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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS - UPDATE

Historic Columbus Renovates the Rankin House Carriage House



Used as overflow storage for decades, Historic Columbus has renovated the Carriage House next to the Rankin House as a part of its first ever Capital Campaign. Architect and Preservation Committee Chairman Jack Jenkins graciously donated his services to design an outstanding renovation and addition of the structure. Brock Jones, Inc. made Jack's vision a reality and provided the renovation construction services.



The Carriage House now has about 800 square feet of office space with a kitchenette and bathroom, along with 300 square feet of storage still dedicated to Historic Columbus. Historic Columbus has recently listed the property for lease with Trey Carmack at Coldwell Banker.

Please contact HCF or Trey Carmack (706-887-4500) for more information on renting this great office space.

City Mills – Stabilization is Nearly Complete!



After nearly seven months of work, the stabilization work at City Mills is nearing completion. Our joint venture with local attorney and preservationist, Ken

Henson, has been successful in fulfilling the goal to preserve and stabilize this National Historic Landmark. Historic Columbus' portion of the stabilization work at City Mills is funded by the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, Save Me A Place.

Stabilization work has centered on making the building structurally sound and weathertight. Local contractor Brasfield & Gorrie has led the work focusing on exterior and interior masonry restoration, replacing the roof structure and roofs on both buildings, securing the window openings, stabilizing the floor structures, and overseeing the fire sprinkler installation work by Sprinkler Contractors Inc. This work will allow the buildings to remain dry and secure

until a full redevelopment plan can be determined and a long-term owner identified.

In addition to our project, the City has initiated the bid process to begin work connecting the Riverwalk through the site. Currently, the Riverwalk has two missing pieces on its northern end above the TSYS campus, City Mills and Bibb Mill. Both of these sections have secured funding and have completed the design phase.

The City Mills section will travel between the two City Mills buildings and then continue north through the City Village neighborhood. A small plaza area designed with lighting and landscape planters will be located between the two City Mills buildings to help create a place where people can stop and enjoy the historic structures along with participating with whatever businesses might locate there in the future. A later phase of the Riverwalk might include a spur that provides a path for the public to walk out to the historic dam abutment in the river. Initial work on the City Mills Riverwalk connection is scheduled to begin in the next 2-3 months.



Originally constructed in 1828 by Seaborn Jones, City Mills produced a variety of grains, flour, and feed throughout its operation.



DAY TRIP TO PASAQUAN AND RICHLAND RUM



The group outside of St. EOM's house, Pasaquan



May brought a great day trip for Historic Columbus! Our members journeyed to Buena Vista and Richland for a mix of art and rum. Tim Gregory, Mike McFalls, and Kathy and Fred Fussell hosted the tour Pasaquan sharing the restoration work and history of St. EOM. Owners of Richland Rum, Karen and Erik Vonk, gave a fun tour of the distillery ending with a tasting of rum and sugar cane. All went home happy!

Left: Erik Vonk teaching the group how to make rum

Right: Great tour guides at Pasaquan - Tim Gregory, Kathy and Fred Fussell, and Mike McFalls

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Thursday, September 8th

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Save The Date!

Historic Columbus' *River Raffle*

Thursday, September 15, 2016
6:30-9:30PM

As a part of Historic Columbus' 50th Anniversary, River Raffle will feature only one ticket price - \$75 per person. The evening will include a \$5,000 reverse raffle, dinner and cocktails, and great local music.

Please join us on the river!

Go to our website www.historiccolumbus.com to purchase tickets and for more information.

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