



## Preserve the Corner

The Manchester Area Historical Society (MAHS) has reached agreement with Legacy LLC (Borek-Jennings) to purchase the former Borek-Jennings funeral home, situated on the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Street and Main Street in the Village of Manchester. Ann Arbor State Bank is partnering with the Society in financing the building purchase.

The Society will repurpose the building for use as our headquarters, meeting space, archives/artifact display and storage, and community outreach activities. Our intent is to provide a visible, convenient and multi-purpose setting, in our mission to collect, preserve, educate and pass on the heritage of Manchester and the surrounding townships to future generations.

With these goals, we also seek to preserve the historic structure and legacy of this corner of our downtown. Known also as the Kingsley-Jenter House, the home is situated in the original Village plat. The current home was constructed in 1904 by John Hampden Kingsley. The home remained in the Kingsley family until 1933, when it was purchased by local mortician Arthur Ernest Jenter, who converted the lower floors for his mortuary business and the upper floor for a residence. Arthur Jenter's son, Ronald A. Jenter, continued the family business, then sold the home and business to Martin Braun in 1989. Martin Braun operated the funeral home from 1990-2000 when Mr. Braun sold the business to Todd Borek and Karl Jennings.

The building will be used for:

1. MAHS society headquarters and general meeting space.
2. Preservation and display of historical archives and artifacts.
3. Regular public visiting hours for viewing of materials and conducting research, and other hours by appointment.
4. Community outreach events to promote awareness of Manchester history and attract new members.

The Preserve the Corner fundraising campaign seeks monetary donations, pledges of future donations, and contributions of time and talents, to help the Society in its mission. Donations may be sent to:

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