

## The Old Fourth Ward

Come, explore the legacy of the Clay Street neighborhood! This state funded Legacy Community project has installed an iconic gateway marker noting the history of the Old Fourth Ward in the Clay Street neighborhood. The three sided kiosk provides a historic perspective on the people, places and events of the area, and a place for a community bulletin board for current events and neighborhood activities.

Information for the panels was developed by historian and writer Joseph Meany of Samuel Hutton Associates from oral histories of community members and archival research by Janice Hayes Williams. Many interested residents contributed their stories to this project. M.E. Warren Photography, LLC, the Maryland State Archives Special Collections, and members of the community provided images that give a glimpse into earlier times in the Old Fourth Ward.

The kiosk was designed and constructed by Signcraft, of Annapolis. Designer Sharron Fletcher's "Harlem of Annapolis" based concept highlights the entertainment era of Washington Street. Passersby can see several community icons excerpted from the mural of the "Fourth Ward, Circa 1940," including Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church on West Street and the Washington Hotel, where entertainers played during the 1940s.

Community residents posed for this 2004 mural by Cynvia Rankin and Diane Monday. The multi-panel painting was funded by the City of Annapolis Art in Public Places Commission for the Stanton Community Center.

The gateway kiosk was funded by

the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program and the City, which installed the new street lights and brick paving on the corner as part of the West Street redevelopment project. The kiosk project manager was Karen Engelke.

Dedication will be Sunday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

*"It's not where you live, but how you live."*

*Bertina Nick, Community Activist, 2004*



*Historian and writer Joseph Meany.*



*The Old Fourth Ward kiosk serves as a Gateway marker to the Clay Street neighborhood.*

*The Old Fourth Ward kiosk under assembly by John Prehn and Sharron Fletcher from Signcraft.*

