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MARCH 8TH

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History of Commercial Street

There's no question that John Sellars, who serves as the Executive Director of the History Museum on the Square, is a Springfield history expert; his recall of places, names and dates only serves to enhance his ability to orate great stories about Springfield's history.

The history books reveal the tale of two cities, with a street named Division separating them, but that history is overshadowed by the ever changing presence of Commercial Street, and that was the focus of Sellars delivery during our February luncheon.

The audience was treated to a collection of photographs, beginning with the April 1870 arrival of the first train into the newly established North Springfield. When asked about the name "Moon City" in reference to the creative arts district north of the tracks in the present day neighborhood of Woodland Heights, Sellars remarked that "phrase was diminishing that it [North Springfield] would ever happen."



John Sellars, Executive Director of Springfield History Museum on the Square, presents during our February luncheon.

depicted a competition between the two communities that over time resulted in "city and county services moving to Central Street so that there was no advantage over one another."



View of Commercial Street mid-century

As a kid growing up in Springfield, Sellars said, "Commercial Street was like a whole different world." He went on to add that he would take the street car from the downtown square up to Commercial because, "there were things up there you just couldn't find downtown."

Throughout it's history there have been several theatres on C-Street, one of which, the Deemer Theatre, was where silent movie actress Pearl White, who grew up in Springfield had her first job. Several of the old buildings are no longer standing, but some, Rathbone Hardware and Commercial Club are still in existence. The Missouri Hotel, which was not the original name, has a very interesting history as Sellars showed pictures of the soda fountain and bowling alley

Throughout his presentation Sellars

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that once operated in the now unoccupied property.

Sellars told the audience the museum got its start in 1976, and was originally planned to only operate for 6 months or so as a Bi-Centennial Museum. He was a volunteer back then trying to establish a more permanent presence and when a call for photographs was issued they expected about 200 or so would be submitted, but they ended up receiving over 4000.



Pictured above is an architect's rendering of the History Museum on the Square, slated to be opening in 2018.

Over its 41 year history the museum has had several locations, but he's most proud of the new location on the square and of the renovations taking place. Plans call for an opening of the new space in 2018. Sellars said, if you

haven't experienced the history through modern technology, then a visit to our local museum will give that exposure. In addition to actual artifacts and displays, our museum will feature a high-tech environment complete with videos and touch screen interfaces. Sellars promises, "you'll be astounded when we open up."

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To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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Letter from the NSBA President



Our name may be North Springfield Betterment Association, but we are all about the greater good of our city. Like the old adage, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," we recognize that the core strength of any community lies in the health of its residents and neighborhoods. Our efforts are not to divide, but to ensure that North Springfield is a vibrant gateway to all that Springfield has to offer.

As always, it's a great time to live, work and do business in North Springfield.

Marcy Dolleens, NSBA President

Nate's Notes

"Elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading."



It's important to be able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn."

That's why NSBA encourages students in the 14 north Springfield elementary schools to attain a 99% (or better) attendance record.

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- Neighborhood Associations: \$20.00
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- Corporate for 2 individuals: \$100.00
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Contact any board member for more information.

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noun

1. the act or process of improving something.

"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
- "a betterment charge"



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