The Historical Society is proud to partner with the Charlevoix Circle of Arts and the Charlevoix Public Library located within the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor.

To become a member of the Historical Society, donate or learn more:

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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.

Available for private events. Contact the Society for details.

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Museum at Harsha House
State Historic Site
103 State Street
Open year-round, 12pm–4pm
Days vary seasonally, visit chxhistory.com for schedule.

Train Depot
State & National Historic Site
305 Chicago Avenue
(Depot Beach Area)
Monthly programs, visit chxhistory.com for events calendar.

South Pier Lighthouse
National Historic Site
95 Grant Street
(Lake Michigan Beach)
Walk the Pier seasonally, view the Lighthouse year-round.

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

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.