

The biggest success for the Historical Commission in 2023 was the re-opening of our History Center in McGuigan Hall to the public in March. Several dignitaries including Senator Carolyn Comitta and two of our county Commissioners attended and spoke, as did our own Mayor Uzman and Council President Finkbiner. We then had the History Center open nine times (once per month) for the rest of the year, where we entertained a couple of dozen visitors who had questions, or gave us answers, on the history of the borough. Our open hours, which were modeled after the Waukesha Historical Society's social media posts, have been an invaluable way for the Historical Commissioners to connect with borough residents (and some from neighboring municipalities), while having some time to continue working on filing and making improvements to our space.

Eight preservation awardees spread over three autumn Borough Council meetings gratefully accepted their awards in our 10th annual Preservation Awards.

The Historical Commission attended the MBPA events in May and November, as well as Craft & Mercantile in September, with our table of books, postcards, blankets, magnets, and more. Other events we participated in as a commission included the 155th Malvern Memorial Parade in June, where we marched with the Borough Council and volunteers. In July, we attended the Fire Company Fair in lieu of one of our Tuesday meetings and enjoyed fried oreos and playing bingo.

Our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram continue to be popular, with Catherine Raymond doing the bulk of posting with photos and stories multiple times per week.

Thank you also go out to our newest commissioner, Jonathan Hoppe, for being a wealth of information on archival storage and for doing most of the hanging of the items in the History Center itself.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hugo Schmitt, chairman