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## SPT BOARD MEETINGS

SPT members are welcome to attend

### When

Third Wednesday of each month at  
6 PM.

### Where

Currently these meetings are virtual. Please  
email [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) for  
more information.

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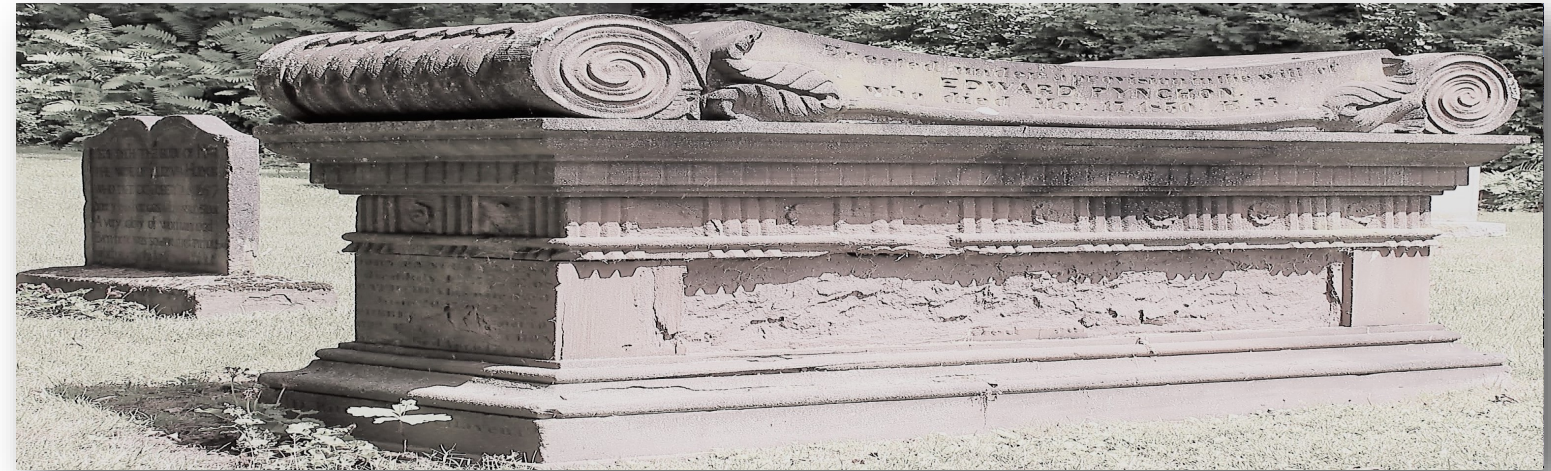
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## ABOUT THE SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

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 49 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.



## SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST NEWSLETTER

### FALL 2021

*image above is*  
Springfield Cemetery.  
171 Maple Street

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### PRESERVATION AWARDS 2021

SPT plans to host the Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony on November 3 at the recently renovated Willys-Overland Building, 151 Chestnut Street. If Covid-19 persists it will be switched to virtual ceremony. This ceremony will honor individuals and organizations that have helped restore and preserve historic places in Springfield.



The companies and people who will receive awards will be notified and invited soon. The public is invited to attend but please RSVP to [advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org) by October 27. The Trust looks forward to having you join to celebrate preservation.  
(Image Courtesy of SPT)

### 2022 SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST CALENDAR UPDATE

We had a great response to the 2022 calendar at the Mattoon Street Arts Festival. 2022 is the 50th anniversary of the Springfield Preservation Trust and the next years calendar references our successes and losses over 50 years with lots of photographs and text. Calendars are \$15 each and are available at the following locations:

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

Calendars are also available online at [springfieldpreservation.org](http://springfieldpreservation.org). Go to support SPT to purchase the calendar. Online orders include an additional \$5 for shipping and handling fees. If the calendar is a gift for Chanukah or Christmas, please make sure the calendars are ordered at least a week before the holiday(s).





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## SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY 151 MAPLE STREET, SPRINGFIELD, MA

*Article Courtesy of Derek Strahan/Lost New England*

Springfield Cemetery was established in 1841, and it was part of a trend that involved creating well-landscaped, park-like cemeteries on the outskirts of cities and towns, as opposed to the older, often gloomier Puritan-era graveyards in town centers. The first of these cemeteries was Mount Auburn Cemetery in the suburbs of Boston, which opened in 1831, and many other cities soon followed, including Springfield a decade later. Over the years, it would become the final resting place for many of the city's prominent 19<sup>th</sup> century residents, and it remains an active cemetery today.



*Springfield Cemetery Image Courtesy of Derek Strahan*

The cemetery is located in a ravine that was originally known as Martha's Dingle. In transforming the area into a cemetery, the designers incorporated the natural features into the landscape by creating a series of terraces that were separated by wooded slopes. These were linked together by curving paths that followed the contours of the land. Overall, the intent was to create a place that would serve not only as a burial ground for the dead, but also as a quiet, peaceful place for the living to visit.

Over the years, many notable people have been buried in Springfield Cemetery. These include Congressmen George Ashmun, William Calhoun, Calvin Chafee, Samuel Knox, and Mark Trafton; businessmen Milton Bradley, George Hendee, Horace Smith, and Andrew Wallace; authors Thornton Burgess and Josiah Holland; artist Chester Harding; social reformer Clara Leonard; *Titanic* victim Milton Long; and the members of the Bowles and Merriam publishing dynasties.

In addition to these 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century burials, Springfield Cemetery also includes the reinterred remains of Springfield's colonial-era residents. Originally buried in a graveyard at the foot of Elm Street, these bodies were exhumed in 1849 and moved to Springfield Cemetery, in order to construct a railroad along the banks of the Connecticut River. The vast majority of these graves were unmarked; the Elm Street graveyard had included just over 500 headstones, yet the exhumation uncovered more than 2,400 remains. Some of the remains were reinterred in family plots in Springfield Cemetery, but most were buried along the Pine Street side, including all of the unidentified remains. The oldest surviving headstone is that of Mary Pyncheon Holyoke, who died in 1657.

Today, Springfield Cemetery still retains its park-like appearance that its founders had originally intended, even as the city has grown up around it. The monuments and buildings within the cemetery are important historic resources, representing nearly four centuries of the city's history. The cemetery grounds are open to the public daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it is also the site of this year's SPT cemetery tour, on Sunday, October 17.

## DIGITIZATION OF BUILDINGS FROM WPA

Springfield Preservation Trust has been preserving for years the WPA images from 1938 and 1939. Stephen Davis, one of board members to the Trust is currently digitizing these photos. To see photos please go to our website. <https://springfieldpreservation.org/wpa/> .



*Image Courtesy of WPA*

Currently new streets on there are Albany, Arthur, Ashley, Atwood, Brigham, Calhoun, Caseland & Cunningham, Crosby, Dymon, James, Jefferson, Lillian, Massasoit, Meredith, Narrangansett, Oak, Phonenix, Riverside, Russeell, Sharon, Suffolk, Thomas, Wait, and Walnut Street. Look for your house to see how it has changed over the past 80 years.

## SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST LOGO CONTEST

As the SPT enters the next 50 years of its important advocacy work, the SPT invites the community's artistic talent to create a new logo for the SPT that will represent the SPT's vision of preservation of our City's amazing collection of historic architecture. A \$250 Honorarium will be awarded to the winner selected by the SPT Board of Directors.

*Specifications:* We need a logo that can be used for both print and electronic media such as the SPT letterhead, website, brochures, awards, and exhibits. The logo must be a line drawing with solid color in black and white only. All entries can be submitted either by e-mail attachment to [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) or by mail to: SPT, Attn: Logo Contest, 74 Walnut Street, Springfield, MA 01105 by October 31, 2021. Include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address with your entry. For contest rules please email [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) before submitting your entry. Be inspired by the information found on our website: [www.springfieldpreservation.org](http://www.springfieldpreservation.org) and by looking at our City's incredible number and variety of historic structures.



*Previous SPT Logos*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "VOICES FROM THE GRAVE " CEMETERY TOUR

Due to the Covid-19 we postponed cemetery tours last year. For our eighth annual Cemetery Tour, **Sunday, October 17**, SPT will conduct tours of Springfield Cemetery. Docent-led groups will visit graves of prominent Springfield residents, where costumed interpreters will speak about these individuals. Hour-long walking tours will depart every fifteen minutes starting at 1:00 p.m. at Springfield Cemetery, located at 171 Maple Street. The last tour will leave at 2:00 p.m. Buy your tickets now! <https://springfieldpreservation.org/voices-from-the-grave-cemetery-tours/> .



*Image Courtesy of SPT*

### PRESERVATION AWARDS 2021

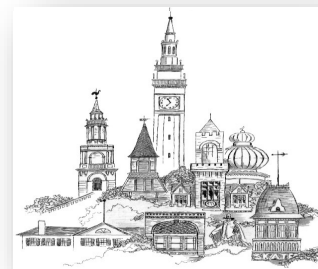
SPT plans to host the Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony on November 3 at the Willys-Overland building through the graciousness of Davenport Companies. If Covid-19 persists it will be switched to virtual ceremony. This ceremony will honor individuals and organizations that have restored and preserved historic buildings in Springfield.



*Image Courtesy of WPA*

### MORE EVENTS COMING SOON

Events for the fall will be added to the Trust's website. Check our website <https://springfieldpreservation.org/> , Facebook, Instagram, or call SPT at 413-747-0656 to learn about events. Additionally, if you have program ideas please email [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) .



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