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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS

Nearly two years after Springfield voters approved the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommended 13 projects totaling \$1.27 million to the City Council. Included in the recommendations were four historic resource projects:

- \$250,000 to be part of a \$450,000 study to restore the Campanile
- \$250,000 to stabilize the historic Gunn Block at the corner of State and Walnut Streets
- \$100,000 to the Trustees of the Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund to assist vacant, deteriorated historic buildings in the city.
- \$25,000 to the McKnight Community Development Corporation to begin a revolving loan fund to help income-eligible owner-occupants in the McKnight Local Historic District with exterior rehabilitation.



On November 19, City Council approved the first two proposals and referred the second two to committee at the request of the Law Department.

CPA funds support historic preservation, affordable housing, and parks and open space. The CPC also recommended a number of other projects that will help improve our historic neighborhoods including funds to design the McKnight Rail Trail, refurbishment of Godfrey Triangle in Indian Orchard, and creating a garden for the Veterans Memorial on Bowels Park in East Springfield. SPT looks forward to seeing these projects come to fruition.

NEW SPT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Bryan McFarland has been appointed by Mayor Sarno and confirmed by the City Council to the Springfield Historical Commission. He replaces SPT representative, Shannon Walsh, who resigned earlier this year. Bryan and his wife Pat have lived in a Victorian house in the McKnight Local Historic District since 2011. He currently serves on the McKnight Neighborhood Council and has been working on a video series on the McKnight District and its residents.



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CEMETERY TOUR AT SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY

The Springfield Preservation Trust had its 6th Annual Cemetery Tour on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 1pm in the Springfield Cemetery off Maple Street in Springfield. The weather was quite charming and a great afternoon of nature, entertainment and education was in store for our guests. About 100 guests, in groups of 20, walked through the beautiful grounds, stopping at 6 gravesites.

At each stop the guests were regaled with performances by volunteer re-enactors. The re-enactors gave short programs concerning the lives of the permanent residents.

This was the first year for the SPT Cemetery Tour at Springfield Cemetery after 5 great tours at Oak Grove Cemetery on Bay Street. There were many interesting people and many interesting monuments to choose from at Springfield Cemetery. For this year's tour we chose gravesites from a limited area to curtail the amount of walking and hill climbing our tour guests would have to do.

A wide range of subjects — both in time period and in walks of life— were presented. Dennis Picard — new to our tour, but a veteran historical re-enactor — portrayed early 20th century businessman Horace Moses. Moses is noted as a founder of both the Big E and the Junior Achievement program.



Also new to our cemetery tour cast was Derek Strahan. A wonderful job of research was evident in local historian Strahan's presentation of Milton Clyde Young. Young was the son of a Springfield mayor and perished in the Titanic disaster.

Mary Ames and Emily Bliss were depicted by Kathleen Pellegrino and Helene Savicki. Mary and Emily were unmarried women of prominent Springfield families who headed South during the Reconstruction to help educate the freed slaves. While veteran portrayer Pellegrino spoke, newcomer Savicki sang an appropriate period song.



The monument in the shape of a house is one of the most photographed monuments in Springfield Cemetery and belongs to Andrew Titus. He was a man much involved in real estate in 19th century Springfield. Titus was presented by familiar re-enactor, Jim Boone, who knows something himself about real estate and Springfield history.

Veterans Mike and Liz Stevens performed the folk song "Irene, Goodnight" as part of their presentation of Charles Seeger and Ruth Crawford Seeger. This couple were father and step-mother of the folk singer Pete Seeger. But they were also important in their own right as musicologists, composers and music educators.



The earliest character in this year's tour was portrayed by John Tom. Tom has returned to our company to present William Barron Calhoun, an early 19th century politician on the



local, state and national scene. This presentation was memorable for the Scottish accent, the mannerisms and the great amount of data.

The last tour group was accompanied by a technician from Valley Eye Radio who made an audio recording of the graveside presentations for later broadcast for the visually impaired. [Click here](#) to listen to the recordings.

Many thanks to the presenters, the folks who sold tickets, and the docents who led the tour groups. Thanks also to the guests who helped us with this fundraising event.

The Preservation Trust is grateful for the cooperation and help from the staff at Springfield Cemetery, and from their longtime volunteer, Bob Riopel. We are looking forward to many more tours in this beautiful place.

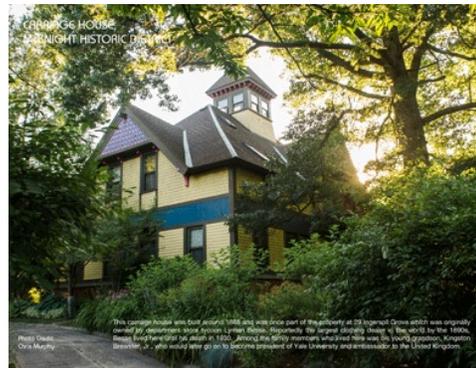
SPT 'CITY OF HOMES' 2019 CALENDAR

Now in its fifth year, the Springfield Preservation Trust 2019 'City of Homes' calendar makes a great gift for the Springfield person in your life. Filled with beautiful photos, this year features carriage houses and gardens from historic homes throughout our city.

Calendars are \$15 and available online by [clicking here](#) or at:

- Flowers, Flowers, 758 Sumner Avenue
- The Flower Box, 596 Carew Street.

Online orders include shipping and handling fees, and should be made by December 18th to guarantee delivery before Christmas.



SPT OFFICE RELOCATION

For more than ten years, Mason Wright Retirement Community has donated space in their Walnut Street facility for the SPT office. We appreciate and thank Mason Wright for welcoming the Trust all these years. This past summer, Mason Wright informed SPT that the office space was needed for expanding their own services. Fortunately, our friends at Maple High Six Corners Neighborhood Council have graciously allowed us to move into their space, which is conveniently across the hall from the old office. Our phone number and mailing address remain the same, but to accommodate the Neighborhood Council's meeting schedule, the SPT board meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6PM.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped get the office organized and moved across the hall, especially Bob McCarroll that led the coordination.

UPCOMING SPT EVENT

WINTER FUNDRAISER

The Springfield Preservation Trust will hold its annual Winter Fundraiser on Sunday, January 27 at 1:00 PM. The event will be hosted by Larkin Mayo and Gary Yuschalk in their beautifully decorated Stick Style home in the McKnight Local Historic District.

Nathan and Emily Adams were the first owners, followed by Emily Jacobs, a widow whose family owned the house for nearly forty years. Larkin and Gary purchased the house in 2010. They operate an interior design firm called Victorian Interiors and have furnished the house with elaborate period details and furniture.



Ample hors d'oeuvres, wine, and sparkling water will be served. Tickets are \$35 for SPT members and \$40 for nonmembers. Reservations must be made by January 22 by visiting springfieldpreservation.org (after the new year) or by mailing a check to Springfield Preservation Trust, 74 Walnut Street, Springfield, MA 01105

For additional information, email info@springfieldpreservation.org or call 413-736-0629.

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About the Springfield Preservation Trust

The mission of the Springfield Preservation Trust (SPT) is to preserve and protect properties in Springfield, Massachusetts which have architectural, historic, educational, or general cultural significance for public edification and enjoyment.

SPT believes historic preservation is an important part of making Springfield a great place to live, work, and visit. Historic Preservation is crucial to tourism and economic development and creating a unique sense of place. It's a means of creating jobs, attracting investment, generating tax revenue, and supporting small business.

For 45 years, SPT has been an independent voice supporting historic preservation. Over the years we have held countless events to showcase how our old buildings can be part of our modern lives and show off the historic places that make Springfield unique. We've helped pass legislation on the state and local levels that averts the needless loss of historic places. Our online resources help homeowners with restoration and educate the public on the beauty, quality and value of older homes. These activities have helped save and restore Springfield's threatened historic treasures so that they are here for future generations to enjoy.

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