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*Our website now features color photos of all  
available ornaments.*

PAL's fourth

*Antique 'n' Flea Market*

Oct. 26, 2014

10:00-4:00

La Crosse Center South Hall A

***Want to clean out your attic?***

- Contact us or go to our website to register to be a vendor or sponsor.
- Past sales have featured over seventy vendors of antiques and collectibles.
- PAL members get free admission.

# *East Price Hill:*

## A Cincinnati Neighborhood on the Incline

East Price Hill, the heart of Cincinnati's Incline District, was and is becoming again a grand neighborhood. It sprawls across a high bluff west of this river city's downtown. The district has been of interest to us for a decade, ever since our daughter and son-in-law purchased a large 1870's "fixer-upper" just four blocks from where an incline railway once carried passengers to this lofty ridge above the Ohio River.



Covering three square miles, East Price Hill has 15,340 residents (52.0% white, 38.3% black and 6.9% Hispanic, according to the 2010 census). As in other big-city neighborhoods besieged by blight, crime, and economic downturn, East Price Hill's real estate took a beating for many years. Today you can see homes that are old, grand, and historic as well as smaller, newer, and more modest structures. Several have been or are being renovated. Many more await new owners with the requisite passion and resources. Multi-story condominiums also capitalize on

spectacular views of seven bridges over the river below.

The architecture is reminiscent of that found in eastern cities, including some blocks with row houses. This hilly but walkable neighborhood is bordered by beautiful parks with views of the city, river, and neighboring towns in northern Kentucky.



A 250 seat theater with attached garage to accommodate 130 cars is about to be constructed within view of the incline area. According to Rodger Pille, a project manager for Landmark Production, the East Price Hill community was very enthusiastic about the prospect of the \$10 million theater and parking garage paired with a community center renovation. Cincinnati District Three Police Commander Daniel W. Gerald wrote in a letter to Landmark: "Due to the hard work of the community, private developers and the city, the East Price Hill neighborhood and its Incline District are transitioning from a perceived problem neighborhood to a true gateway to Cincinnati's Westside." As a frequent



visitor and champion of preservation efforts, I applaud the multi-faceted efforts and believe Commander Gerald's observation on target.

--Roger Grant

UW-L Professor Emeritus  
 Preservation Alliance of La Crosse board member

*Thanksgiving is closer than you think!*

PAL welcomes your participation in the annual Rotary Lights parade on November 28. Let us know if you want to participate.

### Price Hill Incline 1877

**PAL needs your help!** The buildings that we have preserved on the corner of N 6th and Badger need upkeep. Over ten years ago, PAL helped to stabilize and move the Greek Revival house and the Reditzke cobbler shop to the WTC lot located behind the Hixon House museum. Western Tech has recently transferred the lot to PAL ownership and we will be working with La Crosse Co. Historical Soc. to do joint usage of the buildings next summer. The buildings need paint and some minimal repair. Earlier this summer, vandals broke windows in both buildings. PAL board member Dan Moen of Artisan Preservation Co. is working to replace the windows but PAL will be raising money toward the cost of replacement and a new paint job for both buildings.



Donations can be made by contacting PAL or through our website using credit card or PayPal.

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