

Lake Bluff Walking Tour *Uptown: All Around the Town* May 21

Lake Bluff, IL – The Lake Bluff History Museum will host a series of three docent-led walking tours in east Lake Bluff during 2017. Each provides a unique look into the Village’s past. The first tour in the series, *Uptown, All Around the Town*, takes place Sunday May 21 and focuses on the Lake Bluff commercial district and surrounding area. Tours depart from the Lake Bluff History Museum starting at 1:00 and run about 90 minutes.

Participants in the May 21 tour visit sites in Lake Bluff’s Commercial District, an area formally recognized as a National Historic District in 2007 and learn about the businesses that once met residents’ needs. The buildings in this district include: the Train Station, the Village Green, The Village Market, the Sankiewicz Building, the Post Office Block, the Griffith Building and the Village Hall. The tour proceeds north along the Sheridan Road corridor and east on North Avenue to incorporate some history of adjacent areas.

The July 9 and October 1 tours, *Camp Meeting Cottages and Country Houses* and *Camp Meetings, Chautauquas, Artists and Anarchists*, respectively, cover a time period starting with the founding of the Lake Bluff Camp Meeting Association in the 1870s and continuing into the early 1900s when Lake Bluff was a destination attracting an eclectic mix of writers, poets, musicians, artists and anarchists.

Tickets cost \$10 per tour with payment made at the door the day of the walk. Reservations can be made by calling 847 482-1571 or e-mailing tickets@lakebluffhistory.org and providing contact information and number of tickets requested. Groups will be formed based on arrival time and will depart at approximately 10 minute intervals, with priority given to those who registered in advance.

The Lake Bluff History Museum researches, preserves and shares area history through a variety of activities and events, including programs like these tours. The museum displays tell stories of Lake Bluff’s past and its archives provide individuals with access to documents, records, photographs and other materials preserved in the museum archives. For additional information visit lakebluffhistory.org or call 847 482-1571.

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