

## **Harbeck – Bergheim House History at a Glance**

- 1899/1900: House built by J. H. Harbeck, a New York stockbroker and chain store owner
- 1936: A local investor, Leonard Blystad, purchased the property from estate representatives in 1936 and proposed remodeling it as a fraternity or as apartments. The city turned down these plans, due to zoning restrictions.
- 1937: In 1937, Blystad sold approximately 20 of the 27 lots (not including lots 1-7 containing the house) to William Beach, who then donated those 20 lots to the city for park purposes and as a playground for children forever.
- 1939: A clothing store owner Milton Bergheim purchased the house property (lots 1-7) which he used as a private residence for his family.
- 1970: City of Boulder leased the house property with the option to buy  
Suggested purpose of the facility was to provide a cultural center for encouragement of nature study and interpretation, conservation, gardening and related activities for persons of all ages within the Boulder community.
- 1970-1972 Caretaker apartment built in the basement
- 1972: Officially named Harbeck – Bergheim House
- 1974: A Facility Use Study Committee was formed because the original planned use never became reality. Policies were adopted in 1974
- 1979: City of Boulder completed the purchase the property from the estate of Milton N. Bergheim  
The building was used for classes, special events, fund raising activities (Santa's House), meetings, housing interns, Democratic Caucus, Western Stagecoach antiques, Junior Guild, Colorado Mountain Club, garden clubs, dramatic workshops
- 1980: Harbeck - Bergheim House is designated a local landmark
- 1985: Property is leased to the Boulder History Museum for use as a museum (non-conforming use)
- 1986 Fire Suppression System Installed
- 1990-1992: Negotiations for City funding for the museum operating budget and relief of house maintenance responsibility
- 1991: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Handicap Ramp
- 1992: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Replace Porch
- 1992: Landmark Alteration Certificate – Sign
- 1996: Landmark Alteration Certificate – Lighting
- 1999: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Reroof Porch and Bay Roof Metal Cap

- 2002: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Handrail Front Sidewalk 1
- 2005: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Air Conditioner, Installation of rooftop condenser for air conditioner
- 2005: Install new furnace
- 2011: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Front Window Replacement
- 2013: Landmark Alteration Certificate - Reroof Building
- 2015: Insulate Attic
- 2018: Museum of Boulder vacated the property and moved to a new location  
City of Boulder began the decision-making process for the future use and ownership of the house
- 2019: Non-conforming use status expires 1 year from the date the museum vacated the property (June 1, 2019)