

Question: What have we done?

Answer: 1973

- Opened the "Water Tower Centennial Year" with ceremonies in Water Tower Park. Speeches by the Mayor, Alderman, State Representative, and officers of WTLT. The Water Tower was opened for the public "climb to the top."
- Campaigned to preserve the unique "Milwaukee Harp Luminaire" as approved street lighting in our area plus their designation as "Landmarks."

1974

- Proposed to move the "Alternate Site" rock concerts to locations other than our area.
- Defeated a proposal to connect an Old Folks Home to a day care center for 400 children.
- Conclusion of negotiations and signing of the Boundary Impact Agreement with St. Mary's Hospital to: limit further expansion of the hospital; placing deed restrictions on hospital-owned homes to insure family occupancy; and improved lighting on the hospital parking lot.
- Participation in the "Milwaukee - Past and Present" display at Summerfest.
- The Water Tower Centennial Celebration with parade, rides, art show and "block party" in Water Tower Park.
- Completed additional agreement with St. Mary's Hospital limiting usage of the Ambulatory Care Center (Seton Hall) and the older hospital buildings.
- First Christmas Party at Villa Terrace . . . very successful, and the forerunner of a delightful annual event.

1975

- The culmination of the work of the Historic Districting Committee and presentation of a proposed ordinance to the trustees and membership.
- The "Alternate Site" rock concerts were moved to other locations and reduced in number by the County Park Commission.
- The Building and Zoning Committee monitored numerous zoning variance requests with subsequent denials for those entailing inappropriate usage.
- Second annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1976

- Submitted final draft of Historic Districting Ordinance to the Alderman and Milwaukee Common Council.
- Building and Zoning Committee continued its vigilance as to zoning violations and zoning variance requests with a \$1,000 fine for one violator and denials of three inappropriate requests for variances.
- In accordance with their agreement with the WTLT, St. Mary's Hospital began the return of the Terrace Ave. side of their parking lot from a neighborhood encroachment to its original attractively landscaped state.
- Water Tower Landmark area makes the New York Times!
- Third annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1977

- By resolution of the Milwaukee Common Council, the harp luminaires were declared Milwaukee landmarks and dedicated as a unique feature of the Water Tower area by city officials in a Water Tower Park ceremony.
- WTLT was informed by St. Mary's Hospital that all documents related to the Boundary Impact Agreement were properly recorded.
- Discussions on the Downer Avenue parking problem were undertaken.
- Fourth annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1978

- Application was made to the Milwaukee Landmarks Commission for official Historic District Status for the Water Tower area.
- Discussions were held on the future of Lincoln Memorial Bridge and Drive in relation to the freeway "stub ends" plans.
- Speakers on state and local taxes addressed Water Tower meetings and Trust members participated in the City Voters Alliance working on a program for tax relief.
- Fifth annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1979

- Discussions were held with state Historical Society Officials to acquaint the residents with the ramifications of the nomination of North Point South for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- North Point South was designated as a city Landmark area.
- Discussions were held on rising sewer costs and possible solutions.
- Sixth annual Christmas Party.

1980

- The Milwaukee Common Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the renting of skates as a concession within city parks, thus dealing with problems of safety and of the conducting of a business on the street.
- North Point South was declared a Milwaukee Landmark.
- Protested the planned removal by the Milwaukee County Parks Department of the harp luminaires on Lincoln Memorial Drive.
- Neighborhood security became an increasingly pressing issue.
- Seventh annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1981

- Historic districting for North Point North being worked on at a local and national level for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Requested clarification by St. Mary's Hospital of the Boundary Impact agreement in the light of the conversion of a Lake Drive duplex to a convent by the Sisters of Charity of St. Mary's staff.
- Opposed St. Mary's \$27.6 million plan for a hospital extension and parking structure on the grounds (among others) that the plan would further institutionalize the neighborhood.
- Introduction of a plan to reuse some of the historic light poles and masonry from the Lincoln Memorial Bridge in a monument suggested for the Water Tower area. A fund raising committee began work.
- Further discussions were held on crime prevention and neighborhood security.
- Continued vigilance on code violations.
- Eighth annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1982

- Acquired stone and light fixtures from Lincoln Memorial bridge.
- Milwaukee Foundation sets up a tax-deductible fund to receive donations on behalf of Water Tower Trust.
- First Water Tower Run, co-sponsored by University National Bank, with 650 entrants.
- Began negotiations with St. Mary's Hospital on their parking structure.
- Acted to convert some park property back to private ownership.
- Acted to improve conditions of a Terrace Ave. property with many code violations.
- First publication of this booklet.
- Application prepared for historic district certification.
- Of course, the annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1983

- First house tour to raise funds for a triangle monument to use the artifacts from the Lincoln Memorial bridge.
- Other events included a Tea dance in March, the Second Annual Water Tower Run, a Winter Picnic for residents, and the annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.
- A long-range planning committee restated goals and offered organizational suggestions.
- Prevented a variance request to convert a Wahl Ave. home to 2-family occupancy in a single family zone.
- St. Mary's agreed to modification to the parking structure.

1984

- Kenwood Conference Center became the site of our meetings (currently it's the UWM Alumni House).
- Supported conversion of Joseph Uihlein home for condominium development.
- Worked with Sheriff and Police Department to control activity on Lake Front and to close Park at 10 P.M.
- Conducted the Third Annual Water Tower Run, and our annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.
- Membership grows to 200.

1985

- North Point North is Federally certified as an Historic District!
- The code-violating property on Terrace Ave. is taken over by First Federal Savings and sold to a party who would restore it.
- Increased the Monument Fund; opposed fast-food franchises being offered in County Parks; the Harp Luminaire to be restored to McKinley hill.
- Conducted the Water Tower Run, a children's party at the Water Tower, and the annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.

1986

- Succeeded in getting Water Tower Monument in 1987 City budget; got Monument approved by Historic Preservation Commission; negotiated contracts with City and Contractor for construction of Monument by WTLT.

- Conducted the Water Tower Run and the annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.
- Took various positions favoring or opposing items affecting neighborhood on agendas of Milwaukee Board of Zoning Appeals.

1987

- Constructed and dedicated Water Tower Monument at intersection of Lake Drive, Lafayette and Windsor, a unique co-operative project of Water Tower Landmark Trust, the City and the County. Financed 50% and constructed by the Trust through its contract with private contractor.
- Got County Parks Dept. to re-open Lake Michigan vistas along Wahl Avenue.
- Took positions and testified concerning various proposals coming before the Historic Preservation Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Sponsored drafting and passage of "bed and breakfast" zoning regulation.
- Held forums on zoning code enforcement, and on waterfront developments and law enforcement. Took position opposing sale of alcohol on lakefront, and created committee to work with County on problem in 1987-88.
- Conducted Water Tower Home Tour.
- Created segregated Water Tower Legal Fund.
- Held the annual Christmas Party at Villa Terrace.