

Monday Walks and Talks

This year our schedule will begin on June 5th and take place every Monday at 6pm until August 28th (Omitting July 3rd)

June 5th - Foster Martin Building 171 Downtown Genesee St Utica, Explore the halls of an iconic building in the heart of downtown Utica. 171 Genesee Street, more commonly known as "The Former Utica Catholic Bookstore" has been the home to many thriving retail establishments since the mid 1800's. Ride one of the oldest operating Otis Elevators in existence... or choose to climb the five lofty flights. Hear the inside story of the rehabilitation of an Urban Renewal Property & the impact it has on the regeneration of our downtown. 171 Genesee Street is currently the home of @ 171 Events, Christine's Cookie Shoppe & the future home of Foster Martin Studio's & Black Site Coffee. Come see the transformation & how the owners have worked hard to uncover and restore the original character of the building. Guide: Christine Martin

June 12th Ridgewood: Where City and Country Meet ~ Step back in time to 1926 when the H. R. Jones Co. Acquired the Benton Farm - "Maple Hill", recently annexed to the City of Utica from the Town of New Hartford, and with the help of noted landscape architects, the Olmsted Brothers, designed the largest & most ambitious residential development of their company's career. On a ridge 100 feet above Genesee Street, 440 building lots, 3 parks and a school site were laid out on 150 acres overlooking the beautiful Sauquoit Valley. Learn how the culture & economy of the times influenced housing types & the evolution of the neighborhood we see today. Come join us - early June is a perfect time to explore this delightful Olmsted garden neighborhood. Meet at H.R. Jones School, on the Glenwood Avenue side. Guides: Virginia Kelly and Michael Lehman AIA

June 19th Rome Art Center & Oak & Ivy ~ 198 North Washington St. Rome. Guide: Jay Groah

June 26th A walk in the Footprint: The Historic Columbia/Lafayette Street Neighborhood ~ Join local historians, urbanists and community leaders & discover the history of this important downtown corridor. Learn about the contributions that the area has made to Utica's development since the city's inception, the impact a proposed downtown hospital would have on the area, and the untapped potential its historic buildings hold for downtown Utica's future economic growth, vibrancy, and livability. Meet at Broadway and Lafayette Street. Guides: Joe Bottini - Oneida County Historian, Michael Galime - Utica Common Council President & Michael Lehman AIA- LSGU

July 10th Little Falls Old City Hall, Library, and Holy Family Parish (formerly St. Mary's Church) ~ 659 E Main Street Little Falls, NY
Where to meet? TBA

July 17th Rome Old City Hall, Rome Court House ~ 207 N. James St. Rome - Guide Jay Groah ~ Old City Hall has stood overlooking James St. since it was constructed over 115 years ago, since being officially replaced by the current City Hall on Washington Street. The old City Hall has been home to municipal and nonprofit agencies. Rome Court House Rebuilt 1849, Greek Revival Style, public square given by Dominick Lynch, built in 1807.

July 24th The Rosemont Bed & Breakfast 1423 Genesee St. Utica ~ a Beautiful, Italianate Victorian bed and breakfast is located in the heart of Utica, NY on the main thoroughfare of Genesee Street. Guides: Rita and Bob Sleys

July 31st ~ North Gage Presbyterian Church & Cemetery Association ~ The church address is 11600 North Gage Road, Deerfield, NY The Church was established October 1829. The current building was dedicated in 1859. The North Gage Cemetery Association is not connected to the church. The Cemetery first recorded burial was February 19, 1810. To date we have 1067 burials, 37 veterans spanning back as far as the Revolutionary War.

August 7th ~ MUCC (Midtown Utica Community Center) The former Episcopal church of All Saints is the new home of the Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC) at 40 Faxon St. MUCC has become a multicultural center for the arts and culture aiming to support all those who walk through their doors in any capacity. With no staff, all of MUCC is managed and administered with hundreds of volunteers.

August 14th ~ Barneveld Sugar Bush & Mahannah Estate 8451 Old Poland Rd Barneveld

August 21st ~ Murnane Baseball Field ~ Burrstone Road. Guide: Michael Gentile.

August 28th ~ Forest Hill Cemetery ~ Oneida St. Utica was founded in 1848, by a group of civic-minded citizens to provide a greatly wanted need for the growing city of the day. Many national, state and local leaders rest at Forest Hill.