Caldwell Historic Homes

Caldwell is justly proud of its many fine homes. The Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission seeks to help you maintain those homes by providing books and pamphlets in the library.

When planning changes to your home, please consider the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (in informal language)

1. Fit the use to the building, not vice-versa
2. Preserve the structure’s character
3. Do not distort historical design with anachronisms
4. Non-original elements may have become historic
5. Preserve parts as well as the whole
6. Fix it if possible; otherwise, use an accurate replacement
7. Do no harm
8. Be careful when you dig
9. New is OK if it does no harm
10. New additions – if removed at a future date – should do no harm

What is the Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission?

A city appointed citizens’ group devoted to improving the City’s character through preservation of its cultural features.

We have established the following goals for the Stuenenberg Residential Historic District and, for the other residential areas with historic integrity including the downtown area.

Preserve and enhance the environmental quality of the historic district. Encourage harmony and compatibility in the planning of new building and development in keeping with the district’s historic character. Direct the economic and social forces at work in the district so that they do not impair its historical, architectural, ecological or scenic attributes. Strengthen the City’s economic base by stimulation of the concepts of conservation and reuse. Showcase Caldwell through the care and custody of its historic areas.

The Commission meets the third (3) Wednesday of every month. We meet at the Caldwell Public Library, at 1010 Dearborn Street at 6PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

If you need further information please contact the Commission at:
http://city.cityofcaldwell.com/
Researching your home


Vila, Bob. This Old House: restoring, rehabilitating, and renovating an older house. Little, Brown, c1980.


Preservation Briefs: A series of pamphlets (8 – 20 pages) by the National Trust for Historic Preservation includes topics such as ornamental plaster, stucco, wooden windows, concrete and painting.

Heaver, Melissa M. Caldwell Historic Preservation Surveys Caldwell Tribune on microfilm 1880—

Polk City Directories

The library also has:

Sanborn Fire Maps
Copies of 1888, 1890, 1892, 1900, 1908, 1911 and 1924.

Caldwell Historic Preservation Surveys
Caldwell Tribune on microfilm 1880—