

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***LAKE BLUFF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HOSTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON MAY 13<sup>th</sup>***

LAKE BLUFF, IL – On April 27, 2015, the Lake Bluff Village Board proclaimed May 2015 as National Preservation Month in the Village! This action was taken to recognize the roles that history and preservation play in Lake Bluff, as well as communities across Chicagoland, the State of Illinois and the United States. Here in the Village, Preservation Month 2015 will be observed with a community workshop presented by the Lake Bluff Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on May 13, 2015 (at 7:00 p.m.) in partnership with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) and Landmarks Illinois, a statewide historic preservation advocacy organization.

IHPA staff will present detailed information regarding the Illinois Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program during the workshop. This Program offers Lake Bluff residents who rehabilitate their historic homes (specific qualifications apply) an opportunity to receive substantial property tax savings over a 12-year period. Also, Landmarks Illinois will present information on a program that allows residents with homes listed in the National Register of Historic Places to receive a federal income deduction through the charitable donation of a preservation easement to protect their historic home. In addition, Village representatives will review the benefits of owning a landmark designated home in Lake Bluff, some of which include reductions in building permit costs as a result of remodeling a historic home.

The Lake Bluff Historic Preservation Program supports homeowners by offering opportunities to protect and enhance the places that matter to them. By recognizing the places here in Lake Bluff, where both history and important moments of everyday life took place, preservation contributes to sustaining the community's character, maintaining neighborhoods and promoting environmental conservation.

The HPC is an advisory body appointed by the Village Board to educate Lake Bluff residents on the importance of preservation and recommend policies regarding the preservation and use of the Village's historic

structures, sites, and landscapes. Learn more about the HPC and its upcoming workshop at [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org), or for more information regarding National Preservation Month, please visit the website of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at [preservationnation.org](http://preservationnation.org).

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