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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **Historical Plaque for the Carbo House will be presented November 15**

Tybee Island, GA – (November 5, 2010) Tybee Island Better Hometown and the Tybee Island Historical Society will be presenting a historical plaque to the owner of the Carbo House, Eldo Hartz, in recognition of the building being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The event will take place Monday, November 15 at 4:00pm with opening remarks by Tybee Island Mayor Jason Buelterman and follow with the unveiling of the marker outside the Carbo House.

The Carbo House is located at 9 Tybrisa Street. Originally built in 1932 as a boarding house, the Carbo House served as a catalyst for early development of 16<sup>th</sup> Street into the Island's main commercial corridor by the early 1950's. As one of the remaining traditional boarding houses still on Tybee Island, the Carbo House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 2010. Mr. Hartz sponsored the nomination and Consultant, Robert Ciucevich, prepared the nomination materials.

"The Carbo House was listed at the state level of significance as an excellent and intact example of a coastal resort boarding house that retains its original materials and floor plan, and represents Tybee's boarding house district located between 16th and 18th streets. The district featured an assortment of boarding houses and rental cottages that were available for rent by the week, month, or season. The building is one of the few historic boarding houses left on Tybee Island. In the first decades of the 20th century, Tybee Island, also known as Savannah Beach, developed as a coastal resort for residents of nearby Savannah. The opening of the Tybee Road in 1923, a causeway that linked the island with Savannah, fueled the demand for small inns, rooming houses, and apartments for middle-class vacationers." (Source: Georgia Department of Natural Resource – Historic Preservation Division, Atlanta, GA)

Mr. Hartz said "Tybee exists as an unforgettable place in time and looks forward to working with Better Hometown, the City and the Historical Society towards continued restoration efforts for the building and the community."

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspar Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New*

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*Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program: Tybee's Better Hometown Program follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self-help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad-based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.*



Front view of Carbo House on Tybrisa Street

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