



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: November 29, 2010

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

From: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration  
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Subject: Niles-Barnard House Progress Report

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### Background

The Niles-Barnard House Project is proceeding on time and within budget. On Friday, November 12, 2010, C & A House Movers lowered the house on to its new foundation. Since that date the moving skids have been removed and structural steel has been installed. Gas service was installed on November 23.

General Contractor Frank Rewold and Son Inc. reports that the basement floor will be poured and electrical service will be installed within two weeks. Once this work is completed, a temporary gas furnace will be installed in the basement and the site will be graded. The general contractor is confident that by December 30, 2010 the necessary carpentry repairs to the sill and siding skirt will be completed and a period cellar door and porch posts will be installed.

The original house site on Livernois has been restored and inspected. The attorney for the Harriet Barnard Trust and Mr. Fred Barnard will obtain an independent house appraisal to determine the value of the gift and release the deed from escrow to the City of Troy.

The Troy Historical Society Board of Trustees is delighted with the efficient progress of this project. The organization appreciates the suggestions and support provided by City staff and members of the community during the move. They are also grateful to the Troy Garden Club for the large holiday wreath which will hang on the central front door of the house during December. Battery-powered candles in each of the windows will glow each evening through the holiday season as a sign that the Historical Society continues to preserve history and heritage in the community.

### Financial Considerations

The Niles-Barnard House relocation was financed solely by private donations collected since 2005 by the Troy Historical Society.