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RATIONALE BEHIND HISTORIC DISTRICTS EXAMINED  
AT S-D HISTORY CENTER'S AUG. 15 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUG. 4, 2017 -- "The Value of an Historic District" will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas History Center "Tuesday Talk" on August 15, in the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Presenter Amanda Reintjes, Greater Michigan Field Representative for the statewide nonprofit Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), will overview MHPN's work in advocating for historic places and the Network's many educational opportunities. She then will explain requirements for historic designations -- including the similarities and differences between National Register districts and local historic districts -- and review what types of designations Saugatuck / Douglas have, including how and when community members can work with their local historic district commission.

Also participating to add local perspective will be Cindy Osman, the City of Saugatuck's Zoning/Planning/Historic District Commission Administrator.

Reintjes received her B.S. in International Studies from Northern Michigan University in 2005 and her M.S. in Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University in 2011. In her MHPN role, she provides guidance on historic preservation techniques and approaches, and advocates for historic places in coordination with municipalities, preservation groups, historic property owners, and nonprofit organizations in the greater Michigan area. She resides in Grand Rapids.

A summer tradition since 1996, weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into our community life throughout July and August. In addition to sponsors who have supported individual weekly Talks, SDHC thanks Saugatuck-Douglas Antiques Market as the full-season sponsor for this summer's series.

Tuesday Talks' increasing popularity puts limited seating on "first-come, first-served" basis. While admission is free for current SDHC members, non-member guests are encouraged to attend with a donation of five dollars, or to become new members at the Talk.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, or its activities planned for 2017, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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*The upcoming SDHC Aug. 15 "Tuesday Talk" will review private homes like this as well as broader townscapes to discuss types of resources that can be designated as historically significant.*