Landmark's first Revolving Fund project is nearing completion with the rehabilitation of the Volunteer Fire Department Building at 1019 State Street. Built before 1877, the structure is owned by Mr. James W. Moore and has been the location of Bill Moore Insurance for the past several years.

This property was originally purchased by the Warren County Court in 1829 and remained in county hands until 1938. The present building was constructed prior to 1894 and may date as early as 1870. By 1877, this was the location of Council Hall and was used by the town council. Also used by the Volunteer Fire Department as an engine house, the property was later occupied by the Police Department until the present City Hall was built in 1907. Between 1909 and 1935, the building was used as a confectionery warehouse and grocery. Since 1935, this has been the location of Porter Real Estate office, a state unemployment office, Kiddie Shop, Alexander Paint and Wallpaper Company, Sherwin-Williams Paint Company and Chester M. Hock Insurance.

Damaged by fire on March 15, 1911, the building has undergone several alterations and has been rehabilitated to its pre-1940's appearance. The structure's second floor has been adapted for reuse as office lease space.
Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the November Landmark Meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Shakertown at South Union, Kentucky will be the topic of a presentation by Miss Julia Neal. Established in 1807, the South Union society acquired extensive land holdings and built a community composed of over 200 structures. Economically dependent upon agriculture, South Union developed successful grain, fruit and livestock industries. South Union closed in 1922 when the property was sold at public auction.

Following the program, a tour will be given through the apartment of Carole Fairchild in the Barr Building, 444 East Main Street.

Downtown Christmas activities will begin November 25th with a three-day "Open House" sponsored by the Downtown Business Association. DBA's theme for the Christmas season will be an "Old Fashion Christmas."

As part of the "Open House" activities, DBA has made arrangements with Kentucky Classic Carriages, Inc. (Louisville) to give carriage rides downtown. Santa will make his appearance downtown during the "Open House" with sleigh rides for the children. Also appearing with Santa on November 25th will be Wendy and Big Red.

In addition, DBA will encourage business and property owners to participate with window displays appropriate to the holiday season theme. Please note additional holiday events listed in the "Calendar of Events."

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New Landmark Members

Mr. Joseph W. Hancock has recently joined the Landmark Association. Landmark would like to thank him for his support and interest. We welcome you to the organization and look forward to your participation.

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Calendar of Events:

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: "Old Fashion Christmas" Downtown Business Association
Nov. 25-27: Downtown "Open House" Downtown Business Association
Nov. 28-Dec. 31: Hobson House annual display of miniature village and Victorian Christmas trees
Nov. 29-Feb.: "Historic Toys and Books" Kentucky Museum
Nov. 30: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING 7:30 PM BG Public Library
Dec. 2: "Blessing of the Manger" 7:00 PM Presbyterian Church and Fountain Square Park
Dec. 3: "Christmas Family Day" Kentucky Museum 10AM-2PM
Dec. 3-5: "Holiday House" Bowling Green Municipal Utilities 801 Center Street
Dec. 3-4: Houchens Center annual display 10-11: of Christmas trees, doll houses, music boxes and musical instruments 842-6761
Dec. 3-4: Sleigh Rides with Santa Claus 10-11: Fountain Square Park
Dec. 3: "Museum Day" Kentucky Museum 10AM-2PM
Dec. 6-16: School programs, musical events and storytelling Kentucky Museum 745-2592
Dec. 21: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM Landmark office
Dec. 10: "Lighting of the Tree" 7:00 PM Fountain Square Park

PLEASE REMEMBER: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.
Old Fashioned Christmas
Open House

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