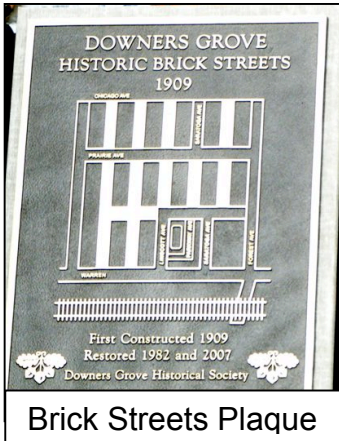


## 2009 Annual Meeting

# Historic Features in Downers Grove

After a short business meeting, the main topic for the next meeting of Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance is "**Historic Features in Downers Grove.**" We are holding our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Room 503 at the Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Our featured speakers are Jeff O'Brien, Planning Manager of the Village of Downers Grove, and Bob Jensen, leading authority on Sears Homes in Downers Grove.



Brick Streets Plaque

We are also pleased to be able to recognize activities of the Downers Grove Historical Society. The Society encourages voluntary historic preservation efforts by giving recognition to historically significant features throughout the Village. A representative of the Historical Society has been invited to describe several of the group's recent initiatives such as installation of a plaque commemorating the Village's Historic Brick Streets.

The Village of Downers Grove now has produced the Downtown Pattern Book that pays special attention to the historical significance of our commercial buildings. Jeff O'Brien is going to discuss some examples of the important historic resources identified in the Pattern Book, which will be available at the meeting.

Jeff has been with the Village since August 2005. While at the Village, several of his key projects have been the Village's Historic Preservation Ordinance, 2006 residential zoning amendments and Downtown Pattern Book. Prior to arriving in Downers Grove, he was employed as a planner with the Village of Barrington. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and graduated with a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.



Jeff O'Brien



Bob Jensen

Downers Grove has an outstanding collection of Sears Catalogue Homes. Bob Jensen is going to discuss their significance as an interesting historic feature of our Village. Bob is a lifelong Downers Grove resident and tells many interesting stories about his life in the Village. From time to time, he conducts very popular tours of the Sears Homes in Downers Grove and has presented his Sears Homes story at the Library of Congress as well as helping the Village of Downers Grove develop a brochure about our authenticated Sears Homes.



Elmhurst Model Sears Home