

## **Park Progress Report** By Richard Fisher

At the end of summer we can report that most of the weather sensitive items are complete. The site has been filled, graded, seeded, and landscaped. Concrete walks and curbs pored and brick work completed. The engraved bricks will continue to be installed as sales warrant.

Water and electrically are at the site and only some wiring left to do. A sprinkler system has been installed to provide water to all landscaped areas. Trees and shrubs warranted for one year.

As funds became available six park benches, four lamp posts and approximate

150 feet of ornamental wrought iron fencing were ordered. These items require four to six weeks for delivery and should be installed by Thanksgiving.

The Final major items for finishing are the lattice work and pergola. These plastic items became unavailable and it was decided to change to the Cedar. Easterday Construction Co. of Culver, will fabricate these this winter, and paint and erect in the spring.

It appears that all of the park construction will be finished at under or close to the estimated cost.

### **ENGRAVED BRICK SALES BRISK**

Community-wide response to the inscribed brick sale has been tremendous, so far. Don't be left out. Order your brick now and consider what unique Christmas gifts they would make for family members and friends. If you can't pick up an order

blank at one of the local merchant's places, send your order, with \$50.00 for a single and \$100.00 for a double to Lynn Overmyer, 114 East Jefferson or Rita Mason, 233 Winfield. Bricks are "in".

### **CD ROM PROJECT UPDATE**

The CD ROM is nearly complete. There are four sections: Timeline, Lake, Town, and Academy. The timeline covers the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area from 1835 to 1950, tying the other three sections together. Within each of the other sections is an historical overview, a photograph album, and a group of stories drawn from histories of the area and interviews with local residents.

The CD ROM contains over 200 photographs. At this point, we have proof-read a draft copy, and our consultants are in the process of making corrections and adding music. When the CD ROM is finalized, we will begin making copies. We anticipate being able to distribute copies in a couple of months.

### **East Shore Historic District**

The East Shore Historic District nomination has been completed and submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, the office which administers the National Register program in Indiana.

The nomination has passed the first level of review, called "Technical Review." This is done to ensure that the nomination contains the necessary information, photographs, and maps. A "Substantive Review" must be completed by the staff before the nomination is considered by the State Review Board for Historic Preservation. The State Review Board meets quarterly, in October, January, April, and July.

We have not been given an idea of when this second level of review might be completed, but it appears at this point that, because of an unusually heavy workload experienced by the state staff this year, the nomination will probably not be considered until the April meeting. We will let the members know specifically when the meeting will be held when that information is known. Letters of support may be written to the chairman of the State Review Board.

These are usually submitted in the 30 days prior to the meeting. The meeting is open to the public, and anyone who would like to attend is welcome to go and support the nomination.

# Library Report from Jim Moore

At the September meeting of the Culver-Union Township Library Board, the present situation was thoroughly discussed. Some of the highlights were:

A statement and survey was distributed through the Culver Citizen. This statement presents the position that a new library is the best option at this time.

The statement clearly reads that there is no other choice. However, the Board President and other Board Members have explained that, if other options become available, they would be considered.

## Marcia's Letter

The October 1, 1997, edition of the Culver Citizen printed a "Letter to the Editor" from member, Marcia Adams. Following are some excerpts from the letter:

"I've been told that the move is not a given, rather the option the library board has found to be the most clear-cut.....It would seem that without a benefactor to help wave a wand and create space for the Carnegie library to expand, the present location is just not adequate. Would that a plan could materialize to make the present location adequate.

"If the present site is not adequate and the library moves, the Carnegie building will be empty. And since, as has been

The Library Board has begun a series of open meeting to receive your input.

As members of the Antiquarian and Historical Society, we are urged to respond to the survey in the section designated, "We would appreciate any other comments, ideas or suggestions." Surveys can be found in the library and in the Culver Citizen Office.

We are also urged to attend the Library Board meetings and other group meetings to express your opinion about the future of the library.

reported, the Caregie building is in deplorable condition and will not pass usage codes, there will be an empty building on the Main Street of the downtown district of Culver that is not fit condition for any use. Perhaps some of the money that has been put aside for the future use of the library should be used to get the Carnegie building up to code. The money that has been saved over the years came from the taxpayers, was saved even before the 1980's when the board started considering alternatives to the present location and was therefore on the tax records as money designated for the Carnegie building.

Responsibility would seem to dictate that this tax money that has been saved should be used to renovate the Carnegie building if indeed it is to be abandoned."

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Have you visted our new park in downtown Culver yet? If not, make it a point to stop by and admire. It's beautiful!