Well, our Summer greetings certainly couldn’t be warmer! We hope you’re enjoying your summer wherever it might take you. Just a few things of note from our office, and some events that you might want to know about and join us for during the last two weeks of July.

The first event is on **Friday, July 20 in Poplar Bluff.** We will be hosting a Happy Hour Reception and Sneak Peek at the Williams-Gierth House, a.k.a. the Castle House. You’ll remember the Castle House was on the list of Missouri’s Most Endangered Historic Places in 2011. The new owner located this property by looking online at our list of available properties, a service free to our members. Owner Mark Long will be leading tours through the House which is undergoing extensive renovation. The event will take place from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at 842 West Vine in Poplar Bluff. The event is free to Missouri Preservation Members, $35 to non-members, and $20 for Poplar Bluff residents. A complimentary membership to Missouri Preservation is included.

While you’re in the neighborhood: On the next day, **July 21,** the Missouri Barn Alliance and Rural Network (MoBARN) will have a meeting and program at the Chaffee City Hall at 222 West Yoakum. Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. with break for lunch at noon.

**On July 26** from 5:00 until 7:00 pm, the Alliance for Investment, Jobs and Preservation will hold a legislative update and membership event with hors d’oeuvres and cash bar at the Chatham Apartments, 3701 Broadway in Kansas City. For reservations or more information call 816.472-1448 or email aijp.missouri@gmail.com

The Missouri Main Street Connection presents its annual Get Plugged In Downtown Conference **July 25-26** at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis. For more information, visit the conference website at [http://getpluggedindowntown.org/](http://getpluggedindowntown.org/).
Rutgers University just released its annual report on the economic impact of the federal Historic Tax Credits. Once again historic preservation has proven to be an effective vehicle for economic development. Thanks to Deb Sheals, AJP member and head of our Public Policy Committee for sharing the following excerpt from the report about Missouri. Read the entire report by following the link on our website, www.preservemo.org at the bottom of the Public Policy tab.

**HTC Impacts at the State Level**

HTC-related historic rehabilitation benefits state economies as well as the national economy. In FY 2011, federal HTC-related rehabilitation activity in Missouri totaled about $368 million. The national impacts of that investment included 6,296 jobs, an additional $699 million in output, $282 million in income, $347 million in GDP, and $83 million in taxes. In Missouri alone, the same $368 million in HTC-related spending resulted in 3,500 jobs, $367.6 million in output, $163.2 million in labor income, $196.3 million in GSP, and $42.5 million in taxes. Rehabilitation expenditures generated in-state wealth (GSP minus federal taxes) of $167 million, indicating a high 85 percent retention rate. Other states realized similarly high retention rates for economic benefits of the HTC. (See Summary Exhibits 4 and 5 below for greater detail.)