



PRESERVATION RACINE, INC.

July 15, 2015

City of Racine
800 Center St.
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mayor John Dickert and the Common Council,

On Sunday, September 27, 2015, Preservation Racine Inc. will celebrate the 40th Annual Tour of Historic Places from 12pm to 5:30pm. Preservation Racine is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization established in 1973. This event is a major fund raiser to support our educational programs and our mission to identify and actively encourage the preservation of buildings, sites and districts in the Racine community that have historical, architectural or cultural value.

The theme for this year's tour is "Life Along the Lake". The historic homes and places on the tour are graciously being offered by private individuals and businesses within our community to be put on public viewing. Without their generous support, this tour would not exist today.

The intended goals of this year's tour are to showcase featured homes and buildings along Lake Michigan from the Racine Water Utilities to Windpoint Lighthouse, educate tour goers of historically relevant information about the community, neighborhoods and residents, and present and promote one of Racine's greatest assets, Lake Michigan.

We have requested permission to feature the North Beach Gazebo on our tour as a point of interest, given the significant historical location. Permission was granted on July 8th through the City of Racine Park, Recreational and Cultural Services at a cost of \$150.00 for the day.

We would like to submit a request for a waiver of the park permit fees for the inclusion of the North Beach Gazebo location on our tour for this year. All other homes and buildings on the tour do not charge a fee. Those include six private homes, the Racine Water Works Utilities Company, Racine Yacht Club, North Bay Village Hall, and the Windpoint Lighthouse caretaker's residence.

We sincerely hope you will consider our request as we continue to highlight the many great assets there truly are in our community.

Sincerely,

Sybil Knop
Preservation Racine, Inc.
Tour Co-Chair