

‘Stay a While in Culver’ – Fifth in the series

Main Street Manor – Embodies Classic Heart of Downtown

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CULVER- Main Street Manor, located at 203 South Main Street, is a turn-of-the-century bed and breakfast nestled just steps from dining, shopping, bike rentals, and access to the Culver town park.

The original house was built in 1904. For longtime locals this was a familiar building where optometrist Dr. Francis Babcock practiced from the 1960’s into the 1980’s. It was purchased by Dave and Sue Beggs in 2002.

Dave worked as a chef for five years for the formerly local restaurant Corndance Café. During that time he began to see the growing need for more overnight lodging options in town. Upon purchase, the Beggs began to bring the 100 year old home up to modern standards conducive to that of a bed and breakfast. They implemented individual heating and cooling units for each room and private bathrooms, added bathrooms to each room, and provide free Wi-Fi throughout. It was important to the Beggs to maintain a balance between the old and new.

“We tried to maintain the 1904 style throughout the manor,” noted Dave.

The manor is comprised of a large gathering space upon entry and twelve individual rooms.

“The online (reservation) service is available 24 hours a day. We still take calls and answer questions. Email is also great for questions,” explained Dave.

The most direct way to book a reservation is by visiting the bed and breakfast’s website at www.mainstreetmanor.net. There, one will find individual descriptions of each room, master floor plan of the manor, and a calendar informing guests of available dates based on the specific room. The cost per night will appear depending on the date and size of the room.

The manor is equipped with two massage rooms. Guests and locals are welcome to book a massage by phone.

The Beggs are expanding their offerings further for both guests and locals.

“We are starting to do in-house concerts. We are researching more bands and would like to host four to five on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays in the summer. We have had one and it was really successful,” described Dave.

Outside of owning and operating Main Street Manor, the Beggs are both very active in the community. Dave is a member of the Culver Town Council and Susan is a board member for the Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center.

“We have a lot of faith in the Visitor Center and Culver Chamber of Commerce,” Dave said.

Main Street Manor was recently a part of a weekend give-away package put together for the annual Culver Fall Fest weekend. The winner received a free two nights' stay at the manor, local shopping spree, and dining experiences. The winner reported enjoying her stay and has booked another weekend at the manor for a wedding she is attending in a few months.

For more information about Main Street Manor visit www.mainstreetmanor.net or call 574-842-2746.