

Silvermont Centennial Committee Work History

January 2012-Present

- Silvermont Planning Team (name changed later to Silvermont Centennial Committee) forms January 2012; develops purpose and vision.
- Team builds database of information on the assets, liabilities and opportunities related to house, grounds, recreation and other activities on site.
- Team wins county commission support to hire an architect to do a Preservation Plan for the mansion, and to hire a surveyor to do a survey of the property.
- A local landscape designer donates her time to put together a Grounds Plan and conceptual landscape drawings for the property.
- Team meets with Silvermont neighbors to update them on plans, and with Chief of police to improve policing of park area, following neighbors' concerns.
- Local company donates time to help diagnose over 300 hemlocks on the property, recommend treatment and train us how to treat the trees. With county horticulturist, treatment begins.
- Comporium donates tree crews to help take down and remove dead trees. Holds a company work day at Silvermont building benches, painting the picnic shelter and doing general ground work.
- Brevard College students have a Silvermont work day to help with grounds work.
- Silvermont Planning Team completes a \$2.2 million Multi-Year Plan for improvements to the mansion and grounds in March 2013.
- Team presents plans to county commissioners in April, 2013. Commission approves release of \$200,000 from the Silvermont Reserve Fund for use on mansion repairs.
- With plans complete, team changes name to Silvermont Centennial Committee, focusing on seeing plans carried out in time for May 2017 Centennial of the mansion.
- Committee starts educating public on plans through newspaper stories, speaking at community groups and Brevard City Council; participating in downtown festivals.
- Relationship established with Transylvania County Historical Society to handle all donations through its 501c3. Donations start coming in.
- TDA awards \$1,500 grant to committee to develop a brochure.
- Promotional materials are developed, including a logo, bookmark, brochure, banners, web site and Facebook page (with help from Brevard College); keepsake ornament.
- Repair work bid out on porch repairs and painting of house. Work begins November 2013.
- Committee applies for a DAR grant to help finance repairs to mansion windows (Dec. 2013).
- Advisory Group formed to help promote committee's goals and raise money. Has first meeting Jan. 24, 2014.