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GARY REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH THE INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PRESERVE GARY HISTORY

....Gary Preservation Tours June 30 and July 14

Gary, Indiana – The City of Gary's Department of Planning and Redevelopment and the Gary Redevelopment Commission invite you to contribute to the resurgence of Gary's downtown by participating in the second annual Gary Preservation Tour. On June 30 and July 14, 2018, the Redevelopment Commission will host a **free** open house of historic buildings in Gary's downtown, Horace Man, and Morningside neighborhoods. Participants will gain insight into Gary's past and present, and learn the importance of historic preservation firsthand. The Redevelopment Commission is partnering with the Legacy Foundation, Indiana Landmarks, and Indiana Humanities to further historic preservation efforts in Gary, with a focus on education and blight remediation. Through a successful fundraiser in the winter of 2018, the Preservation Tour has raised \$12,000 in donations, and the Redevelopment Commission received a Historic Preservation Education Grant of \$2,500 from Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. All funding goes toward the collection and distribution of historic educational materials for public use and information.

On Saturday, June 30 the Gary Preservation Open House will allow visitors access to 12 historic sites throughout Gary's downtown neighborhood from 10am - 4pm. The Open House begins at 504 Broadway, where visitors will receive a tour pamphlet containing information about building architecture and history, photos, tour maps and trivia questions. The Open House is open to all; no reservations are required. All downtown sites will be open for visitors to enjoy at their leisure, with the help of volunteers who will manage each site.

Additionally, guided tours of two of Gary's residential historic districts will take place on June 30 by reservation only. Visitors will check in at 504 Broadway, where they will meet their guide and begin the tour. The guided tours will take visitors to the Horace Mann and Morningside neighborhoods, providing information on neighborhood history and various architectural styles. Reservations can be made online at preservgary.eventbrite.com. On July 14th, the Open House will expand to include sites in the Horace Mann and Morningside neighborhoods. For more information contact the Gary Redevelopment Commission at (219) 881-1531 or via email at rrobb@ci.gary.in.us.

