

Portage County Historical Society

The Portage County Historical Society is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers.

In addition to Historic Fire House No 2, the Society operates the Temple Beth Israel Synagogue Museum on Water St. in Stevens Point, the Rising Star Mill in Nelsonville, and Heritage Park, corner of Washington & Willow, in Plover.

Visit our website at www.pchswi.org for more information on the Society and our calendar of events.



Your donations to **HISTORIC FIRE HOUSE No 2** will help to restore this building.

Our plans include:

Outside:

- New roofing
- Repair soffit and fascia
- Rebuild bell tower
- Rebuild porch
- Restore the arched doors
- Storm windows
- Remove paint from front

Inside:

- HVAC
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Plastering
- Painting

HISTORIC FIRE HOUSE No 2

Your help is needed to restore this building!

From this...



To this.....(minus the horses!)



Levels of Giving

\$50,000—Chief

\$25,000—\$50,000 Deputy Chief

\$15,000-\$25,000 Assistant Chief

\$5,000—\$15,000 Division Chief

\$1,000—\$5,000 Battalion Chief

\$500—\$1,000 Captain

\$300- \$500 Lieutenant

\$200- \$300 Motor Pump Operator

\$100- \$200 Firefighter

A fund will be established at the Community Foundation of Portage County to fund the restoration, maintenance and operations of this museum.

The Historical Society is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of its supporters. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution for the restoration and maintenance of Historic Fire House N^o 2 .

Built in 1885, this building was added on to c. 1895-6, just a years after Stevens Point became a full time fire department. Used until 1967, when the new headquarters building was built on Franklin St. Historic Fire House N^o 2 became the first YMCA building.

When the Y moved out c.1974 the building was used for storage until 2006 when the Portage County Historical Society purchased it from the City of Stevens Point.

This building currently houses the 1933 American LaFrance truck purchased by the City at the Chicago World's Fair, the c. 1890 hose wagon, and various other firefighting artifacts.

It also houses the first printing press in Wisconsin, which was brought to Stevens Point, via Oshkosh, from Green Bay, where it printed the first newspaper in Wisconsin.

For a listing of hours and events see our calendar at www.pchswi.org

Joining the Historical Society is easy, just fill out this form and mail it today.

Membership Categories

Student (age 17-21) \$15 **Family** \$40

Individual \$25 **Senior** (age 62+) \$20

Patron \$200 **Business** \$50

Sustaining \$300 **Pioneer** \$100

Benefactor \$400 **Life Membership** \$500

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

No thanks, I don't want to become a member, but here is my tax deductible donation to Historic Fire House N^o 2

\$ _____

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