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CHARLEVOIX

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bridging our past with our future



Museum at Harsha House



Train Depot



South Pier Lighthouse



Historical Signs



Built 1892

Built 1892

Built 1948

Built 2019

Museum at Harsha House

State Historic Site

103 State Street

Open year-round, 12pm-4pm
Days vary seasonally, visit chxhistory.com for schedule.

The Harsha House, built in 1892 by local businessman and community leader Horace S. Harsha, has been the home of the Historical Society since 1978.

Attractions include rotating exhibits, thousands of historic photos, local artifacts, research materials, Earl Young Mushroom House information & tours, Grays Reef Lighthouse Fresnel lens, an original Ernest Hemingway marriage license, Museum gift shop featuring books, maps, photos, and more.

Train Depot

State & National Historic Site

305 Chicago Avenue
(Depot Beach Area)

Monthly programs, visit chxhistory.com for events calendar.

The Charlevoix Train Depot, built in 1892, has been restored with the help of fundraisers, grants and generous donations from the community.

On the grounds is the beautiful Heritage Garden, maintained by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, which overlooks Depot Beach on Lake Charlevoix. It is used for Society programs on local history, and for exhibits, social events, and other activities.

Available for private events.
Contact the Society for details.

South Pier Lighthouse

National Historic Site

95 Grant Street
(Lake Michigan Beach)

Walk the Pier seasonally, view the Lighthouse year-round.

The Charlevoix South Pier Lighthouse is owned by the City of Charlevoix and maintained by the Charlevoix Historical Society.

The United States Coast Guard is responsible for operation of the light. In 2009 the lighthouse was restored to its historically significant red color. The restoration was made possible thanks to generous donations from the community and matching grants from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office under the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program.

The US Lighthouse Society's Passport Program stamps are available at the Museum at Harsha House.

Historical Signs

The Society, along with the Charlevoix Main Street Design Committee, developed seven historical signs which in total contain 76 images of Charlevoix's past with accompanying text.

- 1. Round Lake/East Park**
Above bandshell
- 2. Marina/Vessels**
East Park near Harbormaster building
- 3. Bridge Street/Lumbering**
Bridge Park
- 4. Channel Bridges**
Bridge Park near channel
- 5. Channel Views**
South side of channel, West of Bridge
- 6. Coast Guard/Fish Hatchery**
South side of channel
- 7. Train Depot & Railroad**
Train Depot



Enriching Charlevoix culture through preservation, education and engaging experiences celebrating our history.




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