



Plans are underway to restore outside of former Old Post Office building in Alton

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Post Commons



Alton's --- Living Room

Current:

All Day Coffee Shop

Brunch Kitchen

Events Center

Planned:

Front Yard Patio

To partner with other Altonians to bring this building back to its glory, access the following link to contribute.
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ALTON - Plans are underway to renovate and restore the outside appearance of the former Old Post Office building at 300 Alby St. in Alton, IL.

The flag pole has not been used for many years and will soon receive a new coat of paint and repair the cable system so it can fly the United States of America flag. The flag will be illuminated so the flag can be displayed around the clock.

Plans include a new patio area around the flag and extending north to the parking area. A black wrought iron fence will be installed around the perimeter of the patio. The grass will be removed and replaced with a small rock base covered with large pavers. The cost of the project will be approximately \$27,000.

The former Old Post Office has been transformed into a new historical place of beauty and community by members of its benefactor nonprofit group known as Lantern Network. With generous financial donations from Hugh Halter's network of friends around the country, as well as TIF funds from the City of Alton, Post Commons became a reality and is truly living up to their unofficial vision of being "Alton's Living Room."

Now the committee is moving forward with the plans for "Alton's Patio" as funds become available. Following the renovation of the flag pole, the patio surface on both sides of the main stairway will be installed. Next the black iron fence will be installed and eventually, the building exterior will be cleaned.

Donations are requested and will be received by the Lantern Network. The committee will invite any size gift, but limit sponsorship appreciation notices to those who make: Gold level gifts of \$5,000 or more, Silver level of \$2500 or more, or Bronze level of \$1,000 or more. For these gifts, an engraved paving stone or bronze plaque will be displayed thanking this person or business for their generous donation to Post Commons and the City of Alton. This organization is a 501 (c)(3) charity. Please send donations to Lantern Network, Post Commons Patio, 300 Alby Street, Alton, IL 62002.

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Please send donations to:

Lantern Network
Post Commons Patio
300 Alby Street
Alton, IL 62002



The Lantern Network has taken on the task of inviting the citizens of Alton to have a piece of this building's new history by raising needed funds to create the outside living room.



Sponsorship Opportunities:

Because the cost of engraving pavers would greatly increase the cost of this project, all parties have decided to invite any size gift, but limit sponsorship appreciation notices to those who make:

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