mass Ave., Fletcher Place and Fountain Square historic districts on a 1.5 hour bicycle tour.

Indianapolis Cultural Trail and IHPC leaders will be joined by Brian Payne, President and CEO of the Central Indiana Community Foundation and Cultural Trail founder. Tours are being offered on August 21 and 28 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Indy Reads Books at 911 Massachusetts Avenue. Tours are free and open to the public, though space is limited. Participants may bring their own bicycle or use Pacers Bikeshare.

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cultural-trail-ihpc-ride-tickets-35220296856>

### **Lockerbie Square – The Birthplace of Historic Preservation in Indianapolis**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2017 | Tours begins at 3:00 p.m.**

The Lockerbie Square People's Club and the IHPC will host walking tours of Lockerbie Square, Indianapolis' first historically designated neighborhood, on Wednesday, September 9 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The event will kick-off at the Sol Center with a short lecture on how historic preservation evolved in Indianapolis by James Glass, Ph.D., Principal of Historic Preservation and Heritage Consulting LLC, followed by a tour of three historic homes. Tickets are \$15 and space is limited. The James Whitcomb Riley Home will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. at no additional charge to anyone attending this event.

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lockerbie-square-the-birthplace-of-historic-preservation-in-indianapolis-tickets-36559850497?aff=es2>

### **Cottage Home Block Party**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

On October 14, the historic Cottage Home Neighborhood Association will host their annual block party from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the 700 blocks of Dorman Street and Highland Avenue, just south of East St. Clair Street. The Halloween themed block party will honor the IHPC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as offer their normal variety of food vendors, games, live music and entertainment. Admission to this event will be free with a suggested \$5 donation.



**American Institute of Architects: New Design - Historic Context, Celebrating 50 Years of IHPC  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 | Self-Guided Tour 3:30 p.m., Social Hour 4:30 p.m., Panel 5:30 p.m.**

On October 24, the American Institute of Architects will host a contextual design crosstalk panel discussion featuring:

- Donna Sink, AIA, Rowland Design (Moderator)
- Tom Gallagher, Ratio Architects
- Drew White, FAIA, Axis Architecture + Interiors
- KK Gerhart-Fritz, The Planning Workshop, Inc.
- Mark Demerly, AIA, Demerly Architects

The panel discussion will follow an optional, self-guided tour of Alabama and New Jersey Streets between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. The event is free and open to the public and will be hosted at the Harrison Center for the Arts – Speck Gallery at 1505 N Delaware Street. Social hour will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

More information will be available at <http://www.aiaindiana.org/indy-home>.

**Private Screening of “Historic Preservation in Indianapolis: The past in the present”  
Details TBD**

In honor of the IHPC’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Franklin College students and faculty have partnered with WFYI, Indiana’s largest public broadcasting station (PBS) and national public radio (NPR) station, on a documentary film about the impact the IHPC has made on the design, culture and vibrancy of Indianapolis over the last 50 years. This 30-minute film will feature the perspective of many notable Indianapolis leaders and historic preservationists. Date, time and location are to be determined. Due to space availability, this event will be by invitation only.

**Donovan Rypkema on the Economic Benefits of Preservation in Indianapolis  
Thursday, November 30, 2017 | 6:00 p.m.**

In honor of the IHPC’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Indiana Landmarks has partnered with Donovan Rypkema, principal of the Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development consulting firm PlaceEconomics, on a study of the economic impact of historic preservation in Indianapolis. Rypkema is recognized as an industry leader in the economics of preserving historic structures and will discuss results of this study on November 30 at Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

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