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Dear Friend of South Haven,

Spring remains one of the most exciting seasons of year in South Haven. The snow melts, warm weather returns and we begin to see increased activity in our wonderful town. Spring is a time of renewal and the same is true for the Historical Association!

Renewal is particularly visible at the Forest House site, where we continue the task of restoring the building's facade. We are thrilled to see Forest House returning to its former beauty. We are grateful for the efforts of our crew and the tradesmen who have worked diligently to preserve the building's historic charm. Upstairs, work continues on the hotel and we hope to have three of our historic suites available to heritage tourists by this time next year. On the ground floor, we have put in a commercial kitchen which will be an asset to the hotel in general and the tavern, Chez D, in particular. We plan to have a formal Grand Opening at the 2026 Open House and hope you all plan to attend.

We also continue to educate our community about South Haven's rich history. We have already hosted three events so far in 2025, and we have a full programming calendar to look forward to throughout the remainder of the year. Enclosed is a list of these programs for your reference - please make time to join us at these interesting events. Preserving our history is HASH's core mission, and we are incredibly grateful for the support and enthusiasm all of you, our closest friends, have shown us these last 23 years.

Of course, we cannot mention this time of renewal without a reminder that springtime is HASH's Annual Membership Drive. Your HASH membership along with your annual contributions - allow us to provide programming, maintain our important historic sites and archives and share South Haven's unique and remarkable history with residents and visitors alike.

We are grateful for your support and we cannot do this without you. We hope you will continue your HASH membership or join us by becoming a member and support our important work. HASH is a 501(c)(3) corporation so contributions to our organization are tax-deductible. A remittance envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please update your contact information so we can share our plans and activities with you.

With Gratitude,

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President Historical Association of South haven