

### "Creating a Sense of Place and a Healthy Community"



Walking Tour Hosted by the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Development in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation

Stephen R. Reed, Mayor - Harrisburg City Council





# Welcome to Harrisburg!

With pleasure, we are delighted to welcome you to Pennsylvania's Capital City of Harrisburg and City Island. We are honored to serve as your host community and hope that your unique walking tour of Harrisburg is both enjoyable and rewarding. From Native American occupation dating back nearly 10,000 years to its earliest days as a colonial outpost, the Union Army's largest training camp during the Civil War, and a major industrial power into the mid-Twentieth Century, or continuing today as the Heart of Pennsylvania's focal point for commerce, government, the arts and entertainment, Harrisburg has been in the forefront of this state's and nation's growth for many centuries. Today, Harrisburg is considered a national role model for successful urban revitalization, with more than \$2 billion in new investment realized during the current era.

Our gratitude is extended to each of you for participating in today's tour. Proper nutrition is essential to performing at one's full capability, and the absence of proper diets for many Americans has led to a host of health and other physical problems that can severely affect one's quality of life. Your good efforts prove that you understand these critical issues, and are willing to do something about it. For this, you have our appreciation and regard.

Enjoy the day!

Mayor





#### Market Square

**Second and Market Streets** - Nationally renowned historic and contemporary urban hub of the City of Harrisburg and the Greater Harrisburg Metropolitan Area. Laid out as the center focus of John Harris, Jr's plan in 1785 as expansive public space surrounding original market houses. Commanded the best inns and stores as well as

Harrisburg's first multi-story office buildings which continued to evolve into the city's corporate and hotel center. Graced by Victorian town clock and beautiful urban gardens. Site of many events and rallies.

**M & T Tower** - Crisply designed, landmark Market Square office tower completed in 1990 and serving as the home of several major law firms and the Pennsylvania headquarters of M & T Bank.

**Dauphin County Administrative Building -** Renovated former bank building now serving as newest addition to the Dauphin County Government Complex. Houses additional courtroom space, offices of the Dauphin County Commissioners and other operations of the County Administration.

**Penn National Tower** - World headquarters of Penn National Insurance operations erected in 1996. Stands as a symbol of the private sector's commitment to locate major facilities downtown. Cross-vaulted roof design and distinctive Keystone icons enhance Harrisburg's skyline.

**Harrisburg Hilton and Towers** - Grand 15-story, 341 room hotelconference center, with 15 ballrooms and meeting rooms, four restaurants and lounges, health and fitness center, indoor swimming pool and beautiful artwork by area artists. Top two "Executive Level" floors offer added amenities. Ballroom one of the largest in the region. Opened in 1990.

#### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., City Government Center - 10 N.

**Second Street -** Only municipal building in the world to be named after the civil rights leader whose name it bears. Built for and has served as Harrisburg's City Hall since 1982. Features a stunning interior and sky lit atrium and is joined over Strawberry Alley with the McCormick Public Services Center facing Walnut Street.

#### Restaurant Row – North Second Street

**between Market and State Streets -** Originally envisioned in another area of the City, Restaurant Row grew naturally along North Second Street. The steady



lorth Second Street. The steady increase of eating establishments and night clubs was the result of increased pedestrian



traffic created by a number of factors. Development of increased commercial office space; City sponsored public events designed to keep people in town afterhours and additional parking space. What started approximately three years ago with one restaurant, Stock's on Second, opening around the corner from "Scott's Bar and Grill" has grown to the following list of successful establishments: NOMA, Martini Bar; 501 Downtown, Fisaga, Neato Burrito, The Pub, Dragonfly Club, Eclipse Nightclub; Coyotes Hardware Bar; The Red Door Wine Bar; Zia's Trattoria; Ko Ko Mos; Mezzaluna; and Mars Lounge.



Historic Harrisburg National Register Historic District, Walnut to Forster Streets with portions south to Strawberry Street and Front Street to N. Third Streets Contains some of the city's oldest building stock adjacent to the Central Business District and Capitol Complex as well as many early and mid-19th Century Front Street mansions.

### South Street, 100 Block - between N. Front & N. 2nd Streets - Birthplace of Harrisburg's "back to the

city" residential revival in the early 1970's. Charmingly restored private dwellings dating from 1810 to 1910. Ironically, northern boundary of the original 1785 Borough of Harrisburg.

## State Museum of Pennsylvania and The Pennsylvania State Archives, *N.*

**Third and North Streets** - Completed in 1964 as the Commonwealth's official and principal depository of records, artifacts and wide variety of treasures illustrating Pennsylvania's rich heritage. Architecturally inspired by the Trylon and Perisphere icons of the 1939 New York Worlds Fair.





Historic Harrisburg Resource Center, 1230 N.

**Third Street** - 1890s former bank building designed in the Brownstown Romanesque Style. Converted in 1993 to the headquarters of the City's leading historic preservation organization and site of special events and art exhibits. Original banking fixtures including vaults and marble counters are retained and preserved.

#### Old Midtown Harrisburg National Register Historic District, Forster to Verbeke Streets and

**N. Front to N. Third Streets** - Cohesive late 19th Century neighborhood located between the Susquehanna River and the Historic Midtown Market District. Represents Harrisburg's first urbanized neighborhood.

#### Historic Midtown Market District, N. Third Street From Forster

**to Reily Streets -** Revitalizing and historic neighborhood shopping district featuring art galleries, boutiques and upbeat restaurants and pubs accented

Planning a Healthy Community and the role of municipal government and the community to preserve and promote healthy neighborhood development.

#### Daniel Leppo, DBHD Deputy Director for Planning.

- Land Use Plan Look at neighborhoods as living spaces. Plan areas to live work and shop with a minimum of transportation issues. Action Strategy Plans, Main Street Program.
- **Residential development** Housing rehab programs, Neighborhood and Civic Partnerships make good use of old housing stock. Combined use buildings support small business development and make services convenient. Create inclusive neighborhoods by mixing types of structures for residents of all income levels, ethnic origin and physical capabilities.
- **Business development** Enterprise Zones, Brownfield development, redevelopment of industrial land and existing commercial structures maintain the neighborhood profile and preserve history.
- **New Construction -** Commercial and Residential Downtown office space, Melrose Gardens, Capitol Heights, Market Place. Utilize vacant land and surface parking areas for additional commercial, retail and residential units. Include internal parking areas in all large commercial buildings. Forms a bridge between old and new.
- **Tourism development** Convenient commercial and retail space along with recreation opportunities create an urban playground, a destination. Examples: Transportation Center redevelopment, Harristown Development Corp., Harrisburg Hilton and Towers and Crown Plaza Hotels, City Island, Whitaker Center, Arts Fest, Kipona, Farm Show Complex events, National Civil War Museum and other museums present and planned.
- **Historic preservation** Municipal and Federal Historic Districts protect Harrisburg's unique architecture and sense of place. City History Project (corner history pedestals) encourages citizens, visitors, and children to literally walk through the City's past everyday.



by period street lights and anchored by the Broad Street Market. Live entertainment and unusual merchandise bring diversity to city living.

#### Broad Street Market (Stone Building), N. Third and Verbeke Streets - Oldest continuously

operated market house in the United States. Civil Warera, Stone Building dates to 1860. Features the ethniccuisine of the Market Cafe fourt as a major lunch desod court as a major lunch destination. Prominently situated at the head of Verbeke Street with central vista west to the Susquehanna River. Part of the two-building market

complex with central plaza as community focal point.

### Broad Street Market (Brick Building), Verbeke and Capitol

**Streets** - Erected 1874-1886 as an expansion to the original Stone Building. Features Palladian windows and central clerestory ceiling and roof structure. Restored with the Stone Building in the mid 1990s including period windows and doors with upscale signage and banners. Offers fresh produce, meats and poultry by local farmers and the Pennsylvania Dutch.





**Reily Midtown Center** - Redevelopment of a decaying storefront brought new and different foot traffic into a marginal neighborhood. Midtown Cinema shows independent and foreign films seven days a week during afternoon and late evening hours. Convenient to existing and developing neighborhoods. Venue draws crowds from outside the City as well. Developed as a direct

result of a Main Street Program Grant.

**Mira Lloyd Dock Residence - 1427 N. Front Street** - In this Romanesque Revival styled town home lived Mira Lloyd Dock (1853-1945), one of the principal catalysts of Harrisburg's City Beautiful Movement of the early 20th Century. Dock was a botanist, educator, author, civic leader, conservationist and political activist who made a major mark in improving the city's quality of life.

**Holocaust Memorial - Riverfront Park At Sayford Street -** Erected in 1994 by the United Jewish Federation of Harrisburg in memory of the eleven million people who were victims of the Nazis during World War II. The stainless steel sculpture, which is wrapped in barbed wire, is set in a basin with granite



coping on which are carved the names of the thirteen Nazi death camps. Designer: David Ascalon. Engraver: R.J. Romberger & Sons.

#### Verbeke Street Boulevard - Between N Front and N. Third Streets - Ambient promenade linking Riverfront Park with the street's vista terminus of the Broad Street Market. Atypically wide boulevard enabling the introduction of a center-island mall featuring period bollard light fixtures and a wide array of attractive plants and flowers.

#### Fireman's Memorial Statue, Riverfront Park

At Verbeke Street - Stands at and faces the

western terminus of the Verbeke Street Boulevard. Erected in 1924 as a memorial to those Harrisburg firefighters who served in and were casualties of World War I. Sculpted by C. Maretti.

World War I "Doughboy" Monument, Riverfront Park Near Cumberland Street - Erected in 1922 and presented to the city by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Stackpole, Sr. Honors soldiers who served during World War I. Boulders supporting the statue, sculpted by John Hardy, were brought from the Gettysburg Battlefield.



#### Sunken Gardens At Riverfront Park - N. Front Street Between Cumberland and Verbeke

**Streets** - Exemplary park improvement of the early 20th Century City Beautiful Movement. Sunken configuration resulting from the Garden's placement in the excavated basements of the riverfront neighborhood known as

Hardscrabble, demolished to make way for the unification of Riverfront Park and overall improvements to Harrisburg's waterfront. Formal garden design is

striking against the Susquehanna's backdrop.

#### The M. Harvey Taylor Bridge, Front and Forster Street - Was

opened in January 1952 as the first tollfree bridge over the Susquehanna River between Harrisburg and the West Shore. The bridge, approximately one mile in length, is named after State Senator M. (Maris) Harvey Taylor, a



prominent state legislator from Harrisburg who lived between 1876 and 1982. At the time of construction, the bridge was expected to handle 20,000 vehicles a day. The average daily traffic today totals a little more than 35,000 vehicles with traffic forecast to be 50,000 vehicles by the year 2020. Currently, a \$29.4 million dollar project is underway to rehabilitate and widen the bridge to accommodate a 4-foot pedestrian walkway and a new 4-foot bicycle way on each side. A 42-inch high concrete barrier will separate traffic from bicyclists and pedestrians. The project also includes new roadway lighting, two new retaining walls on the western shore, and painting of the entire structure. Construction began July 2001 and will continue until the summer of 2004.

**Old Waterworks - N. Front and North Streets** - Stone portion dates to 1841. At one time, city's principal facility which pumped water from the old City Island filtration plant to the original reservoir on North Street and later to Reservoir Park. Expanded in 1904. Now converted to prestigious office space. Superb restoration compliments unique river setting.



#### YMCA, N. Front and North

**Streets** - Built in 1931 as a "spiritual" building using exuberantly expressed Italian Romanesque motifs. Detailed tile work and ornate finishes and accents. Recently expanded, the complex includes state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for all fitness levels.

**Civic Club of Harrisburg, 612 N. Front Street** - Built in 1901-03 as a private residence, deeded to the Civic Club in 1916. Grand English Tudor ballroom and beautiful gardens with spectacular river view. Used for concerts, receptions and other activities.

**Kunkel Memorial Plaza, Riverfront Park at State Street** - Classically styled plaza with river overlook, benches, gardens, trees and sculpture punctuating the vista of the Capitol looking up State Street. Commemorates the Kunkel Family's role in Harrisburg, from Christian Kunkel I, city mayor in 1796, to present day. Named for late U.S. Rep. John Crain Kunkel and his late wife Kitty. Erected in 1991.

State Capitol Building, N. Third and State Streets - Dedicated by President Theodore Roosevelt upon completion in 1906 and architecturally

inspired by St. Peters Basilica in Rome, many consider this pinnacle of the Commonwealth as the finest state capitol building in the United States. The brilliantly restored rotunda and Senate and House of Representative Chambers are particularly exquisite spaces adorned with marble, murals, gold leaf and stained glass.





#### St. Patrick Cathedral Chapel, 108 State Street

- Formerly St. Lawrence Catholic Church and built in 1917 for the German Catholics after being relocated from a former church where the Forum now stands on Walnut Street. Front exterior graced with a lavishly expressed rose stained glass window of the French Gothic.

#### James Donald Cameron Mansion, 404 N. Front Street - Landmark residence of U.S. Senator and Secretary of War for President Ulysses

Grant, who also was the son of Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Secretary of War. Erected in the Second Empire architectural style in 1863. House further distinguished by central cupola and preserved archheaded windows giving timeless character to Front Street.



#### William Maclay Mansion, 401 N. Front

Street - Erected in 1791 as the home of one of

Pennsylvania's first two U.S. Senators and son-in-law of John Harris, Jr. Maclay was also responsible for the laying-out of Harrisburg in 1785. Impressive Georgian appointments added when renovated and expanded in 1908 by the Bailey family.

**Flynn Building, 305 N. Front Street** - City's first office condominium project, completed in 1990, with under and aboveground parking. Building design sensitive to the scale and character of Front Street. Occupies site of former Governors Residence demolished in 1960.



#### The Episcopal Cathedral Church Of St. Stephen And Cathedral House, 221 and 215 N. Front Street - Seat of the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and built in 1826. Church's simplicity is enhanced through traditional Anglican design motifs. Egyptian Revival styled house next door, erected in 1843, isk part of a new expanded private elementary school. Pleasing mixture of architectural styles in their original form.

#### James Mccormick Manison, 101 N. Front

**Street** - Built in 1869 by, and residence of, the president of Harrisburg's Dauphin Deposit Bank

from 1874 to 1908 and influential member of one of the city's oldest families. Second Empire architectural style is particularly exuberant in execution.



#### Walnut Street Bridge, Riverfront Park at Walnut Street -

Oldest surviving structure (1890) to span the Susquehanna River and built to break the toll monopoly enjoyed by the neighboring Camelback Bridge. Converted to a pedestrian and bikeway link to City Island after the 1972 Agnes Flood. Eastern span outlined in lights which,

along with the City Island facilities, create a dynamic visual effect at night.

#### Riverfront Park, Shipoke north to city

**line** - Five mile-long ribbon of parkland lining the eastern bank of the Susquehanna. Developed from the early 1800s through the 1920s. Consolidated and improved under the early 20th Century "City Beautiful" Movement. Famous concrete steps define river's edge. Widely known for jogging and biking. Beautiful gardens, historical monuments, plazas, overlooks and public art are located throughout.

### Governor's Row, N. Front Street between Strawberry and Walnut

**Streets** - Outstanding row of Front Street townhouses (c. 1812-1840), several of which served as homes to early Pennsylvania Governors. Variety of well executed and painstakingly preserved architectural styles of the early to mid 19th century.

**Market Street Bridge, Front and Market Streets** - Successor bridge at the same site as the old Camelback Bridge, erected in 1814 as the first anywhere to cross the Susquehanna. Present bridge, with its graceful stoneglad arches, is the result of the 1926 widening of the 1905 two-lane replacement



of the Camelback. Columns at Harrisburg entrance salvaged from the old State Capitol which burned in 1897.



### Welcome To City Island!

#### City Island, Susquehanna River via Walnut and Market Street

**Bridges** - 63 acres of parkland developed by the City eginning in 1987 as a major regional recreational center. Home to the AA Eastern League Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team at Riverside Stadium. Additional attractions include: Skyline Sports Complex, RiverSide Village Park, Harrisburg River Boat, City Island Railroad, Carousel, three marinas, Harbortown, Carriage House, Beach House and swimming area, 18-hole miniature golf course and more. Also serves as launching point for the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat.





#### **RiverSide Stadium Home of the Harrisburg Senators** - Central PA's only AA baseball team and affiliate of the Montreal Expos. Home games are regularly scheduled to start at 6:35 p.m. Sunday games start at 1:05 p.m. Box seats are \$8.00, reserved seats



are \$6.00, general admission is \$5.00, and student and

senior citizen admission is only \$3.00. Special discounts/group rates are available. For more information visit them on the web at www.senatorsbaseball.com, email at hbgsenator@aol.com or call 717.231.4444.

**Water Golf** - Beautifully landscaped, 18 hole miniature golf course located on City Island.; Challenging style of play includes water hazards, sloping greens, water falls and a 60 foot walking bridge that spans to scenic bluffs. Water Golf is fun for the whole family. Enjoy the beautiful Susquehanna River sights and gentle breezes. Hours of operation are: May - Labor Day 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7 days/week After Labor Day 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mon-Fri; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sat-Sun April & October 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mon-Fri; 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sat-Sun March & November Weekends (weather permitting) 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Costs are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and seniors. Group rates available. Central PA's best location and deal for birthday parties.; For more information, call 717.232.8533 or visit us on the web at www.watergolfcityisland.com.

**City Island Beach** - Visitors can swim in a beautiful setting at City Island Beach, open weekends only May 27, 28, 29, and June 3,4 from 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. The beach will be open daily except Wednesdays starting June 10 to September 4, from 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



**Skyline Sports Complex** - Featuring sand volleyball courts and a multi-purpose field for softball, football & soccer. For rental information call 717.233.7211.

**Island Breezes** - For unique City Island fun, you and your family can go fly a kite; many varieties of which are available from the Island Breezes kite shop at the north end of RiverSide Village Park. Also

available at Island Breezes are air toys, gliders, yoyos & unique toys for the entire family; along with flags, windsocks, tropical decorations & the Caribbean Soul line of tee-shirts & accessories. No visit is complete until you pick up a few City Island or Harrisburg Senators souvenirs. Island Breezes is open for business 11 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily in May & September, and daily 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day (weather permitting).

**RiverSide Marina** - Dock your boat at one of the most prestigious marina's on City Island. River Side Marina, just south of the Market Street Bridge offers a Ships Store, private parking and shower and bathroom facilities all designed to make your summer boating fun and hassle free. For more information go to www.bowersmarine.com

**RiverSide Village Park** - Great food and a great view await you at City Island's RiverSide Village Park. Overlooking the Susquehanna River and the Harrisburg skyline, RiverSide Village Park features seven rustic concession stands offering roast beef and fish sandwiches, crab cakes, sausages, hamburgers & hotdogs to french fries, lemonade, & ice cream. Hours of operation starting May 13, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily.

#### Pride of the Susquehanna

**Riverboat** - Catch a ride back in time on Harrisburg's authentic paddlewheel riverboat, the Pride of the Susquehanna, which is docked on City Island. The Pride offers public cruises daily (June -August) except Mondays. The public cruises are 45-minutes long and the price to ride is \$4.95 per adult, \$3.00 for children 12, and children 2 years and under ride for



free. Family and Senior Citizens Day are Wednesdays, June through August. Also special group rates are available with advance reservations. Please call the Riverboat Society at 717.234.6500 for exact sailing times in May, September and October. The Pride also hosts dinner cruises once a week or for a special event you may rent the boat for a private party. For more information or for a free brochure, please call 717.234.6500 or e-mail us at RIVERBOAT@paonline.com. **Arcade & Batting Cages** - Located just off the Walnut St. Bridge, the arcade and batting cages are open weekends April through October, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays. Weekdays in May, September, and October, 5 p.m. and Memorial Day through Labor Day 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.. For more information call 717.236.7607.

#### South Pointe and Harrisburg Seaplane Base Marinas -

Harrisburg's oldest and largest marina serving the Susquehanna River north of the Dock Street Dam. Our marina's offer access to all of City Island's amenities along with a wonderful view of downtown Harrisburg. We have full service and sales facilities located in Wormleysburg, PA. Call 717.763.7654 or visit our web site at www.bowersmarine.com.

#### Harrisburg Carriage Company -

Step into style with a horse-drawn carriage ride tour of City Island and downtown Harrisburg. Horses, carriages & drivers are also available for weddings, parties, parades and other special occasions. Open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekends year-round. When weather permits, horse-drawn sleigh rides are available. Reservations for all rides are highly suggested, call 717.234.1686. More information on the many services of the Harrisburg Carriage Company can be found by visiting the website at www.harrisburgcarriagecompany.com.





#### City Island Railroad & Carousel

- View all of City Island's sites & facilities by catching a ride on our scale version of the Civil War-era steam train, the General. Tickets are \$2.00 per person and train departs every half hour. Small snacks are available at depot. Hours include 12 to 8 p.m. weekends in April, May, September & October and 12 to 9 p.m. daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. Adjacent to the Train depot is the antique, 24-horse, Mengels Carousel.

Rides are \$1.00 and hours coincide with Railroad. Don't miss City Island at Christmas time, as it is illuminated with thousands of festive lights during Winterfest, running weekends November and December. During Winterfest the train will be available for tours around the Island Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 7 p.m. for only \$2.00. For more information call 717.232.2332.