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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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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

FALL 2025

*images above is
2025 Flora and Fauna Garden Party
Images Rockstar Cinema*

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2025 FLORA & FAUNA GARDEN PARTY

The 2025 "Flora & Fauna" Garden Party Fundraiser took place at the Carriage House at the Barney Estate in Forest Park. Thank you to all who attended, and gratitude to the Springfield Garden Club and City of Springfield Parks & Recreation for all you do across Forest Park and the city to make this a beautiful place to live.



Image by Rockstar Cinema, 2025

Gratitude to our sponsors: Mark Fuller, Fontaine Brothers Community Foundation, Turnberg & Swallow Team / Coldwell Banker, and Rockstar Cinema Productions. Thank you to several businesses for creating a robust selection of silent auction items. Thank you for an excellent performance by Baillie DiStefano. Significant kudos to Al Dente's Catering for the delicious array of hors d'oeuvres, and board member Robert Louder for coordinating hospitality.

A generous thank you, too, to our board members, staff, volunteers, and attendees for your generosity in making this event and our mission possible. Here's to the next time we meet!

2025 CPA AWARDS

Of the 19 projects approved for CPA funding by the City Council in June, 13 benefited historic resources:

- \$300,000 Historic Homes Restoration Program
- \$300,000 7-9 Stockbridge Street Stabilization
- \$300,000 Paramount Theatre Roof Replacement
- \$155,000 Ames House Roof Replacement
- \$151,000 Ecumenical Church Roof Repair
- \$125,000 52 Sumner Avenue Window Repair
- \$115,000 Elijah Blake Exterior Preservation
- \$94,677 Daniel's New Bethel Church Roof Repair
- \$79,000 Immaculate Conception Church Window Repair
- \$63,300 Stearns Square Granite Bench Reinstallation
- \$55,000 Buckingham Fountain Restoration
- \$52,820 St Peter's Episcopal Church Window Repair
- \$45,000 32 Hampden Street Roof Repair

For more details, please visit <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/finance/community-preservation>.



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FREDERICK NEWMAN HOUSE ADDED TO THE MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC RESOURCE LIST

After a devastating fire, the Springfield Preservation Trust has named Frederick Newman House to its 2025 Most Endangered Historic Resources List. The Frederick Newman House, located at 37 George Street in Springfield, was devastated by a fire in mid-May. The historic gem is currently uninhabitable. Frederick Newman designed his home in 1896 as a Colonial Revival-style house. If the current owners can repair the home, then the Newman House, once restored, could again be a grand single-family residence or a bed and breakfast. SPT representatives met with the homeowners and provided them with information about the Springfield Community Preservation Committee programs. The homeowners are working with neighbors to apply for programs to restore the building.



Image by SPT, 2025

FREDERICK NEWMAN HOUSE HISTORY by Derek Strahan

This house was designed by its own resident, Frederick Newman, a prominent local architect who had designed a number of important commercial buildings in downtown Springfield, including the Chicopee Bank Building and the Court Square Building. The house was completed in 1896, and in the 1900 census he was living here with his wife Caroline, along with his niece and two servants. However, the Newmans only remained here until 1903, when they moved to New Hampshire. By 1910, the house was owned by Joseph Shattuck, Jr., a banker who worked as the treasurer of the Springfield Institute for Savings. He was 39 at the time, and lived here with his wife Fannie, their four daughters, and three servants.



Image by Public Works Administration, 1939

Yet another wealthy family owned the house in 1920, when Frank Fuller owned the house. He was the general manager and later president of Springfield's Moore Drop Forging Company, and in 1920 he lived here with his wife Jessie, three young children, and two servants. They were still here in 1930, and still with two servants living with them, although Frank died by the mid-1930s, and the family appears to have left soon after.

Learn more about the 37 George Street through this link:
<https://lostnewengland.com/2017/03/frederick-newman-house-springfield-mass/>

UPDATE TO WPA SECTION OF SPT WEBSITE

The Works Progress Administration was the largest New Deal agency, employing millions to carry out public works projects. One of the projects undertaken in Springfield was photographing every building in the city. This project took place in 1938 & 1939 and represents what Springfield looked like in the years between the Great Depression and World War II. The Trust has undertaken an effort to digitally scan these images, which are located in the Springfield Building Department.

Visit these streets and other photos from the Works Progress Administration of 1939 Springfield: <https://springfieldpreservation.org/wpa/>. Visit the new Rushville neighborhood streets: Dewey Street, Elizabeth Street, Hobson Street, Schley Street, and Rush Street.

7-9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET UPDATE

After a series of delays caused by heat waves, health issues, vacation schedules, and building permit requirements, work began on the facade in late August. The masonry work is going smoothly and without surprises, but severe deterioration to the roof structure was discovered near the left side of the building. Our roofer is now determining what additional work — and additional cost — will be needed to address it. A 2023 CPA grant is paying for roofing and exterior masonry.

On another front, SPT was fortunate to receive a CPA grant of \$300,000 towards structural stabilization, ensuring that the building does not settle further than it already has. We hope that a structural engineer can make an assessment and develop a plan in late autumn.

2025 CEMETERY TOURS: VOICES FROM THE GRAVE

On October 19, the Springfield Preservation Trust will host its annual 'Voices from the Grave' tour at the Springfield Cemetery. This unique experience, featuring five stops and starting at 1:00 pm, offers a fascinating insight into Springfield's rich history. We invite you to join us and discover the stories of those who shaped our city. Hour-long walking tours will depart every 15 minutes from Springfield Cemetery, located at 171 Maple Street, starting at 1:00 pm. The last tour will be at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$20 for SPT members and \$25 for non-members. Remember, this tour will happen rain or shine!

Tickets are available for purchase online through Eventbrite. Subject to availability, tickets can also be purchased in person with cash on October 19 at Springfield Cemetery.

2026 CITY OF HOMES CALENDAR

Calendars are available at Flowers Flowers, 758 Sumner Avenue, and the Flower Box, 596 Carew Street. Calendars will also be available at the Winter Forest Park Farmers Market beginning November 8 (when the market moves indoors). Calendars are \$20. If purchased online at: <https://springfieldpreservation.org> there is an additional cost of \$9 for mailers and shipping. Calendars help support our advocacy and educational efforts.

Thank you again for supporting the Springfield Preservation Trust!



Image of 7-9 Stockbridge ST, 2025



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SECOND SATURDAY TOUR: MADE IN SPRINGFIELD

October 11 at 10:30 am, explore downtown Springfield and learn about the places and people who invented and created in Springfield in its industrial heyday. Springfield is the home of the first gas-powered automobile, basketball, and so much more. See what made Springfield the center of innovation in the late 19th Century, and examine the geographies and buildings where it all began. This tour is hosted in partnership with the Springfield Museums and sponsored by the Springfield Cultural Council. Purchase your tickets through Eventbrite.



Image by Erica Swallow, 2025

2025 PRESERVATION AWARDS EXHIBIT

SPT 2025 Preservation Awards exhibit in the Wood Museum of Springfield History will be on display from November 1, 2025 to March 29, 2026. The Trust appreciates this partnership with Springfield Museums. This exhibit honors the people and organizations that are helping to restore historic structures in Springfield. Every year, the Trust showcases exemplary properties that represent the best preservation in Springfield over the previous year. Additionally, Springfield Museums will have free SPT membership days on January 11 and 12, 2026.



Image by Springfield Museums, 2025

GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 2

SPT's mission is to preserve and educate about Springfield's historic buildings. Please write a check, buy a membership purchase some SPT merchandise, or donate through PayPal to continue our mission activities. Visit the SPT website <https://springfieldpreservation.org> and check out the support tab to buy the 2026 City of Homes Calendar, a membership, or SPT merchandise. SPT can only do this historic preservation work with your support!



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