

# The Robert L. Mees Village Centre



**T**he Robert L. Mees Village Centre was named for the sixth President of John A. Logan College. The Centre serves as the hub of the Harrison/Bruce Historical Village by providing a venue for College and community events. As the College and the Julia Harrison Bruce and Fred G. Harrison Foundations began to discuss construction of the various structures in the Village, it was apparent the success of the Village depended upon the ability to host meetings at the location. By making meeting space available, participants would have opportunity to stroll through the Village as part of the program for various events. That was key to ensuring the maximum number of people could experience the rich look at local history the Village offers.

The storm of May 8, 2009, taught our College and community much about the importance of planning for emergencies. That storm left the campus without power for five days. A decision was made during the design of the Robert L. Mees Village Centre to make it able to serve as an Incident Command Center for the campus and/or community. The Centre can now be fully powered by a portable generator owned by the College and has been wired for multiple line telephone and internet capability. Should it become necessary in the future, this facility can help emergency service personnel manage the responses to area emergencies, whether on or off campus.

The Centre has capacity of 104-155 persons in the 1,860 square foot common room, depending upon the seating arrangement and meeting type.

To schedule an event or meeting, contact Facility Scheduling at 618-985-2828 Ext. 8343. To schedule a tour of the Historical Village, contact Student Activities & Cultural Events at 618-985-2828 Ext. 8287.