

10. IOOF Block* - 1855 & 1892 (Continued from Page 7)

1 S. Main Street

Today 'Ron's Pizza and Ribs' occupies the corner spot. On any day of the week you can find this octogenarian in the store or out making deliveries. Ron Holp's business began at another spot on Main Street, then moved to

other locations, the most prominent being on 12th Street, before returning downtown to occupy the IOOF Building.

All our thanks to the business owners, volunteers and visitors who have participated in the 2016 Ohio *Open Doors* event.




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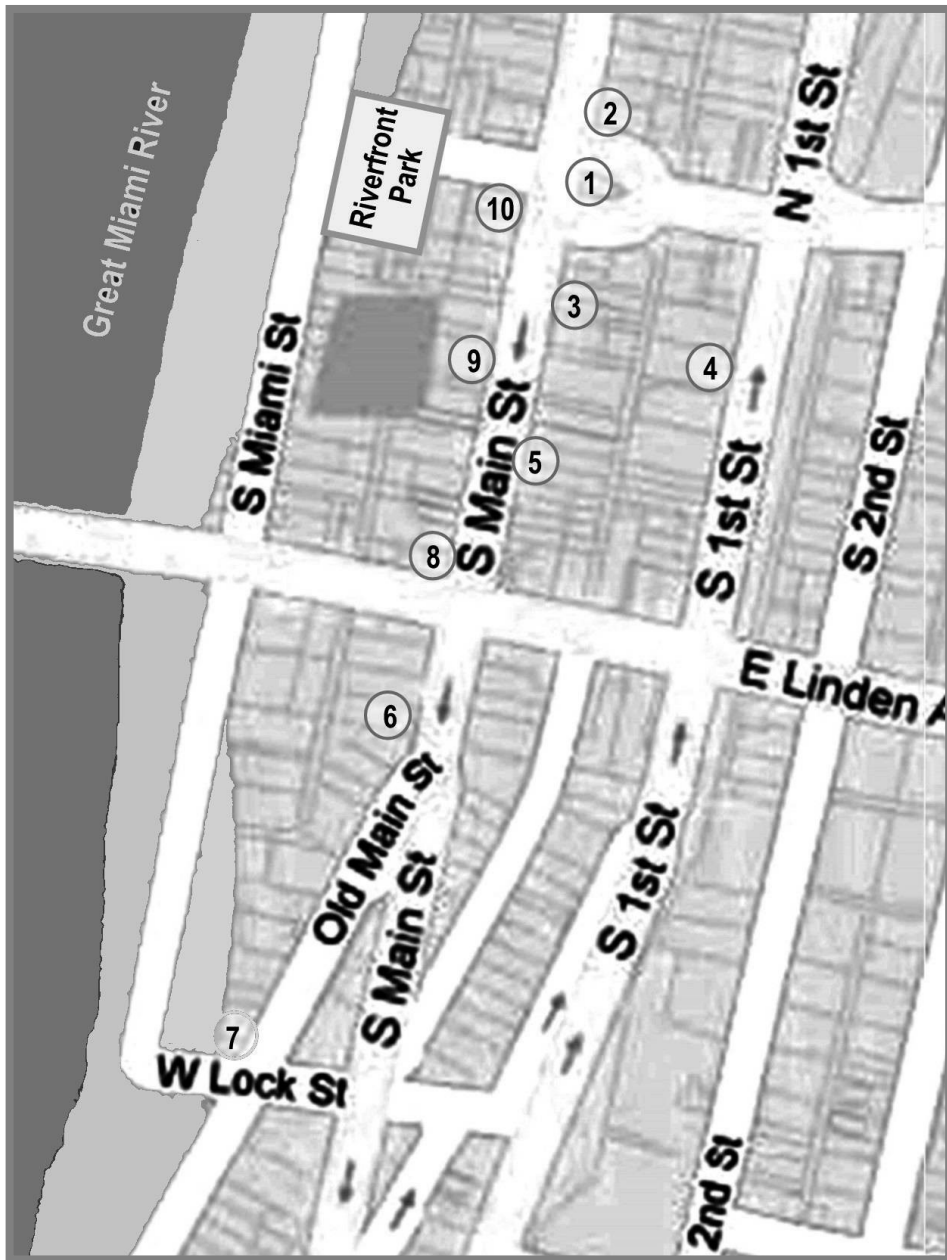
September 10, 2016

1:00-5:00 pm

Miamisburg Historical Society
Located in the Market Square
Building
4 N. Main Street, Miamisburg, OH
45342



The Town Center Tour



9. Plaza Theatre - 1919

33 S. Main Street

December 25th, 1919 marked the start of the Plaza Theatre built by the Weaver Brothers. It cost 22 cents to see a movie; on Tuesdays, 10 cents. The Plaza was a popular attraction for many years until it gave way to multiplex theatres and television, closing in the mid 1960s. In 1968 the building was purchased by the Sorrell family and became a western

retail store until it closed in 2002. Recently, a community group brought the theatre back to life. It reopened on

December 25th, 2015, showing "Field of Dreams".

10. IOOF Block - 1855 & 1872

(Independent Order of Odd Fellows)

1 S. Main Street

The Federal Style building was built in two sections. The north section was built in 1855 by William Hoff for his clothing business. Among the businesses on the second floor were the Telephone Co. and Miamisburg News. The south section was built in 1872 adding more space for businesses including the Post Office, 1908-1940. The

IOOF is a benevolent fraternal

7. Heritage Village – 1811

Corner of Old Main and Lock Street

The Gebhart Tavern, the Kercher Pioneer Home and the Smokehouse are located on this site. The log tavern structure was built in 1811 by Daniel Gebhart who came to Miamisburg in 1805 from Pennsylvania. The Kercher Pioneer Home was built in 1809 and moved from Ferry Street to this site in 2008. The Tavern was a place of rest and refreshment for settlers coming to the area via the river and over the trails through this region. The Village is a museum site where historical items are displayed. It is open from May thru October, on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The annual ‘Old time Craft Day’ is held in October, and in December the Village welcomes visitors for ‘Christmas at the Tavern’. In 2012 the Ohio Historical Society recognized the historic significance of the site with a stately historic marker.

8. Weaver Building* – c. 1830

79 S. Main Street

Another Federal Style building built sometime in the 1830s by William Hoff for his mercantile business until 1858. In the 1870’s a blacksmith

Whether you walk or ride, follow the “Town Center Tour” map to see the sights/sites.

1. The Market Square Building* – 1851

4 North Main Street (in town square)

Built on the public square set aside by the founding fathers, it is a simple, unadorned, brick Greek Revival “temple” with open arches on the ground floor, which allowed for a farmer’s market inside. It was later used for council offices and the town hall. At one time it housed the jail. In 1999 it was rehabbed and became the home of the Miamisburg Historical Society. Adjacent to the building stands the Hamburger Wagon, established to feed people displaced by the 1913 flood.

2. Gwinner Block* – 1875

NE Corner of Main St. and Central Avenue

This is an example of a Second Empire Style, four story commercial and residential structure. The first three floors are painted brick; the top level has a slate mansard roof with dormered windows. The building was built by Lewis Urschel. It was sold at Sheriff’s sale to Frederick Gwinner for his son’s drugstore. The second floor provided offices

3. Liesenhoff Block* – 1884

16–18 S. Main Street

Frank Liesenhoff, a native of Prussia, was a tailor and built this building for his business. It is High Victorian Italianate with two distinctively different store fronts. Note the unusual round porthole style windows on the third level. Through the years the space was used for a variety store, dress shop and drug store. Today, the north section is ‘Curious Style and Coffee Shop’; the south section is ‘Christmas on Main’. An apartment occupies the upper floor.

(After visiting the Liesenhoff Block, take the walkway at the Paff Jewelers Building over to First Street.)

4. Baum Opera House* – 1884

15 S. First Street

Charles Baum, native of Germany, built and opened his hotel at the age of 26. It was named ‘The Star City Opera House’ with seating for 800. Its purpose was to present plays. It is a Second Empire Style featuring a mansard roof and molded cornices. As years passed, it was used

5. A. R. Stocker Building* – 1890

48 S. Main Street

This is a Victorian two-story brick with heavily decorated parapet and central pediment bearing the legend, ‘A. R. Stocker 1890’. He built it for his furniture making and undertaking business. He served three terms as mayor. On the north side of the store is the entrance to the apartment on the second floor. Note the etched glass peacock above the door. In later years it was a clothing store, grocery store and dry cleaners. Today, it is ‘That Place on Main’ and an occupied apartment is on the second floor.

6. McGuire House* – 1879

115 S. Main Street

The house was built by a local merchant, George S. Hoff. It is a two and a half story brick building in High Victorian Italianate Style. The site is defined by the iron fence between stone posts and an iron gate. The house has a hip roof and bracketed cornice. The interior had unique heating and lighting systems installed. Unusual woods were used for flooring, doors and trim. In 1947 it was sold to Asa and Rev. Lillie