



Saturday, May 16th • 10am-6pm
Sunday, May 17th • 10am-6pm

Heritage Hill is more than a historic district—it's a model for how preservation can build community, inspire pride, and connect past, present, and future. It reflects what's possible when people come together to protect what matters.

The Tour of Homes exemplifies these very qualities!

Enjoy a celebration of our neighborhood during this exciting weekend. We have new tour features this year - a VIP preview evening that includes private tours of some sites, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, live music, a silent auction, and more!

This year we have a record 12 sites open to the public, as well as jazz, coffee, and breakfast at 233 College's new carriage house on Saturday!

We hope you can join us in celebrating our community!



**Scan or click here to
get your tickets today!**



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1890



532 Paris Ave SE

Built in 1890 for Fred D. Mills, this home stands as one of Heritage Hill's earliest and most inspiring preservation success stories. Step inside to discover layers of history, from volunteer-led restoration to hidden architectural details that bring its remarkable journey to life.

1905



417 Washington St SE

Built in 1905 for Edward Fitzgerald—whose name still appears on the home's original safe—and later owned for decades by Old Kent Bank chairman George Thompson, this home carries a rich and layered history. After being lost to foreclosure in 2008, it has been beautifully restored into a stunning showcase you won't want to miss.

1910



649 Union Ave SE

Step inside the childhood home of Gerald R. Ford Jr. and experience where his early years—and leadership—took shape. Thoughtfully restored and transformed for modern living, the home blends presidential history with updated comfort and style.

1894



319 College Ave SE

Step inside to see how this grand home was brought back from an apartment conversion into a stunning single-family residence, thoughtfully restored with both history and modern living in mind. Don't miss the transformation of the original Michigan basement into a bright, fully finished lower level—an ambitious renovation that redefined how the home is lived in today.



1880

**320 College Ave SE**

Discover a home shaped by 71 years of the Blake family legacy, including Alde L.T. Blake, a Michigan suffragette

and advocate for women in public life. Inside, explore unique details like rare Green Man motifs and connections to one of America's foremost tea experts—making this stop both historic and unforgettable.

Amberg House • 505 College Ave SE

Designed in 1911 for a prominent Grand Rapids businessman, the Amberg House is a rare example of Prairie School design and one of the few homes influenced by Marion Mahony Griffin, widely recognized as one of the first licensed female architects in the US. With its striking geometry, natural materials, and signature Wright-era design principles, it offers a unique opportunity to experience early modern architecture at its finest.

1911



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**Innovation Central High School • 421 Fountain ST NE**

Built in 1911 at a modern value of over \$15 million, this is Michigan's oldest operating high school and

registered historic site, featuring the Betty Ford Auditorium that once hosted presidents like Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. It offers a rare chance to experience a landmark where history, architecture, and legacy continue to evolve.

300 College Ave SE

Built in 1890 for John Murray, builder of one of Grand Rapids' first skyscrapers, this home carries a dramatic past—including its 1989 seizure by U.S. Marshals tied to a major drug operation. Now beautifully restored, it offers a fascinating look at how a home with a turbulent history can be transformed into something truly remarkable.

1890



1957

**Central Reformed Church • 10 College Ave NE**

Explore over 180 years of faith and history at Central Reformed Church, formed from the 1918 merger of two

of Grand Rapids' earliest congregations dating back to 1840 and 1854. From its stunning 1957 sanctuary to stories of pioneering settlers, revival, fire, and rebirth, this landmark offers a powerful and inspiring glimpse into the city's roots.

The Voigt House Mansion • 115 College Avenue SE

Visit the Voigt House to step into one of Grand Rapids' best-preserved Victorian homes, filled with original furnishings and rich period detail. It offers a rare, untouched glimpse into upper-middle-class life at the turn of the 20th century, where every room tells a story of elegance and preservation.

1891



1908

**Meyer May • 450 Madison Ave SE**

Discover the beautifully restored Meyer May House, a rare Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece preserved exactly as it was originally

intended. With original furnishings and meticulous restoration by Steelcase, it offers one of the most authentic Prairie School experiences you can find anywhere in the world.

255 Paris Ave SE

This 1906 home brings preservation to life, offering a unique, behind-the-scenes look at how historic homes are protected, restored, and lived in today.

1906

