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### **Three Historic Preservation Awards Received in Wabash**

The City of Wabash awarded three building owners with Historic Preservation Awards on Wednesday, May 27. Mayor Vanlandingham and the Wabash Historic Preservation Commission wanted to celebrate May, National Historic Preservation Month, by recognizing members of the community who have excelled at preserving the historic character of their buildings and structures through maintenance and improvements. Awards in three categories: residential, commercial and public/non-profit, were given at a small ceremony held at City Hall.

The 2009 winners in the residential category are John and Diane Miller for the preservation of their home at 240 North Cass Street, B. Walter received the commercial award for the preservation of their business at 655 Factory Street, and the public/non-profit award went to the Wabash County Commissioners for the restoration of the Ferry Street Bridge.

Each award winner received a marble plaque to hang on their building.

“People in our community deserve to be recognized for the hard work they put into preserving and restoring their historic buildings and structures,” said Cathy Wright, north central field representative for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, and staff member to the Historic Preservation Commission. “Historic Preservation month is a time to celebrate the positive influence preservation has in our city, and giving out awards to community members is one of the best ways to do that.”

The Wabash Historic Preservation Commission was created in October 2005 through a city ordinance. Members are appointed by the Mayor and a three year term. Commission members are Susan Stewart, Chair, Tracy Stewart, Vice Chair, Mike Beauchamp, Pete Jones and John Proffitt.

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