

THE WILLOWS AT
ASHCOMBE
MANSION

HISTORIC OVERVIEW OF THE ASHCOMBE MANSION

1891: The majestic Victorian Queen Anne-style Mansion was built nearly 127 years ago as a summer home for Margaret Moser, widow of the Honorable Henry G. Moser, an iron manufacturer, legislator and county judge. The approximately 7,563 square-foot Mansion located at 1100 Grantham Road remained in the Moser family for 93 years.

1984: The Mansion was purchased by Ljubisa and Mira Stankovic and repurposed as a bed-and-breakfast venue that operated for a number of years. In conjunction with the bed and breakfast, the owners also hosted a series of weddings and other private special events and gatherings on the property. Unfortunately, the upkeep and restoration needs of the expansive Mansion and grounds proved to be a massive challenge for the owners. The bed and breakfast closed and the Mansion remained vacant for nearly 8 years.

2017: Ashcombe Mansion Property, LLC under the ownership of Deborah Welsh, obtained the Mansion and grounds a few years ago with a vision and vigor to breathe life back into this iconic architectural and historic gem. Captivated by the Mansion's Victorian detail, rich history and picturesque setting, Ms. Welsh saw potential in the deteriorating Mansion. She has made it her personal mission and passion to save the property from potential destruction to allow for other development projects that would not preserve the historic value and character of this community asset.

2019: For nearly two years, Ms. Welsh and a team of local renovation and restoration professionals have been diligently and painstakingly working to resurrect the Mansion to its original glory while meeting the construction standards of today. Original millwork, stained glass and tile are being meticulously mended. Every detail is being considered to maintain its historic and architectural value while incorporating the modern conveniences and amenities of today.

Upon completing the renovation project, the team will begin work on an addition to the Mansion to include a dining room and commercial kitchen; grand side entrance and hallway; raised patio; and custom Sperry tent for seasonal use. The Willows at Ashcombe Mansion will welcome guests for intimate and upscale weddings and special events by spring 2021.

FUTURE OF THE WILLOWS AT ASHCOMBE MANSION

Projected 2021/2022: Expansion plans are underway to create a sophisticated destination resort and special event venue where added amenities, food and beverage options, and sleeping accommodations are available for guests. Plans include:

- 2-story lobby with grand fireplace and reception hall
- Courtyard with gardens, inground pool, spa building and water features
- 26, one-story cottages facing a courtyard for overnight guests attending an event
- Resort brewpub offering handcrafted beer and fine cuisine