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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 for more information.

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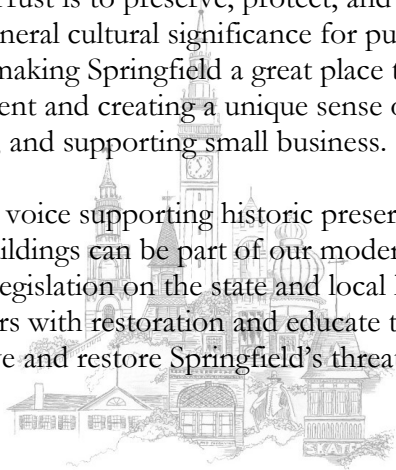
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ABOUT THE SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

The mission of the Springfield Preservation Trust is to preserve, protect, and promote properties in Springfield 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 50+ 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

SUMMER 2025

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2025 Preservation Awards
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ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

SPT held its yearly preservation awards ceremony at Springfield Performing Arts Ventures, where 13 property owners were recognized for their significant contributions to preserving our community's architecture. This collective effort is a testament to the strong community spirit we have. Thanks to Springfield Performing Arts Ventures, SPT board members, SPT staff, and awardees for a fabulous award ceremony.



Image Rockstar Cinema, 2025

- Donald & Holly Blair for the porch restoration and painting of 48 Magnolia Terrace
- Donna Miner for extensive exterior renovation of 173 Bay Street
- Devon Self Storage for the adaptive reuse as a storage facility of 55 Emery Street
- Springfield Museums for the restoration of the 1933 Art Deco style D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts entrance of 49 Chestnut Street
- Chamber Investment Group LLC for the restoration of a deteriorated house at 131 Harvard Street
- Carlos Chen & Hazel Salvan-Chen for the exterior restoration and historic painting of 129 Westminster Street
- Leonard Jaskiewicz for the restoration of a burned home at 52 Cornell Street
- Fred & Hope Lewis for the restored porch with balustrades and corner finials of 73 Washington Road
- The Robert Holbrook Award for Stewardship went to Judy Matt & the late John Stump for 36 Mattoon Street
- The George Pooler Award for Stewardship went to Jim & Clara Lee Sharrard for 78 Firglade Avenue
- The Edward Sims Award for Stewardship went to Elizabeth Newell for 151 Westminster Street
- The Hilton Abbott Award for Stewardship went to Springfield College
- The Donald Campion Award for Lifetime Achievement went to Richard Gray and Jamie Morace-Gray, who restored more than fifty houses and commercial buildings

STEARNS SQUARE BENCH UPDATE

The Maintenance & Development Subcommittee, chaired by Malo Brown, convened to discuss the bench’s return. In addition to those present, including Thomas Ashe, Malo Brown, Maria Perez, Elizabeth Johnson, Erica Swallow, and James Boone, several others joined the meeting. The meeting concluded with the decision to submit a Community Preservation Act Grant application.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Elizabeth Johnson, president of Metro Center Association, and Thomas Ashe, Director of the Park Department created and submitted the Community Preservation Act Grant in February 2025.

This project, costing \$63,300, was approved at the June 9 City Council meeting. SPT looks forward to working with the Park Department to restore the bench.



Image Erica Swallow, 2024

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FLORA AND FAUNA GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER

By Kira Holmes

Join us for the Annual Garden Party Fundraiser, set in the gardens of the Barney Estate Carriage House. The event will feature music, hors d’oeuvres, wine, beverages, a silent auction, and a tour of the historic Carriage House and Mausoleum. You will have the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Barney Estate Carriage House venue at Laurel Hill Road. The event will take place on August 24 at 1:00 pm.



Image Kira Holmes, 2022

FOREST PARK HISTORY

by Derek Strahan

Forest Park is the largest public park in Springfield, encompassing 735 acres of land in the southwestern corner of the city. The origins of the park date back to 1884, and over the years, it has been steadily expanded through various donations and land purchases. One of the most significant of these donors was Everett H. Barney, a local ice skate manufacturer who owned much of what is now the western section of the park. He built his house, Pecousic Villa, on the property in 1883, and he subsequently landscaped the grounds with ponds, fountains, a waterfall, bridges, and a network of paths.

Barney had intended to construct a house here for his only child, George. However, George died in 1889, and Barney instead built a mausoleum for his son on the site of what would have been his house. With no other heirs, Barney donated his entire estate to the city, including the house and the meticulously maintained grounds. His only stipulation was that he and his wife Eliza would be able to reside in the house for the rest of their lives, and they went on to live here until her death in 1905 and his in 1916.

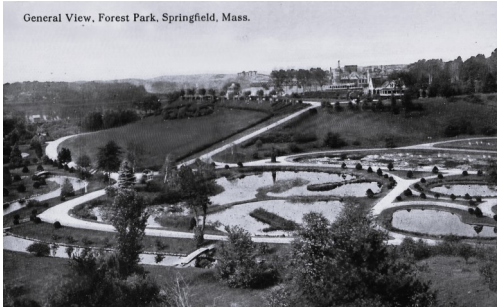


Image John Zebb, 2024

Learn more about the park through this link: <https://lostnewengland.com/tag/forest-park/>

SUBMIT YOUR CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS!
Springfield needs your recommendations! The Trust is in the process of updating its Contractors List, and we're looking for recommended tradespeople who understand and respect old houses and love to help preserve them. Have you worked with a carpenter, roofer, mason, interior designer, landscaper, or other contractor whom you would recommend to other historic homeowners? Submit their information!

The Springfield Preservation Trust Contractors List is a compilation of contractors which our members have used and found to be honest, good craftspeople. Contractors featured on the list excel at historic preservation within their trades and come recommended with confidence that if they were good for some, they will be good for others.

See the current list at springfieldpreservation.org/contractors-list
Submit your contractor recommendations to advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org.

STOCKBRIDGE STREET UPDATE

Roof replacement and facade masonry work is expected to begin in June. Work is more expensive than anticipated. Our 2023 CPA grant of \$150,520 will cover it, but it will not be able to cover window replacement or exterior painting.

The Community Preservation Committee recommended our 2025 CPA application for \$300,000 to stabilize the building, and the City Council approved it on June 9. We have applied for MassDevelopment Underutilized Properties Program grant to pay for construction drawings by our architect. We will hear in autumn whether we will receive funding.

MassDevelopment is paying for a consultant to look at project needs and possible funding sources and to develop an operating pro forma for the building once renovated.

VOICES FROM THE GRAVE CEMETERY TOUR: MA250 CELEBRATION
Thank you to everyone who made the Heroes of the Revolution: Voices from the Grave Cemetery Tour (A MA250 Celebration) possible! SPT extends its heartfelt gratitude to our costumed actors: Liz Stevens, Michael Stevens, Dennis Picard, Regine Jackson, Carlee Santaniello, John Toms, and Jordan Hathaway Reynolds. Their dedication and passion brought history to life. We also want to acknowledge docents, Sarah Murray, Anika Rao, Erica Swallow, Jayden Bermudez, Ray Peck, and Deborah Smith, for their invaluable contributions. Thank you to our volunteers, Hope Truett Lewis and Fred Lewis, for their selfless service!

Our media team, in collaboration with Focus Springfield Community TV and Turnkey Media, has played a crucial role in creating these captivating visuals that the Trust can now share. Their creativity and hard work have added a new dimension to our event.

We are grateful to the Springfield Cemetery & Crematory for their generous sponsorship of the event and for hosting us on their historic grounds. A special thank you to Manager James Mooney, who has been a dedicated partner in this tour each year. This program would not be a reality without the general support of the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Visit Massachusetts), which awarded the Trust a grant for this production in honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.



Image MA250, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



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SECOND SATURDAY TOUR: UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
July 12 at 10:30 am, embark on an immersive journey into the history of Springfield by visiting locations and meeting people who embody the perseverance, ingenuity, and resilience of some of the city's early residents. This tour, hosted in partnership with the Springfield Museums and PAHMUSA, and sponsored by the Springfield Cultural Council, focuses on the Underground Railroad —a network of people and places that played a significant role in Springfield's history. Purchase your tickets through Eventbrite and connect with the city's past.

SECOND SATURDAY TOUR: RUSHVILLE
On August 9 at 10:30 am, delve into the educational journey of the Second Saturday Tour: Rushville. Learn about the rise of the Craftsman style of architecture in the early 20th century, a style that grew out of the Arts & Crafts movement. This movement was a reaction to the ornate styles and decor of the Victorian era. The tour, hosted in partnership with Springfield Museums and sponsored by Springfield Cultural Council. Purchase your tickets through Eventbrite.

SECOND SATURDAY TOUR: SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
On September 13 at 10:30 am, join us for a walking tour of the historic Hill Shops at the Springfield Armory, with Springfield Armory National Historic Site staff member and tour guide Carl Steele. Learn about the unique architecture around the green and what the buildings were used for when the Armory was in operation. The tour is hosted in partnership with Springfield Museums and sponsored by Springfield Cultural Council. Purchase your tickets through Eventbrite.