

The Historic Water Tower; photo credit: Historic Milwaukee inc.

Spaces & Traces will be returning to the Water Tower Neighborhood on May 14, 2016. This much anticipated program of Historic Milwaukee will open private homes, churches and commercial buildings to the public for this one-day tour. The tour was last in this neighborhood in 2005. "This neighborhood is filled with historic properties and it will be difficult to choose only a dozen or so," said longtime HMI member and Water Tower resident George Gurria.

Spaces & Traces is unique from other open house tours due to its emphasis on historical and architectural research. Volunteers and HMI staff spend months detailing the histories and owners of the selected properties. This information is then used to write property listings for the tour booklet and to write tour scripts. Spaces and Traces featured this neighborhood in 2005.

Historic Milwaukee, Inc. will be working with the Historic Water Tower Neighborhood group to identify potential tour sites and to recruit committee members and tour volunteers. HMI is also seeking sponsors and advertisers for this event. (©

Historic Water Tower Neighborhood [HWTN] is very pleased that Historic Milwaukee Inc. is honoring our area by again organizing a Spaces & Traces tour of our neighborhood. Visitors will have the chance to see and tour some of the more than 1,000 beautiful homes and buildings in our neighborhood that have been recognized with inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. As a leader in historic preservation for more than 30 years, HWTN welcomes the opportunity that only a Spaces &Traces tour can bring to share our well preserved historic neighborhood with people from all over the Milwaukee area.

> —Sally Peltz, HWTN President Elect