

HISTORY OF THE SHORES

- 1679 - Sieur de La Salle, French explorer, sailed into the lake on the feast day of Saint Clare of Assisi. He names the waterway as Lac Ste. Claire.
- 1710 - The area is inhabited by French settlers.
- 1818 - Macomb County is created.
- 1837 - Michigan becomes the 26th State in the Union.
- 1837 - The area becomes Orange Township.
- 1843 - Orange Township's name is changed to Erin Township.
- 1875 - The Selinsky-Green farmhouse is built in the Eleven Mile/Grant area.
- 1911 - The township's name is changed to Lake Township.
- 1925 - The eastern part of Lake Township officially incorporates as the Village of St. Clair Shores.
- 1951 - St. Clair Shores adopts the charter and becomes a city.
- 1975 - The Selinsky-Green farmhouse is saved from demolition and moves to its present site.
- 1981 - The Selinsky-Green farmhouse is refurbished and opens as a Museum.

CITYSCAPE

St. Clair Shores is 14.2 square miles consisting of 11.5 square miles of land and 2.7 square miles of water. A notable feature is its 14 miles of canals. It has 6 1/2 miles of coastline and is 585 feet above sea level. According to the 2010 Census, 59,715 people enjoyed living in St. Clair Shores.

HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION

Complete and Submit to:
ST. CLAIR SHORES HISTORICAL COMMISSION
22500 Eleven Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-1399

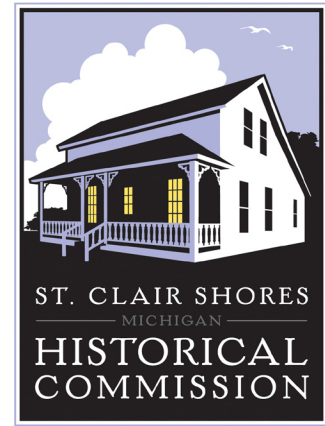
Date of Application: _____
Name of Present Owner: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Legal Description: _____
(Attach all documentation)
Original Owner: _____
Description of Building: _____
Date of Construction: _____
Materials Used: Clapboard____ Stone____
Brick____ Stucco____
Shingles____
Board and Batten____
Cobblestone____ Other____
Condition: Excellent____ Good____
Fair____ Deteriorated____
Integrity: Original Site____
Moved____ When?____
Notes on alterations and additions with dates and architect, if known: _____
Notable Features: _____
Related Outbuildings (List): _____
Photos Attached (List): _____
(Attach additional pages)
Construction: Architect, if applicable: _____
Builder, if known: _____
Notes of Original Plans: _____
Use: Original____ Present:_____

Original deed and St. Clair Shores Assessor's Property and Land listing are requested for documentation.

Attach any additional pertinent information to this application. Copies of all documents and photographs will be retained and become the property of the Historical Commission.

Applicant's Signature: _____
Date: _____

Commission Approval: _____
Date: _____



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Historical Marker Program



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PROPERTY PERSPECTIVE

There is no one place where you can find all the information to determine the year your structure was built. First, explore your personal records for information.

Property Abstracts
Current Deed
Church and Parish Records
Wills
Property Tax Records
Building Improvement Permits
Birth, Marriage and Death Records
Family Bible Entries

Next, the Library's Local History Center has valuable resources:

Telephone Books
Census Records database
Newspaper Obituaries (on microfilm)
Maps of the Area
Genealogy Sessions

City of St. Clair Shores documents:

Assessor's Property and Land Listing
Tax and Water Bills

Macomb County records:

Register of Deeds
Probate Court Records
Treasurer Records
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (on microfilm)

The State of Michigan digital records:

www.seekingmichigan.org

St. Clair Shores Historical Commission:

Muskrat Tales

Finally, the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library is a valuable resource.

Historical Marker Program

The St. Clair Shores Historical Commission would like to recognize the unique history of the City by identifying and publicly recognizing its long-standing structures through a Historical Marker Program.

Owners of homes or commercial structures that were built in 1951 or earlier will be eligible to apply for a plaque identifying its historical significance. The plaque will have a black background with silver lettering. For structures that are one hundred years old or older (100+), the plaque will have a black background with gold lettering. The "historical marker" plaque will cost \$125.00* which shall be paid by the applicant. Receiving a "historical marker" plaque will not affect the owner's ability to update his/her property or structure.

In order to participate in this program, the owner must complete an application and provide documented proof of the age of the structure. If the precise year of construction cannot be established, a "C" for "circa" shall precede the year identified.

Documented proof may consist of (a) a copy of the original deed, (b) the City of St. Clair Shores Assessor's Property and Land listing, and (c) pictures of the exterior of the structure. Additional documents, if available, can be provided. For example, a copy of the City Directory listings for the relevant years that show the street before and after the structure was built, letters of support, newspaper articles, oral histories, etc. All documents and photos submitted shall become the property of the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission and cannot be returned. The Commission is authorized to use the photos and information on our website and in the media.

Once the application and documentation have been received, the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission will determine if the property has met the eligibility criteria. If additional information is required before the application can be reviewed, the owner will be notified of the deficiency and will be given the opportunity to submit it in a timely manner. If the application is approved, the owner will need to remit a check for \$125.00 (made payable to the Historical Society of St. Clair Shores). Arrangements can be made for an onsite dedication ceremony; at which time, the owner can place the marker on his/her structure commemorating its year of construction.

* Price subject to change

Arthur M. Woodford Local History Center

Located in the lower level of the
St. Clair Shores Public Library

Hours of Operation

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Tuesday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
2nd and 4th Friday	10:00 a.m. - Noon 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Tuesday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
2nd and 4th Friday	10:00 a.m. - Noon 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Genealogy Group

The St. Clair Shores Genealogy Group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Local History Center Reading Room. All programs are free. (There are no meetings in July, August, November and December.)

RESOURCE NUMBERS

Macomb:

Register of Deeds	(586) 469-5175
Probate Court	(586) 469-5290
Treasurer	(586) 469-5190
Historical Society	(586) 465-2488

Mt. Clemens:

Public Library	(586) 469-6200
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St. Clair Shores:

Assessing Dept.	(586) 447-3355
Public Library	(586) 771-9020