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picture above is
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on this year's
Most Endangered List

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2019 MOST ENDANGERED LIST

Sadly, the most recent MEL contains mostly properties listed previously and still under threat. Three new listing, however, bubbled up for 2019.

The Kibbe Candy Company at 616 Berkshire Avenue was built in 1915 for the Miner Chocolate Company. The imposing five-story building was subsequently purchased by the Kibbe Candy Company, which operated here until the mid-1930s. The largest industrial building in Pine Point is now vacant, although its lot is still used for school bus storage. Vandalism and water penetration are always threats for vacant buildings.



Saint Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church at 146 Bay Street was built in 1888. Over the years, the clapboard and shingle building served several congregations. It is now vacant. Although within the McKnight Local Historic District, the building is threatened with "demolition by neglect."

The Carew Street Baptist Church at 90 Carew Street was built in 1885. The Stick style building has been vacant since 2000. Once planned to be adaptively reused for offices, it was recently sold to a developer whose primary interest is redevelopment of the site for a new medical office complex. We regret to report that the structure was razed in early April.



Below is the remainder of the list. [Click here](#) for more information.

- Watershops at One Allen St.
- Gunn Block at 477 State St
- Shean Block at 1208 Main St.
- Carriage House at 63 Mulberry St.
- Wallace House at 201 Maple St.
- Ames House at 241 Maple St.
- Chapman & Brooks Block at 139-141 Lyman St.
- Knox Automobile Factory at 53 Wilbraham Rd.
- Underwood Building at 282-302 Worthington St.

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to be listed.

- Oak Street Fire Station in Indian Orchard
- MCDI Building at 140 Wilbraham Ave.
- National Needle Building at 55 Emery St.

PART -TIME ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

SPT is looking for help with our advocacy and educational initiatives. Work will focus on buildings on our Most Endangered and Watch Lists and will involve meeting with owners and city officials. Work will also involve monitoring municipal boards for issues relevant to historic preservation.

The position requires a degree in historic preservation or a minimum of three years working for a preservation organization in a similar capacity. Pay is \$25 per hour for 10 to 15 hours a week for one year, which can possibly be extended. [Click here](#) for additional information.

Funds for this position have been provided through a Qualified Charitable Distribution from long-time board member Bob McCarroll.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The membership of the Springfield Preservation Trust gathered at the newly restored 175 Mill Street, Springfield, on Sunday, March 3rd. Our host was Walter Kroll, who along with his partner Demetrios Panteleakis, have brought back a beautiful home from years of neglect.



Outgoing President Don Courtemanche welcomed more than 60 attendees, thanking the owners of the house. He also acknowledged city officials present and thanked the guest speaker for the event, Chuck Irving of The Davenport Group and his associates, Juan Prieto and Joy Martin. Don recognized Robert Lauder and other SPT volunteers for their work in setting up the meeting space and refreshments. After speaking briefly about changes in SPT leadership, Don expressed his gratitude for all those who worked with him in his 5 years as the group's President, and of his confidence in the new slate of officers.

The minutes of the 2018 meeting were read by incoming Secretary Mike Stevens. The proposed slate of SPT board members and officers for 2019 were presented and accepted by the membership present. The incoming slate is as follows:

- Derek Strahan, President
- JoAnne Cardell, Vice President
- Marilyn Sutin, Treasurer
- Mike Stevens, Secretary
- John Bellows
- Jim Boone
- Don Courtemanche
- Stephen Davis
- Melvin A. Edwards
- Roberta Kilkenny
- Jesse Lederman
- Robert Louder
- Bob McCarroll
- Bryan McFarland
- Denise Moccia

Derek Strahan, the new President, made a brief presentation of the events and activities of SPT during the previous year and shared information on upcoming events. He also reviewed preservation achievements that have been made over the past several years. Bob McCarroll presented the 2019 Most Endangered List. Guest Speaker, Chuck Irving of The Davenport Companies, along with his associates, Juan Prieto and Joy Martin, gave a program on the renovation plans for

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the Willys Overland Building at the corner of Chestnut and Winter Streets in Springfield. Derek ended the meeting with thanks for all attendees.

SPT is happy to introduce our newest board member, Bryan McFarland.



Commission.

Bryan McFarland lives in McKnight and is the current steward of the Hobb's House which is a Queen Anne/Stick Style Victorian home built in 1885. As an active member of The McKnight Council Bryan has played a vital role in the Historic Preservation and Beautification movements in the neighborhood and throughout the city. McFarland currently occupies the SPT seat on The Springfield City Historical

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 PRESERVATION AWARD CEREMONY

The Springfield Preservation Trust is excited to announce that this year's Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held at the newly rehabilitated Ira H. Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons at STCC. Please join us to honor the people and organizations that help restore and preserve historic structures in Springfield. The Ceremony will be on **Tuesday, May 14th at 5PM at the new STCC Student Learning Commons** in the "Forum". [Click here](#) for additional information and this year's award winners.



SPRING HOUSE TOUR

SPT is partnering with the Colony Hills Neighborhood Association on a house tour in **Colony Hills on Sunday, June 9, 1pm to 4pm.**

South of Forest Park and straddling both Springfield and Longmeadow, Colony Hills was developed in the 1920s with streets and landscaping designed by the Olmsted Brothers firm of Brookline. Prominent regional architects designed many of the houses in the popular Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival styles.

Advance \$15 tickets will be available after Memorial Day at springfieldpreservation.org; The Flower Box, 596 Carew Street; and Flowers, Flowers, 758 Sumner Avenue. On tour day, \$20 tickets will be

available at the intersection of Park Drive and Colony Road between 12:45 and 2:00 pm. SPT and CHNA members receive a discount.

If you know of a Colony Hills home owner who might be interested in participating, email us the contact information at info@springfieldpreservation.org.

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.

2019 Schedule:

- May 11: Bob McCarroll - Deco in Downtown
- June 8: Brian Connors - Springfield Civic Center
- July 13: Derek Strahan - Downtown Then and Now
- August 10: Ben Murphy - Quadrangle-Mattoon Historic District
- September 14: Bill Devlin - History of the Quadrangle
- October 12: Karen Finn - Springfield Central Cultural District
- November 9: To be Announced





SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 20, 2019, will be the date for the Springfield Preservation Trust's 7th Annual "Voices from the Grave" cemetery Tour. The event will take place in the afternoon at Springfield Cemetery on Maple Street. We are still gathering presenters for the tour, although one eminent Springfielder in the world of literature has been selected for presentation.

Josiah Gilbert Holland, whose monument in Springfield Cemetery was designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, was successful as a journalist, a novelist, a biographer and a poet. He sold more books in his lifetime than did his contemporary Herman Melville.

The people who are buried in Springfield Cemetery have many stories to tell. From politicians, to soldiers, to builders, scientists and scholars, on down to ordinary folk who witnessed extraordinary events. If you are interested in portraying someone in our tour, please contact Mike Stevens (413) 686-3140 or mlstevens@comcast.net. Mike is coordinating the presenters for the tour this year.

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SPT BOARD MEETINGS

SPT members are welcome to attend

when

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of each month
6PM

where

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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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