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Ald. Robert Bauman  
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## **“Cream of Cream City” to be recognized at historic preservation awards ceremony**

*Annual preservation honors event to be held at Best Place at the Pabst*

The **Cream of the Cream City Awards**, sponsored by the city’s Historic Preservation Commission, the Common Council and Mayor Tom Barrett, will recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the field of historic preservation and heritage education and advocacy in the City of Milwaukee. The event will be held at **Best Place at the Pabst**, 901 W. Juneau Ave., and begins at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014.**

The **public is invited** and refreshments will be served.

Cream of the Cream City Award honorees will receive a commemorative brick recognizing how they have met the special stewardship challenges required of historic buildings. **The 2013 winners** that will be honored include Iron Block Building Partners / Dental Associates, Immanuel Presbyterian Society, Forest County Potawatomi and many others. More details are included in the attached document.

**Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, who serves as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, said the awards recognize projects “large and small which have preserved the rich history of Milwaukee found in its varied architecture from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.”

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**2014 CREAM OF THE CREAM CITY**

**PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENT**

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY

WEST SIDE REALTY COMPANY DUPLEX (1912)

1003-1005 NORTH 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET

BACK FROM THE BRINK

This duplex, located today in the Concordia Historic District, was one of five developed at the same time along the 1000 block of North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street by the West Side Realty Company. Richter, Dick and Reutemann, a prominent real estate and development company, most likely formed the West Side Realty Company as a development arm since the two businesses shared offices in the Caswell Building downtown. Local architects Herbst & Hufschmidt designed all of the duplexes, making each unique, but following consistent setbacks, height and materials.

No. 1003-1005 had various occupants through the decades but was left vacant and subject to vandalism in recent years. A fire then destroyed the rear portion of the upper flat as well as the front dormer and it looked like demolition was imminent. The Forest County Potawatomi stepped in to rescue the building and preserve the grouping when no one else would. With one exception, the front dormer, the building has been put back to its original appearance thanks to surviving original plans. The preservation of this duplex means a lot to the homeowners and residents of the Concordia Historic District as well as to the city as a whole. The Forest County Potawatomi are to be congratulated for their efforts in bringing this property back from the brink of demolition.