

Announcement

Langford/Nord House

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The Blythewood Historical Society will soon have a place to call home. Mrs. Cindy Nord, a local resident, has offered the house on the corner of McNulty Road and Wilson Boulevard (Main St.) as a gift to the Blythewood Historical Society.

The house, built ca.1900, is one of the town's visually important and much loved landmarks. It is one of the few remaining homes that were part of Blythewood's town center, and is one of the fifteen structures listed in the Town's historic preservation ordinance inventory of historical sites. Vacant in recent years, life and activity will return to a home in the heart of Blythewood's historical town center.

In addition to serving as a permanent site for the Society's meetings, it:

- provides a place to house and display artifacts, photographs, documents and records important to the history of Blythewood,
- can potentially be used as an outdoor exhibit of outbuildings listed on the Town's inventory of historic structures,
- provides a site for educational programs and events related to local history for area schools and citizens,
- offers a potential meeting site for civic and other community groups, and
- anchors and complements the area surrounding Town Hall and the Town Center..

Recognized by Mayor Keith Bailey as "a tremendous opportunity for the Town, an exemplary effort by the Blythewood Historical Society, and a gift from the heart on behalf of Mrs. Nord", the Langford/Nord House will give impetus to efforts to maintain, sustain and promote the historical town center, and in turn will encourage tourism and a sense of community among its citizens. As a demonstration of its commitment to historic preservation, the Town of Blythewood will provide financial assistance to the Blythewood Historical Society in the amount of \$16,800.00, to be awarded within a two-year period

On behalf of the Blythewood Historical Society Frankie McLean, President, expresses the members' gratitude to Mrs. Nord for her significant gift of the house. It will forever serve as a focal point for current and future generations to remember and learn about the heritage of our community.

A "grand event" to celebrate this gift will be held on a date to be announced.

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