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SUMMER 2018

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## UPDATES – HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

There is some good news to report on historic buildings that have been on the Most Endangered List.



The [Watershops Armory](#), built in 1857 for heavy manufacturing, has been marginally used and deteriorated. [The Springfield Republican reports](#) that new owners are planning to invest \$5 million to redevelop

the property into space for high-tech light manufacturing, e-commerce, storage, and office space.

The [City recently offered](#) the historic [Oak Street Fire Station](#) in Indian Orchard for sale with \$50,000 to help with rehabilitation and received two proposals. We hope to see this vacant fire station reused like the recently restored Sumner Avenue, Oakland Street, and Page Boulevard Fires Stations.

The row houses at 174-184 Maple Street are currently in early stages of restoration. The six row houses had been under different ownership, including two owned by the City, and had sustained damage from the 2011 Tornado, which made redevelopment difficult.



A developer was able to purchase all six buildings and is putting together financing for restoration.

The Indian Motorcycle Building on State Street is to be converted into apartments, and the existing apartments in the building are slated to be renovated. There had been plans to demolish the vacant State Street section of the building. Included in the rehab plans is the long-vacant Winchester Square Fire Station.

Another large commercial building to be converted into apartments is the Willys Overland Building on Chestnut Street. The building was slated to be razed, but the demo delay ordinance clicked in. SPT worked with the Historical Commission to create a local historic district to protect the building. If it were not for those actions, the building would have been lost.

Other exciting projects include the rehabilitation of [Building 19 on the](#)



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[STCC campus](#) into a campus center. DevelopSpringfield will soon complete restoration of the Trinity Block, 270-286 Bridge Street, including restoring the decorative terra cotta façade. Construction is also slated to begin soon on converting 77 Maple Street into an incubator for small businesses.

While there remain many challenges to historic preservation in Springfield, progress continues to be made to restore and preserve our historic places.

### ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

SPT hosted the Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony on May 16 at Center Court of Tower Square. The event, which is free and open to the public, honored individuals and organizations that have helped restore and preserve historic places in Springfield. Photos and descriptions of this year's awardees, along with previous year's awards, were on display at Tower Square from May 13th to the end of the month. [Click Here](#) for a photo gallery of this year's awardees. Thanks to Kathleen Pellegrino, Don Courtemanche, and Ben Murphy for their work on the event.



Recipients for 2018 are:

- Springfield Museums for sensitive additions and restoration of the William Pynchon Memorial Building
- Oak Grove Cemetery for restoration of the Oak Grove Cemetery main gate and chapel
- Marc Murphy & Roger Roberge for adaptive reuse of the Oakland Street Fire Station at 175 Oakland Street
- Campagnari Construction for adaptive reuse of the Page Boulevard Fire Station at 833 Page Boulevard
- First Resource Companies for restoration of Maple Commons, apartment buildings and house on High, School, and Union Streets
- Brightwood Development Corporation for restoration of the Memorial Square Building at 2295 Main Street
- Icarian Real Estate Advisors for restoration of 92 Mill Street
- JJS Capital Investment for restoration of 166 Westminster Street, 179 Westminster Street, 179 St. James Avenue, and 204 St. James Avenue
- KOT Realty for restoration of 35 Dartmouth Street
- TM Properties for restoration of 62 Clarendon Street
- Peter Benjamin & Liz Bramson for rebuilding front porch to match the original at 215 Forest Park Avenue
- John & Mary Ellen Dillon for removal of non-historic siding and restoration of 45 Washington Road
- The Edward Sims Award for Stewardship was awarded to Ed Lonergan & Karen Bogdonovich for 110 Clarendon Street
- The George Pooler Award for Stewardship was awarded to Charles Ryan for 55 Maplewood Terrace
- The Robert Holbrook Award for Stewardship was awarded to William & Rose Boyle for 22 Shefford Street

### BOB MCCARROLL TO RECEIVE PYNCHON MEDAL

The Ad Club of Western Mass has announced that SPT board member Bob McCarroll will receive the William Pynchon Medal for his years of preservation advocacy. The Order of William Pynchon was established in 1915 by the club to honor people for community service.

Bob has been active with SPT for more than 40 years, helped create many of Springfield's local historic districts when he worked at the Planning Department, and served on the Springfield Historical Commission for more than 11 years.

Become a member at the Greek Revival level or higher to be listed.

[Click Here to become a SPT Member](#)

Go to [www.adclubwm.org](http://www.adclubwm.org) to see the entire text regarding the four 2018 honorees as well as a list of prior medal winners. You can also register to attend the induction ceremony and celebration to be held on October 18 at 6 pm. We hope to have a table or two of preservationists.



### SPRING HOUSE TOUR

Clear skies and cool weather provided a wonderful backdrop for SPT's spring house tour in Atwater Park on Sunday, June 10. Five Colonial Revival and Shingle style houses, built between 1903 and 1923, opened. Thanks go to Joseph and Kathleen Pellegrino, Brian Connors and Ben Murphy, Melinda Phelps, Kim Provost, and Mike Sullivan and Tina Quagliato-Sullivan for sharing their homes. [Click Here](#) to see a photo album of the tour.

If you know anyone who might be interested in being on a future tour, email us at [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) with the contact information.

### SUMMER FUNDRAISER

SPT held its annual Summer Fundraiser on Sunday, August 5, at the home of Dennis Duquette at 208 Longhill Street. This English Cottage style home was built in 1912 from designs of G. Wood Taylor for Ernest Bugbee, treasurer of D. H. Brigham & Co., a Main Street clothier. The house and its lovely yard sit on a bluff with spectacular views of the Connecticut River and Pioneer Valley.



Thanks go to Dennis for hosting, Al Dente Catering for food and beverage service, and Robert Louder for coordinating set up and desserts.

### SPT 'CITY OF HOMES' 2019 CALENDAR

The 'City of Homes' calendar is now in its fifth year. As in the past, the reveal takes place at the Mattoon Street Arts Festival, September 8 & 9. The theme this year is carriage houses and gardens, and once again we had a hard time choosing from a wonderful selection of photographs. The Trust would like to thank the calendar committee: Tim Cummings, Denise Moccia, Derrick Strahan, and Marilyn Sutin, and the photographers: Michelle Langan, Chris Murphy, & Greg Murphy.

After the festival, the calendars can be purchased online at [www.springfieldpreservation.org](http://www.springfieldpreservation.org) as well as Flowers Flowers and the Flower Box. The calendars are \$15 each, \$12 for SPT members. Shipping and handling fees apply for online purchases. Our calendars are a great way to promote preservation in the city and showcase some of Springfield's finest homes. We hope you enjoy some of these hidden jewels.

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## UPCOMING SPT EVENTS

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### MATTOON STREET ARTS FESTIVAL

Come visit the SPT table at the 46th annual [Mattoon Street Arts Festival](#) on **Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9**. We will be selling the 2019 calendars, promoting the October Cemetery Tour, and giving out information about the organization. The Mattoon Festival is the oldest arts and crafts show in the region. It will feature more than 100 exhibitors, plus food vendors and musicians, on a historic street lined with restored brick Victorian row houses.



### "VOICES FROM THE GRAVE" CEMETERY TOUR

SPT will host our sixth annual Cemetery Tour on **Sunday, October 14th**. We are excited to announce that this year's tour



will be at Springfield Cemetery, 171 Maple Street. Docent-led groups will visit the graves of several famous or infamous Springfield residents, where costumed interpreters will assume the role of that resident. This is a great way to learn a little local history, enjoy the beautiful scenery and get outdoors! More information will be available closer to the date.

## SECOND SATURDAY WALKING TOURS

Enlightening strolls through the downtown area. Tours begin at the Springfield Museums Welcome Center, 21 Edwards Street on the Second Saturday of each month, April through November. Tours are rain or shine and start promptly at 10:30 am and usually end around noon. Tours are free for SPT members along with Armoury-Quadrangle Civic Association and Springfield Museums members. \$5 for nonmembers.

### 2018 Schedule:

- September 8: Jacqueline Lynch – Melzar Mosman & The Puritan statue
- October 13: Susan Ashman – Springfield Armory National Historic Site
- November 10: Jim Boone – Springfield Railroad Stations



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### SPT BOARD MEETINGS

SPT members are welcome to attend

#### when

First Wednesday  
of each month  
6PM

#### where

Mason Wright  
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74 Walnut Street

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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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