



NOMINEE

PAUL MYDLER

In nominating Paul Mydler for recognition, the Historic Landmark Preservation and Architectural Review Board expresses its appreciation to Mr. Mydler for his continuing service and outstanding contribution to the Board's effort toward authentic restoration and preservation of our architectural treasures. Further, the Board recognizes Mr. Mydler and his wife V'Anne for their outstanding restoration of 1000 South Main, now the Boone's Lick Trail Inn. This property, built originally in 1840, represented one of the most seriously deteriorated and endangered properties in the area prior to their commitment. In 1987 as they neared completion of this restoration and preservation of this Greek Revival structure, the St. Charles Historic District National Register boundary was increased to include 1000 South Main Street.

Additional narrative respectfully submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Mydler's daughter, Venetia McEntire:

Paul T. Mydler has committed nearly 35 years of his life to the preservation of the historic resources of Saint Charles City and County. In the early 1970's his efforts were combined with those early pioneers of historic preservation in Saint Charles to establish guidelines that would forever govern the future protection of and redevelopment of historic districts and structures in Saint Charles. Mr. Mydler spent countless hours laying the foundation for the future of preservation. After the guidelines came enforcement and constant political lobbying for those guidelines, which continues even today. As one who practices what he preaches, he and his wife V'Anne purchased,



1000 South Main



1014 South Main

on the courthouse steps, an 1840 building within the South Main Historic District in 1980 and restored it over the next six years to National Historic Trust Standards. This once dilapidated building has been transformed into a six room bed and breakfast, which is a key structure in the historic district. He served over twelve years of service on the St. Charles Historic Landmarks Board, and as President, instituted a legacy that continues to guide the City's preservation forces. Some of Paul's efforts involved the signage ordinance for do's and don'ts in the Historic District. In addition to the Landmark's board, he has served on the South Main Preservation Board as both a board member and as President. His current preservation involvement includes reviewing all requests for landmark board consideration in the South Main District and advises the current board members of input from citizens. He has become active in a newly formed preservation group, known as the Guardians, which consists of property owners who aggressively monitor public policy issues related to preservation in the City of St. Charles. Mr. Mydler's other interests include his service since 1995 as a Weldon Spring Missouri citizens commission board members and past Chairman who advised and guided the US Department of Energy Weldon Spring Missouri site remedial action project with this vision for recreational and educational reuse of the land. His "retirement" from the air pollution department of the City of St. Louis is spent, in addition to preservation, at his duck club in St. Charles County, maintaining a 300 acre family farm in Illinois, rebuilding a 19th century log cabin on his farm and of course, working at the bed and breakfast. Paul and his wife, V'Anne, have two daughters, Venetia and Vietta and one son, Todd. He reminds his heirs daily with his personal longstanding philosophy on preservation. "The building has to fit with what you want to do, not that you do something to change the building," Paul says.

Paul is 72 years old.