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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
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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.

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SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2021

image above is
116 Mulberry Street
and neighboring houses on
Mulberry Street

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2021 MOST ENDANGERED LIST

On February 28 at the Annual Meeting the Springfield Preservation Trust released its Most Endangered List. Our list draws attention to the predicaments that endanger historic buildings, allows the public to comment and suggest ideas for reuse, and connects these properties with potential developers.



Apremont Triangle and Surrounding Buildings Image Courtesy of Kira

- ◆ Apremont Triangle and Surrounding Buildings Bridge, Chestnut, and Pearl Street
- ◆ 145 Bay Street Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
- ◆ 60 Byers Street Thurston Munson House
- ◆ 55 Emery Street National Needle
- ◆ Indian Orchard Fire Station 87 Oak Street
- ◆ 139-141 Lyman Street Chapman and Brooks Block
- ◆ 241 Maple Street David Ames Jr. House
- ◆ 201 Maple Street Andrew Wallace House
- ◆ 116 Mulberry Street
- ◆ 63 Mulberry Street
- ◆ 477 State Street Gunn Block
- ◆ 140 Wilbraham Avenue MCDI



Indian Orchard Fire Station Image Courtesy of Kira Holmes

PRESERVATION AWARDS 2021

SPT plans to host the Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony in November. 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.

Nominations for restored buildings will be accepted until July 10. Please email info@springfieldpreservation.org with the owners contact information, name of the nominee and contact information, the Springfield address of the nominated historic building, year erected, current use of the building, additional information you think the Trust should know, and please provide a description of the work that has been done or why a stewardship award is deserved. Visit springfieldpreservation.org/preservationawards to see examples of winners from previous years.

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- Interested in being listed as a supporter in the SPT Quarterly Newsletter?
- Become a member at the Greek Revival level or higher to be listed.
- Visit springfieldpreservation.org/membership

HISTORIC PLACES OF SPRINGFIELD
CHARLES A. BOWLES HOUSE, SPRINGFIELD, MA

Article Courtesy of Lost New England

This house at 81 Mulberry Street is one of Springfield’s finest examples of Colonial Revival architecture. It was designed by Guy Kirkham, one of the city’s leading architects of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and completed in 1894 as the home of Charles and Nellie Bowles. Charles was the son of prominent *Springfield Republican* editor Samuel Bowles, and he and Nellie were the parents of Chester Bowles, who had a successful career as an advertising executive, politician, and diplomat.

Chester Bowles was born in 1901 and grew up here in this house, where he lived until the mid-1920s. He briefly worked as a reporter for the *Springfield Republican* from 1924 to 1926, but he then moved to New York City and, in 1929, established the advertising agency of Benton & Bowles, which would go on to become highly successful in the early years of radio advertising. The firm introduced soap operas to radio programming, largely in an effort to advertise to housewives who listened to the radio at home.

However, Bowles left the advertising industry in 1941, and he went on to become a member of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration during World War II, including serving as the administrator of the Office of Price Administration. After the war he served as governor of Connecticut from 1949 to 1951, as a congressman from 1959 to 1961, and two separate stints as the US ambassador to India during the Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson administrations.

In the meantime, his childhood home here on Mulberry Street remained in the family until the mid-20th century. His father Charles died in 1933, and his mother Nellie died a decade later. His older sister Dorothy was the last Bowles family member to live here, before moving to a house on Maple Court shortly after her mother’s death.

Like many other large 19th century homes in Springfield, this house was subsequently converted into apartments. It would remain a multi-family home until 1991, when it was severely damaged by a fire that gutted the back of the house and destroyed much of the roof. For the next decade, the house stood vacant and exposed to the elements, and was nearly demolished by the city several times. However, it was sold in 2000 and fully restored by Michael P. Noonan, who received a preservation award from the Springfield Preservation Trust in 2002. Today it hardly looks any different from its original exterior appearance, and it stillstands as an important part of the Ridgewood Local Historic District.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION PHOTOS

New photos will be added to our website in the WPA section when the website is finished being remodeled. This resource depicts Springfield buildings from circa 1938 and 1939.



81 Mulberry Street WPA Image



81 Mulberry Street Image Courtesy of Derek Strahan

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

This year’s Meeting was held virtually, on Sunday, February 28th. Juan Prieto, of Davenport Companies, gave a presentation about the restoration of the Willys-Overland Building.

President, Derek Strahan, made a brief presentation of the events and activities of SPT during the previous year. He also reviewed preservation achievements that have been made over the past year. Kira Holmes presented the 2021 Most Endangered List and Bob McCarroll gave an update on the Community Preservation Act. The membership also elected the following to the SPT Board of Directors:

Derek Strahan, President	John Bellows	Melvin Edwards	Jesse Lederman	Robert McCarroll
Marilyn Sutin, Treasurer	Jim Boone	Robertta Kilkenny	Robert Louder	Bryan McFarland
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2022 SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST CALENDAR

After taking a hiatus in 2021 due to the coronavirus, the calendar is returning for 2022. Originally launched in 2015, the ‘City of Homes’ calendar became an instant hit. Each calendar featured photographs of homes in the city highlighting different architectural styles, historic districts, gardens and carriage houses.

In 2022, the Springfield Preservation Trust will celebrate 50 years of promoting advocacy, preservation and education in the city of Springfield. Not only will we celebrate Springfield’s beautiful houses, we will also share some of our successes and losses over our 50 year history.

This year the Trust is starting a sponsorship program: for the calendar: Palladian for \$300, Gothic for \$200, and Bay for \$100. If you want to learn more please email Kira Holmes at advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org by June 10. Please support the Trust so it may advocate for historic buildings in Springfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Image Courtesy of Kira Holmes

COURT SQUARE BUILDING

Want to learn about historic building restoration? If so, then this is the program for you. Michael O’Brien or another representative from WinnCompanies will lecture about the Court Square Building. This will be a virtual presentation that will take place on April 22 at 7pm. Please stay tuned to our Facebook, Instagram, and e-blast for more program details!



Image Courtesy of WPA

MEMBER ONLY: WILLYS-OVERLAND TOUR

Davenport Companies is going to offer two 5 person tours of the newly restored Willys-Overland building. The tour times will be on May 13 at 4pm and 5pm and visitors must wear a face mask at all times. Please sign up by April 30 by email info@springfieldpreservation.org. In your email please include your name and phone number. The first ten people registered will take the tour. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 tours can not be expanded past five per tour.

MORE EVENTS COMING SOON



Spring has just begun, but Springfield Preservation Trust hopes to do more events virtually. Our website is being remodeled right now so for more updated information please watch our Facebook and Instagram pages or call SPT at 413-747-0656. Additionally, if you have program ideas please email info@springfieldpreservation.org.