

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
APPLETON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a nomination to designate the City of Appleton's *Union Spring Park* as a local historic site will be presented to the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission in Committee Room "6D", 6th Floor, City Hall, 100 North Appleton Street, on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, at 8:00 A.M. as the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission holds a public hearing to receive public input and comment on the designation of this local historic site nomination.

COMMON DESCRIPTION:

319 North Union Street

TAX KEY NUMBER:

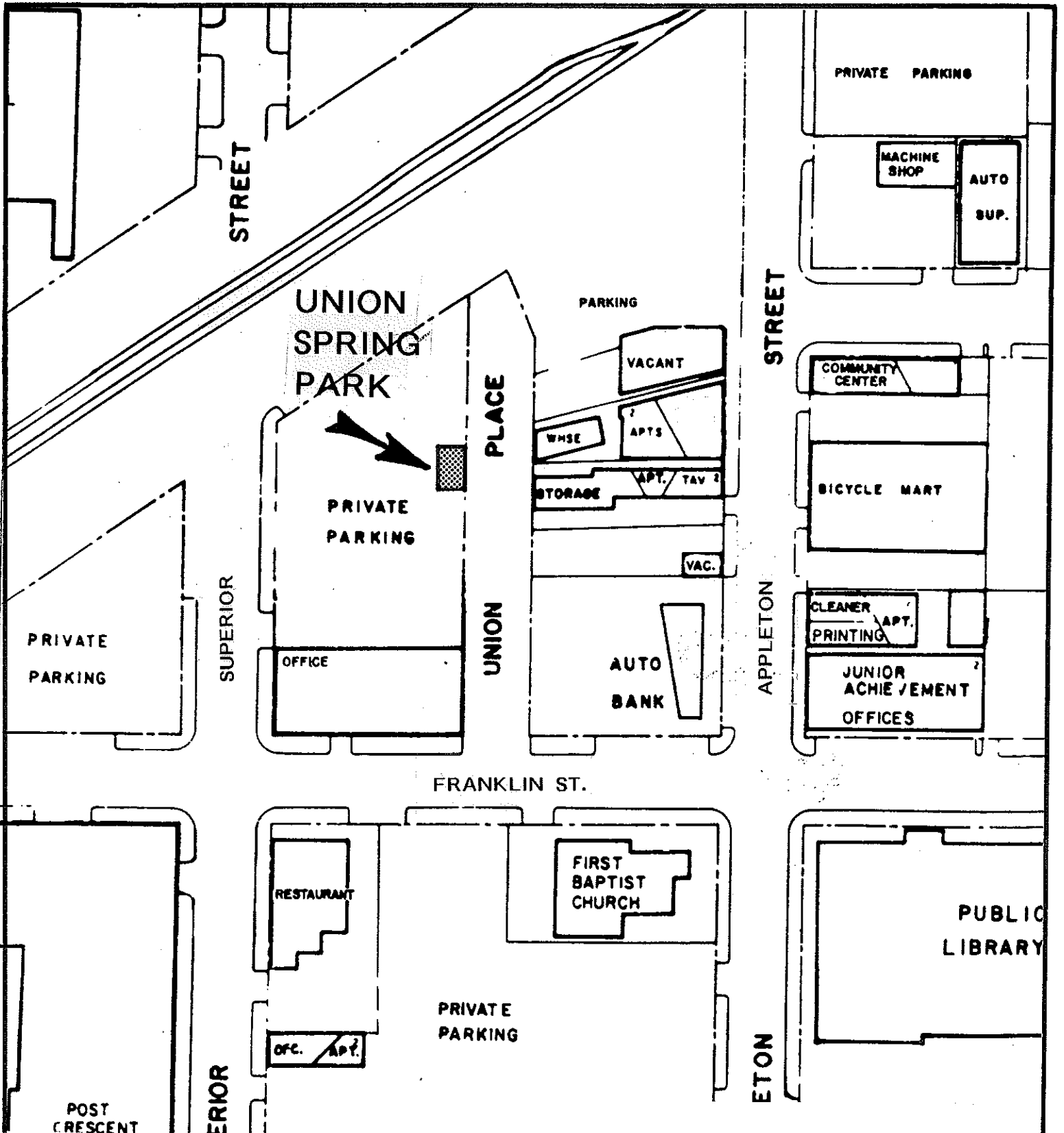
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Because you own property located within 100 feet of this area, you are hereby invited to appear before the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission where you will have an opportunity to be heard. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Ed Kleckner, Principal Planner, Appleton Planning Department at 414-832-6466.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made upon request and if feasible.



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1"=100' <i>Scale</i>	LOCAL HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION REQUEST
3-25-97 <i>Date</i>	UNION SPRINGS PARK
ejk <i>Prepared by</i>	Location Map

JOINT PRESS RELEASE

**Appleton Historic Preservation Commission & Appleton Downtown Inc.
In Celebration of National Historic Preservation Week (May 11 - 18)**

**For immediate release
May 7, 1997**

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Re: Dedication Ceremony for Appleton's First Local Historic Site

The *Appleton Historic Preservation Commission* and *Appleton Downtown Inc.* will be making a little history of their own **Tuesday, May 13, at 12:15 p.m.**, when Appleton's **first local historic site** will be dedicated. **Mayor Timothy Hanna** will open the ceremony with a formal dedication of the historic marker which commemorates the past location of the **Lutz Ice Company**. The site, located between Superior Street and Union Place, just north of Franklin Street in Downtown Appleton, is marked by Appleton's recently completed Union Spring Park, which contains the reconstructed artesian well site which supplied ice to Appleton residents for many decades.

The Lutz Ice Company was founded by Lawrence Lutz in 1885 and originally cut ice from the Fox River and Lake Winnebago before constructing the business in downtown Appleton. Orville Lutz continued this family-owned business, well known to generations of Appletonians who relied on fresh ice delivered daily to keep their ice boxes full before the advent of modern refrigeration.

The 620-square-foot park now is complete with greenery; arborvitae, viburnum, and benches. It contains the same artesian well which supplied water from 500 feet underground to the Lutz Ice Company at a rate of 100 gallons per minute for years. In the 1970's, Gus Zuehlke, then chief executive officer of Valley Bank, predecessor to the M&I Bank, opted to keep the venerable water-source flowing. M&I donated the park site to the City, and part of the cost of development was funded through a gift from Herbert Lutz. A faucet is utilized to provide the spring water. The tap water is provided free to a thirsty public and is free-flowing during the warmer months.

A devoted following who praise the historic water source's taste qualities continue to frequent the community well and take bottled water home with them years after the venerable ice house business has closed its doors. With the establishment of this historic mini-park, future generations of Fox Cities residents will continue to be able to enjoy an ice cold drink of fresh well water on a hot summer day.

The dedication of Appleton's 27th city park is planned to be the first of many new historic markers which the *Appleton Historic Preservation Commission* plans to install to acknowledge Appleton's proud history in an effort to foster an appreciation of our community's culturally rich heritage.