

Footsteps of La Crosse Historic Tours

Join the La Crosse Public Library for a series of tours highlighting some of the most historic and architecturally significant buildings in La Crosse. This fall series of one bus and three walking tours, led by architectural historian Eric J. Wheeler, celebrates the completion of the "Footsteps of La Crosse" website www.footstepsoflacrosse.org.

The website was developed by the La Crosse Public Library in collaboration with Murphy Library at UW-La Crosse, Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Public Television. The research and descriptions of the buildings were provided by Mr. Wheeler.

The focus of the tours is historic North La Crosse and the three National Register Districts in the city. All tours are free but require registration.

- Tour #1: Wednesday, September 9, 4 p.m. Bus tour of historic North La Crosse. Meet at North Community Library, 1522 Kane St. Register by calling 789-7189 or 789-4912. Refreshments and door prizes will follow tour. Each tour lasts about one hour.

The following walking tours of the National Register Districts will also begin at 4 p.m. Space is limited; call the La Crosse Public Library Archives at 608-789-7136 or email archives@lacrosselibrary.org to reserve. Tours may be rescheduled in case of inclement weather; call to verify the afternoon of the tour.

- Tour #2: Wednesday, September 16, 4 p.m. Walking tour of Cass/King Historic Residential District. Meet at Weigent Park on Cass St. between 15th and 16th sts.
- Tour #3: Wednesday, October 7, 4 p.m. Walking tour of Historic Downtown La Crosse. Meet in front of United Bank on the corner of Main and Second sts.
- Tour #4: Wednesday, October 14, 4 p.m. Walking tour of Tenth/Cass Historic Residential District. Meet in front of the Bentley-Wheeler house on the southwest corner of 10th and Cass sts.



One of buildings on the downtown tour is the Lynne Tower / Linker Hotel at 318-320 Main St. which was built 1915 with an addition in 1927. The view on the left dates from 1916-1925; the image on the right was taken in 2008.

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