

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXPANDS ITS OPERATION *Museum Now Open on Sundays* *Hay-McKinney Mansion Re-Opens for Guided Tours*

WRHS History Center - 10825 East Boulevard - Cleveland, OH 44106

CLEVELAND, OH -- Western Reserve Historical Society is expanding access for visitors to its History Center in University Circle by extending hours to Sunday's Noon to 5:00 pm and re-opening the Hay-McKinney Mansion for guided tours, effective August 1, 2011. Guided tours of the 1911 Italian Renaissance-style Hay-McKinney Mansion will be available to the public free with paid general admission on Friday & Saturday at 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm; and on Sunday at 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:30 pm. Tours are limited to 15 people. Private tours and group tours are available by appointment.

The mansion, located in the WRHS History Center in University Circle, showcases the extensive WRHS decorative arts collection. The mansion has been closed to the public on and off over the past two years while undergoing a restoration and stabilization project.

"It's quite a treat for us to once again make this Cleveland treasure available to the community," said WRHS President & CEO Gainor Davis. "The Hay-McKinney Mansion, along with our other historic home, the Bingham-Hanna Mansion, is a piece of Cleveland history that still lives and breathes. We're excited to open its doors once again. By adding Sunday hours, we will allow greater access for all of our guests."

Other areas of the History Center that will now be open on Sundays include the Crawford Auto Aviation Collection, Kidzibits Family Education Center, Norton Gallery with its current dollhouse display, and two galleries featuring exhibits on Lincoln and the Civil War.

Admission to Western Reserve Historical Society is \$8.50 for adults; \$7.50 for seniors; \$5.00 for children (age 3-17); WRHS members and children age 2 & under are admitted free. Group discounts are available for 15 people or more. Effective August 1, 2011 museum hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Library/Archives & Genealogy Center is open Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information call 216-721-5722 or visit www.wrhs.org.

Founded in 1867, Western Reserve Historical Society is one of the largest privately-supported nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. WRHS preserves and uses its collections, historic sites and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of Northeast Ohio and place that regional experience within the larger context of state, national and global history. WRHS receives public support with local tax dollars from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, to preserve and enrich our region's artistic and cultural heritage. ###