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Another Successful Ludlow Railyard Heritage Festival



Joe & Lise Tewes dancing to DAT BAND;
Photo courtesy of Carol Kirkwood

by Mark Mitchell

Thanks to everyone involved, our Ludlow Railyard Heritage Festival was a great success! This event was to raise funds toward our storehouse restoration work. Our city plaza and storehouse area attracted our guests with music, food and fun. We had several choices to offer for food, including TacoThisTacoThat; the soft pretzels and drinks from Ludlow Coffee and those extra good bakery items from Ivory & Feather Baking Co. Also, Beverly Ann's Cookie Truck and Kona Ice were both there, too, so we had the food/drink aspect of the event well covered. Our other vendors offered choices such as handmade jewelry from A & A Factory; original artwork from Mundo Naez; jewelry and skin care items from Ulterior Motives.

Authors Micha O'Connor and Bob Schrage sold and signed their books. Giles Kennedy set up for Operation Lifesaver and gave away coloring books and crayons and other railroad related items. The reaction from our vendors was very positive with some asking to come back next year! Our musical entertainment began with Randy Wallace on the keyboard providing familiar tunes and some of his own original songs. Cincinnati's DAT BAND, a seven instrument group, had the crowd singing along and dancing, too. Don & Esther Drewry brought along their musical instruments and performed on the hammered dulcimer and harp. All the while, dressed in their Civil War era attire. Another feature included Mr. Richard Stoney with his railroad bell and whistles. The kids loved ringing the bell and the whistles certainly attracted attention to our festival! We also had a checkers table and a cornhole set...both of which were in constant use by our guests. As always, the caboose X554 was popular, as was the train viewing platform to watch the trains go by. Thanks to Julie Navarre and Julia Wartman who hosted the Ludlow Historic Society table. Also, to Yolanda and Chloe Mitchell at the Ludlow Heritage Museum table. Our other volunteers included Joe & Lise Tewes, Ruth Bamberger, Andy Corn, Patrick Snadon, Jim Cicchetti. In recognition of our sponsors... American Eagle Rail Group; Ideal Supplies; Hater Hardware; R B

Upcoming LHS Events

Wednesday, November 13th
6:30 - 8:30 PM • Buffalo Bar

Join the Ludlow Historic Society for **Ludlow Trivia Night!** Doors will open at 6 PM for an evening of riveting Ludlow trivia, hosted by the incomparable Dave Schroeder. Come solo or with your trivia team. Max team size is 6 people and prizes will be awarded for the three top scoring teams! See the LHS or Buffalo Bar Facebook for more details!

Suggested Donation: \$10

Jones Funeral Home and to Mike and Carol Kirkwood...thank you!

I also want to mention some of those people behind the scenes that deserve our gratitude - Shane Hamant and our city workers; Ludlow PD; Laurie Sparks and the city leaders who have always supported our efforts; Mayor and City Council members...thank you! Special recognition goes to Mr. Andy Wartman, who so successfully led this year's event planning. He also made a great spokesman live on WLWT to announce our event last week. Andy is amazing for all that he accomplishes for our organization and our community. Thanks, Andy, for all that you do!

From all of us at the Ludlow Heritage Museum and the Ludlow Historic Society, we appreciate your financial support and volunteer work for the Ludlow Storehouse project.



LUDLOW HISTORIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

2024 Holiday Home Tour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

4:00 - 8:00 PM

*by Patrick Snadon*

The Ludlow Historic Society is hosting a Christmas Walk spotlighting historic Ludlow houses on December 14th from 4–8:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Ludlow Railyard Storehouse, future home of the Ludlow Museum. This is the first Ludlow Christmas tour in 10 years. Eight houses will be featured. Most of these houses date from after the arrival of the Railroad to Ludlow in the 1870s—reflecting the majority of Ludlow's built environment. The tour combines houses of long-time Ludlow residents, many of them "serial rehabbers" who have long advocated for the preservation of Ludlow's historic buildings and are "handy" at doing their own restoration work. Other homeowners represent Ludlow's newer families. Over the last decade, many younger residents have moved to Ludlow, often with their children, attracted by the town's size, convenience, schools, and historic character. These younger homeowners are often in arts-related fields, including painting, graphics, architecture, interior design, and contracting. Ludlow has experienced an influx of residents that urbanists call "the creative class," who are interested in the character, craft, and authenticity of historic buildings. Their homes reflect their artistic tastes.

236 Elm Street

This is an 1880s townhouse in "Latta Row," Ludlow's only Victorian urban row. Built by Luella Latta, daughter of the noted Latta family, this house has a beautifully restored front. Inside, the contractor-owner has created dramatic open interiors with extensive rear additions, and a "rooftop room" with exciting city views. The interior decor combines original features such as mantelpieces with striking modern lighting, and items that recall the house's varied history, such as signage from the "Ludlow Yellow Cab and Bait Shop" that occupied the house in the mid-20th-century.

244 Forest Avenue

Completed in 1820, this is the oldest surviving building in Ludlow. Called "Elmwood Hall," it is a Federal-period neoclassical villa that was once the center of a 1,000-acre farm that eventually became the town site. Although altered in the later 19th-century, the house still contains much of its original interior detailing. Architectural historian Clay Lancaster called the entry hall (now dining room), with its elaborate plaster and woodwork, "the most beautiful room in Kentucky." The owners have decorated their rooms in different styles and go all-out for Christmas.

253 Forest Avenue

A beautifully preserved Victorian townhouse from the 1880s, this residence has been rehabbed by Ludlow natives to have a sensitive and comfortable mixture of new and old design and furnishings. The exterior exhibits beautiful, unpainted brickwork and original details in stone and wood, with a spacious L-shaped porch that addresses the corner site. The interiors feature both restored rooms and newer spaces such as a custom-designed, eat-in kitchen with modern fixtures, lighting, and art. The owners have done much of the rehabilitation work themselves.

23 Butler Street

This is one half of a brick Victorian double house in the Italianate style, built in the late 1880s as part of the "Webster Subdivision." Double houses proliferated in Ludlow, especially after the arrival of the railroad, as they could efficiently occupy smaller lots and house two families side-by-side. The exterior is restored, while the current owner, proprietor of a popular Ludlow business establishment, has rehabbed the interiors in a crisp modern style while retaining original features such as mantles and staircase. A custom eat-in kitchen occupies the original dining room and the house features handsome modern bathrooms and lighting.

317 Elm Street

This elegant early 20th-century house in the Colonial Revival style was home to Dr. Frank Dutton Criegler and his wife Grace. It has an interesting porch with tapering concrete columns and other details that were probably cast in Ludlow. The interiors are beautifully preserved and feature many Colonial-style details, such as columned mantelpieces and a handsome staircase. The current owner, a young building contractor, has designed and erected small modern buildings in the surrounding grounds to create Ludlow's first "air b&b complex."

330 Oak Street

An Italianate Victorian townhouse of the 1880s, with a later, craftsman-style brick porch, this house has many original details, both outside and in. Unusually, the owners have some of the original Victorian architectural drawings for the house, beautifully executed by a Prussian-born architect named Emil Baude, who studied at German technical academies before immigrating to the United States. His drawings show the house with its first porch, a wooden Victorian composition. The interiors exhibit original stairs, mantelpieces and coal grates. Of the current residents, the husband is a carpenter who engages in woodworking; examples of his handcraft will be displayed.

204 Adela Avenue

This is a brick townhouse dating from the 1890s, built in the Ludlow family's "Second Partition" or subdivision. It has a late-Victorian vertical composition, combined with Colonial Revival details and deep, handsome, pressed-metal cornices and boxed-in gutters. The owners are part of Ludlow's new "creative class." He is a graphic designer and art historian; she is an interior designer. They have opened the original spaces and have created unique gallery walls of art. They also designed custom patterns and textures for use throughout the house. It is full of bold colors, emphasized by dramatic modern lighting. The attic has become an exciting playroom for the family's children.

529 Elm Street

This 19-teens or '20s bungalow house has been rehabbed by its young owners with gardens, porches, decks, and terraces, to enhance its bungalow character of "semi-outdoor living." The gardens feature "legacy plants" like a family-descended Wisteria vine, while the interiors display custom built-ins, open spaces, level changes, and a beautifully crafted modern kitchen. Original features, such as interior woodwork, are found side-by-side with whimsical artwork and quirky antiques. Don't miss the giant pencil that recalls the Ludlow High School just down the block.

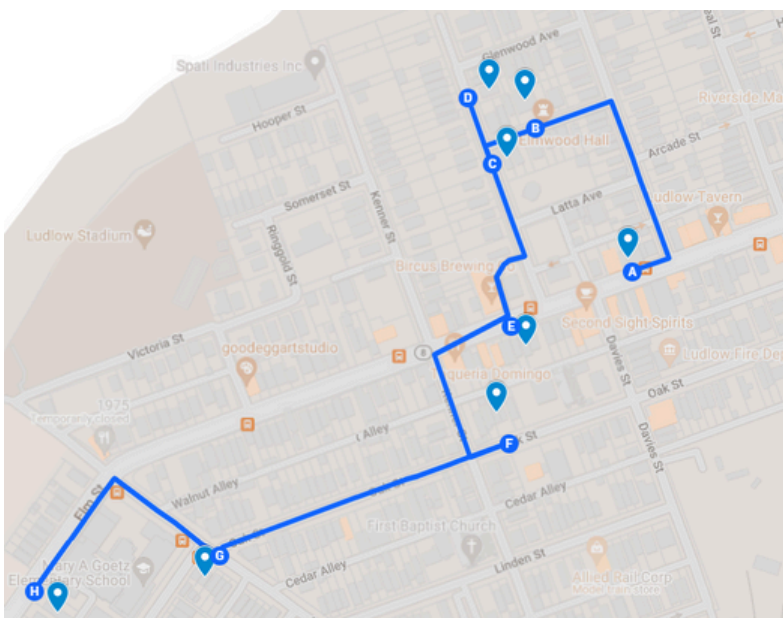
2024 Holiday Home Tour

Saturday, December 14th, 2024
4:00 – 8:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 single/\$45 couple

Tickets are available on the LHS website at preserveludlow.org or at Reeves, Ideal Supply, Taste on Elm, Beelicious, and Ludlow Coffee.

Scan the QR Code to access the interactive map of this year's home tour route.



Message from the Mayor

Ludlow residents, we find ourselves right in the middle of election season! While this is an exciting time, I'm sure many of you, like myself, can't wait to see anything but political advertisements on your television! I wanted to quickly hit on a couple of issues tied to the upcoming vote. First, as Ludlow residents, you will see the following question on your ballot: "Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in the City of Ludlow?" If this is voted down then, essentially, nothing new happens. If this is approved, sites that are licensed by the state of Kentucky would have the opportunity to apply for one of a limited number of licenses to operate in the state. There are two different types of businesses. The most obvious would be a dispensary. These sites would distribute cannabis to those patients with a medical card. The other types of businesses would be,

potentially, cultivators, processors, producers, and safety compliance facilities. To be clear, no matter how this vote goes, patients with a medical card issued by the state following a prescription from a medical provider will be permitted to use medicinal cannabis in the city. I have heard from those worried about the smell of individuals smoking marijuana but smoking is fully prohibited across the state. I have also heard from those that are concerned that our roads will be less safe; keep in mind that laws related to driving under the influence do not change if a patient has a medical card. I've previously written regarding my opposition to KY Amendment 2. As such, I will not go into great detail but do want to remind you that this is proposed as an amendment framed as providing parents with school choice. The reality is that this will be expensive, not be a benefit to ALL students that it is proposed to be (non-public schools

will be able to select which students are admitted to their school and which students are not), and will be a major detriment to districts like Ludlow Independent Schools. I've said numerous times that our school district is the heartbeat of our community. Our city would look vastly different without our quality public school system. A vote in favor of Amendment 2 is a vote that would hurt our school system and, as such, would hurt our community. Finally, I realize that elections can be contentious, especially when there is a presidential election on the ballot. I beseech all of you to remember that it is okay to disagree. It is okay to vote for different people. There is too much division surrounding politics throughout our country; don't fall into the trap of feeling like others have to completely agree with you on all things. Embrace the different opinions. Love your neighbor, Ludlow! -Mayor Chris Wright



Community Calendar

LUDLOW HISTORIC SOCIETY

4th Wednesdays • 6:30 PM

Ludlow Historic Society meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the basement of the City building.

CITY COUNCIL

2nd & 4th Thursdays • 7:00 PM

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in the City building. Open to the public.

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

3rd Thursdays • 7:00 PM

UDRB meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month in the City building and are open to public.

Have an event you'd like included in the Ludlow Express Community Calendar? Email ludlowhistoricsociety@gmail.com.

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