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Historic Open House in Downtown Aurora

AURORA, Illinois (May 15, 2009)—Join us on Sunday, June 14 from 1-4 p.m. for the first Living Downtown Tour showcasing 11 rehabbed historic structures available for contemporary business and residential use. These apartments, condos and business spaces offer modern upscale updates while still retaining their historic character. The tour begins at 74 S. La Salle St., Aurora, Ill.

One building boasts the original Otis freight elevator—still functional. Some spaces are lofts and loft-like, offer floor-to-ceiling windows, Chicago-style windows, some contain exposed brick walls and others made from coarse limestone. Tour one of the oldest structures in Kane County, peer into the chic new riverfront condos facing the Fox River and learn about Aurora's colorful history via the stories of the buildings.

For example, the early twentieth century three-story addition (60 S. River) to the Frazier Block was built circa 1900. The W.S. Frazier & Co. once manufactured buggies and racing sulkies here. This building is in the final phases of its rehabilitation. The open floor plans and combination of vintage and modern elements.

We think you'll be intrigued and delighted by what's in store for you on the Living Downtown tour. Welcome to the past, the present, and the future of American cities.

Trolleys are available during event running in a continuous loop. This is a ticketed event. Online tickets can be purchased at HYPERLINK "<http://www.historichometours.com>" [historichometours.com](http://www.historichometours.com) for \$12; tickets purchased at the door are \$15.

The venues:

Downer Place Lofts, circa 1800s
Aurora Woolen Mill Factory, circa 1800s
Stolp Woolen Mill Dye House, circa 1858
Woodworth Cart Factory, circa 1857
Holbrook Mill, circa 1843
River Street Plaza, newly built high-end condos
The Theiss Building, circa 1912
Three-story on the Frazier Block, circa 1900
Aurora Hotel, circa 1917
Italianate-style commercial building , circa 1865
Leland Tower, circa 1928

ABOUT THE AACVB:

The Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau serves as the tourism marketing and management organization for Aurora, Batavia, Hinckley, North Aurora, Montgomery, Plano, Sugar Grove and Yorkville. This not-for-profit organization provides numerous travel resources to visitors via the Web site at www.enjoyaurora.com and a toll-free number 1-800-477-4369