

Fact Sheet

The Indian Hill Historical Society

- The “Mission Statement” of the Society is: “Keeping the Past and Present Alive for Tomorrow.”
- The Society is a non-profit organization (501 c3) dedicated to helping preserve the ambiance that has characterized Indian Hill for many years as a private residential area with a quiet, well supervised rural atmosphere.
- The membership of the Society represents approximately 300 families, most of whom live or formerly lived in Indian Hill, a city of approximately 2,200 homes.
- The Society’s 30-year-old outreach educational program reaches approximately 250 fourth grade students from 3 local schools, providing a “One-Room Schoolhouse Experience, c. 1873” for them, including chalk & slate arithmetic, McGuffey Readers, dip-pen cursive writing practice, 19th century tools, and local history.
- Society staff members and volunteers are available for special classroom or club meeting presentations regarding local history, i.e., local Women’s Clubs, Garden Clubs, senior groups, Scout troops, etc.
- The Society sponsors 6 programs a year, ranging from speakers on local history topics and slide shows of Indian Hill architecture or gardens to musical performances, art shows, etc. Family or adult dinners or brunches are usually part of the program.
- House histories are maintained for over 200 homes in the Village, and the Society’s Historic Landmark Plaque program has placed nearly 100 bronze plaques on qualified homes, barns, and other structures in Indian Hill.
- Two Village-owned historic sites, the Little Red Schoolhouse and Buckingham Lodge/Bonnell House, are used and maintained by the Society, in cooperation with the Village Administration and Public Works Department.
- Four Society hardbound books have been published: *From Camargo to Indian Hill* (1983), *Treasured Recipes from Camargo to Indian Hill* (1988), *Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill* (1993), and *Indian Hill - A Point of View* (2008). Articles of historical interest and Historical Society news are published monthly in the *Indian Hill Bulletin*. A newsletter is emailed quarterly.
- In addition to the above-mentioned books, notepaper with The Little Red Schoolhouse and other artistic Village scenes are available for purchase.
- The Board of Trustees is made up of 22 individuals, who meet monthly to plan the Society’s activities and oversee the fulfillment of its goals.
- The office staff includes an Administrator, Historian, and Archivist / Librarian.
- The records, books, and periodicals maintained in the Hauck Library and Resource Center at Buckingham Lodge may be used for research regarding the Village and its residents.
- The Little Red Schoolhouse is used for the Society’s programs and is rented to individuals and organizations for a variety of events.
- Oral histories of long-time Indian Hill residents are sought, recorded, and retained by the Society. News articles and photographs regarding Village residents are preserved in files and computers at Buckingham Lodge.
- Starting in the Fall of 2017, the historical information in the numerous files at Buckingham Lodge is being digitized.