



HISTORY IS YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

JANUARY 2012

The Fitchburg Historical Society finds itself in a whirlwind of activity at the beginning of the New Year, 2011. Our archives have been housed in the old city hall building on Fish Hatchery Road. Late in December we were notified that the building is slated for demolition and the heat and the electricity would be turned off at the end of the 2010. With the help of several city departments we have found storage space and a small work area for our archives. With the holiday season looming before us we asked for and received a reprieve until January 10, 2011, for our move from the old city hall building.

Late in December several crews of volunteers started packing and labeling our precious archival materials. As of this time most of our materials are in a secure storage area. We hope to be able to do archival work in the Fire Station on Lacy Road. If anyone has any articles they want to contribute to the archives we will still be able to process them at that location and then add them to the stored materials. Please remember, we limit our acquisitions to historical paper: photos, newspapers articles, and books etc.. We are not in a position to become a museum. We are especially interested in building up a file of stories of Fitchburg residents and our obituary file.

If you have newspaper articles, family histories or obituaries of people who lived in Fitchburg or were instrumental in Fitchburg's history please send a copy to the FHS in care of the Fitchburg City Hall.

The weather also played tricks on us requiring us to cancel our last board meeting for the year. As a result we have not had time to arrange for our February Annual Meeting. We have postponed it to coincide with the opening of the new Fitchburg Library. We are hoping to be able to have a grand opening meeting to introduce people to our new home in the newly completed Fitchburg City Library. We are looking forward to a good turnout of membership and other interested people to fully appreciate the collection the FHS has in its care.

At the Annual Meeting we will have our election of board members. The term for three board members will expire this year and the fourth position that had been held by Muriel Stoneman has not been filled since her death. If you would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for the FHS please submit your name to our secretary, Adrienne

Imilkowski at 5501 Jan Drive, Fitchburg, 53711. The board meets on the first Saturday of February, April,

June, August, October and December. The board is instrumental in keeping the history of Fitchburg alive and well for future generations.

Since we will not be having the Annual Meeting in February we are asking members to please renew their memberships by mail. A renewal form is included with this newsletter. It can be filled out and sent to Janet Maves, Treasurer, at 5781 Chapel Valley Road, # 206, Fitchburg WI 53711. We apologize for the inconvenience.

President, Richard Blaney, continues to recuperate from a stroke he suffered in 2010. He is currently at the Rest Haven Care Center, 7672 Mineral Point Road, Verona WI 53593. We are hoping he will soon be back in our midst.

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Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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_____ Single \$10.00

_____ Family \$12.00

_____ Corporate \$25.00