

HISTORIC HENDERSONVILLE

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HISTORIC MARKERS AND PLAQUES

IN the last year, the Historic Preservation Commission has undertaken a project to add signage to the city's historic neighborhoods. With seven districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places and three of those also designated Local Districts by City Council, the Commission is dedicated to preserving these wonderful areas while educating residents and visitors to their history.

Within the two local residential neighborhoods, Druid Hills and Hyman Heights, the Commission took the opportunity to erect pillars at several keys entrances. Stone was used for those in Hyman Heights to reflect the stone of the oldest structure in the district, Killarney House. In Druid Hills, the new pillars were made of brick to match the brick walls at the Clairmont Drive entrance. The Commission also took advantage of the brick mason's abilities to improve the traffic slowing barricade at the end of Kensington Road.



On Main Street, also a Local District, the Commission started a historic plaque program to give the history of downtown buildings. Residents and visitors can now walk downtown and read interesting facts such as the year built, who designed it and what tenants were in the building. So far twenty-one plaques have been placed on Main Street buildings.

For the remaining National Register districts, neighborhood markers on decorative poles have been added. West Side, the largest of the historic districts, has two markers: one on 5th Avenue near Blythe Street and one on 3rd Avenue by the ball field. Lenox Park has one on S. Whitted Street and Cold Spring Park has one on N. Main Street. The 7th Avenue/Depot district has one near the Depot. Each bronze marker gives a short history of the neighborhood.



While the Historic Preservation Commission is a city appointed board, the monies used for this project did not come from taxpayer funds. Beginning in 2003, the Commission has sponsored four spring home/loft tours and four Christmas tours of inns. The proceeds from the ticket sales of these events were used to purchase the historic markers and plaques.

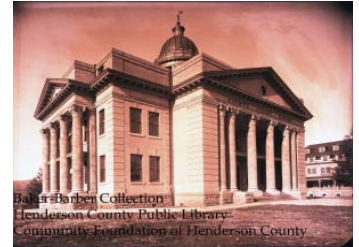


PRESERVATION WEEK EVENTS MAY 11 - 16

Please join us for the following events. Most are free to the public.

Kick Off Reception Monday May 11th 7:00 pm

To kick off Preservation Week, there will be a reception at the Henderson County Heritage Museum. Visit the wonderful exhibits the museum is offering and enjoy desserts in the Community Room. The museum is located in the Historic Courthouse on Main Street. Free to the public.



Biltmore: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Tuesday May 12th 7:00 pm

Enjoy behind-the-scenes photos of Biltmore's history, current day operations and newest renovation projects by one of Biltmore's storytellers. The presentation will be in the City Operations Center, 305 Williams Street. Free to the public.

Historic Courthouse Tour Wed. May 13th 10:00 & 2:00

Join us for a tour of the renovated 1905 Henderson County Courthouse, designed by Richard Sharp Smith of the Biltmore House. Tours will begin in front of the building. Free to the public.



7th Avenue Walking Tour

Thursday May 14th 10:00 & 2:00

Join a guide and learn about the 7th Avenue/Depot Historic District. The tour will begin at the Historic Depot and continue up and down 7th Avenue. Free to the public.

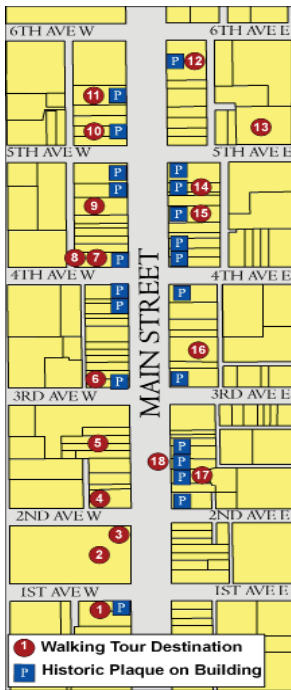
Main Street Walking Tour Friday May 15th 10:00 & 2:00

Meander Main Street and learn some of the history and stories of Hendersonville's past. Tours will begin in the City Hall second floor lobby. Free to the public.

Underground Tour Saturday May 16th 10:00 – 5:00

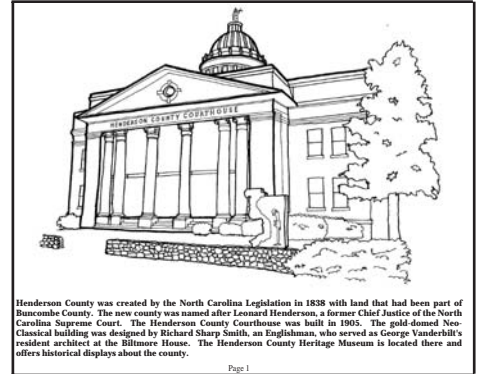
Have you heard the stories of shops that were below the sidewalk, Hendersonville's "underground"? Here is your chance to see that space. Gather at the corner of 4th Avenue West and Main Street for a walk thru an area last used as the Teen Canteen in the late 1950s. Tickets are \$5.00 and available in advance at the Visitor's Center (201 S. Main Street) or at the tour.





The Historic Preservation Commission has two publications coming out that will be available to the public. The first is a new Walking Tour Brochure for Main Street. The brochure will have a brief history of Hendersonville, a map of stops along Main Street and photos from the Baker-Barber Collection. These brochures will be available around town as well as the Visitors Center and City Hall.

To reach out to the younger citizens, the Commission has developed a coloring book called *Historic Hendersonville*. It contains 16 pages each with a picture to color and facts about Henderson County, Hendersonville, history and architecture. This year, the coloring books were offered free to the Fourth Grade Classes of Henderson County as part of their study of North Carolina history. They will be offered for sale starting in May.



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