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Please include:

- ~Name of Contractor
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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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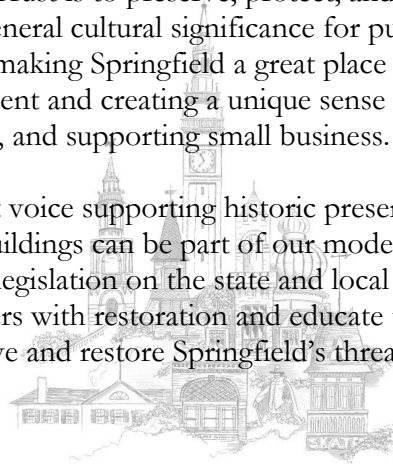
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### ABOUT THE SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

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

### WINTER 2026

*images above are  
2024 Winter Fundraiser and article  
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### WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

One of the primary missions of the Springfield Preservation Trust is advocacy. What is this? Our mission is to educate, preserve and advocate for our architectural and historical heritage, to recognize those who demonstrate an appreciation for their homes and buildings and to hold those who do not respect their buildings responsible by publicly pointing out problems.

This work over the past year has been highlighted by our efforts to save and restore the Stearns Square bench, to work with developers of a new Court House to retain the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We have brought attention to the Campanile, the Isolation Hospital, and numbers of other threatened buildings through our Most Endangered List.

We have spoken out about spot zoning in historic districts and worked with developers and the Historical Commission on appropriate designs for new construction in Historic Districts. We recognize great restoration work every year with our Annual Awards ceremony for homeowners, businesses, developers and organizations. Acknowledging quality work encourages others to do the same.

This work is done by our wonderful staff person, Kira Holmes and a committee of board members. Anyone interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Kira at advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org.

### PRESERVATION MASSACHUSETTS RECOGNIZES THE CAMPANILE

The Campanile (1913) has been named one of Massachusetts' *Most Endangered Historic Resources*. Since 1993, this list has been compiled and published by Preservation Massachusetts, the statewide nonprofit historic preservation advocacy organization. This iconic clock tower is featured as one of ten historic properties to preserve across the Commonwealth.

“Preservation of the Campanile is an essential step in amplifying a sense of pride in downtown Springfield.” said Jessica Rudden-Dube, Executive Director of Preservation Massachusetts. “We hope that listing the Campanile on the 2025 Most Endangered Historic Resources List will assist with preservation advocacy efforts and raise awareness of what needs to be done to restore this iconic clocktower in Springfield.”



Image by Kira Holmes, 2025

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Become a member at the Greek Revival level or higher to be listed.

Visit  
[springfieldpreservation.org/membership](https://springfieldpreservation.org/membership)

## FESTIVE IN FLANNEL 2026 WINTER FUNDRAISER

SPT is pleased to announce the 2025 Winter Fundraiser—with the theme “Festive in Flannel”—will be held at 1090 Worthington Street on February 1 from 1:00 to 3:30pm, a stately Tudor Revival with a rich historical significance, courtesy of homeowners and host Jesse & Emila Lederman. Step inside the Edward Coats House and settle into a scene straight out of the late Victorian era—where the glow of winter lights dances across dark wood paneling and leaded glass. Guests are invited to dress festive in flannel—layered with woolen scarves, soft knitwear, tweed, or velvet, blending modern comfort with turn-of-the-century charm. Imagine the gentle hum of conversation filling the rooms, much as it might have in 1899 when the home first welcomed winter callers. Whether wrapped in plaid, fleece, or tweed, attendees can bask in the home’s historic warmth and enjoy ambient respite befitting a grand Tudor Revival winter gathering.



Image by Jeff Morgan, 2025

The event will include music, hors d’oeuvres, wine, beverages, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, a home tour, and a welcoming atmosphere, thanks to hosts Jesse and Emila Lederman. We invite you to sponsor the fundraiser or contribute to our silent auction. For more information, please contact the Trust at [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org). Tickets are available on Eventbrite for \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

## BRIEF HISTORY: 1090 WORTHINGTON STREET HOME

This house, with Tudor Revival and Colonial Revival details, was designed by architect G. Wood Taylor, son-in-law of William Knight, who developed much of the neighborhood with his brother, John. This home was erected in 1899. Taylor-designed houses are also in Forest Park Heights and Ridgewood. The first owner was E. M. Coats, a liquor distributor. This home is located in the local historic McKnight district.



Image by Public Works Administration, 1939

The McKnight Historic District is a unique area that has given Springfield the nickname "City of Homes." From 1870 to 1900, the neighborhood blossomed into Springfield's first suburban development, and today it remains New England's most extensive collection of wood-frame Victorian homes. Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Local Historic District, McKnight stands as a living testament to an era of craftsmanship, charm, and architectural ambition.

## 2026 CITY OF HOMES CALENDAR

Calendars are available at Flowers Flowers, 758 Sumner Avenue, The Flower Box, 596 Carew Street, and at the Winter Forest Park Farmers Market. 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 by Marilyn Sutin, 2025

## 7-9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET UPDATE

SPT hosted a “Drop-By” on November 22 to mark the installation of a new roof and masonry repairs to the façade. More than two dozen members, funders, elected officials, contractors, and media attended. We no longer have water leaks or risk falling bricks! Work was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act and performed by MMC Specialty Roofing and TMR Mason Contractors.



Image of 7-9 Stockbridge ST, 2025

The next step in renovating our 1845 building is to remove hazardous material. O’Reilly, Talbot, & Okun Engineering is writing abatement specifications and will be seeking proposals from contractors for the work. This phase will be paid by the grant from the Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Once abatement is complete, our structural engineer, Ryan Hellwig, will draw up plans to prevent further building settlement. Stabilization work will be funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act.

We have applied for a matching grant to paint the exterior and refurbish ground floor wood windows from Preservation Massachusetts and the 1772 Foundation.

Given current construction costs, build-out of SPT’s office and the upper two floor apartments is expected to cost more than a million dollars. We will be meeting with Sarah Tanner of Financial Development Agency for several hours of pro bono consulting services regarding establishing a capital campaign.

## 2025 CEMETERY TOURS: VOICES FROM THE GRAVE

On October 19, SPT held its annual 'Voices from the Grave' tour at Springfield Cemetery. Thank you to the actors, docents, volunteers, staff, and sponsors, including Focus Springfield Community TV and the Turnberg & Swallow Team/Coldwell Banker. Videos are now available to watch here, thanks to Focus Springfield Community TV:



Image by Focus Springfield, 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWkQs9YYwsY&list=PL07n3otDBMUfezzRsUsvpicd2PJFmVObT>

SPT looks forward to everyone participating next year. If you want to volunteer, please email [info@springfieldpreservation.org](mailto:info@springfieldpreservation.org) or if you want to act, contact Michael Stevens at [mlstevens@comcast.net](mailto:mlstevens@comcast.net). SPT looks forward to next year's Voices of the Grave tour!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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### OPEN HOUSE TO SPT'S NEW OFFICE

For many years, SPT has been generously provided free space in the Mason-Wright Retirement Community, 74 Walnut Street. We've just relocated to a new office. Drop by Saturday, January 17 between 12:30 -2:00 pm to see our home. Light refreshments will be served, and a basket raffle of framed items will be held. Park in the lot closer to Union Street. We are in the gabled Emerson Building in the rear.

**DONALD COURTEMANCHE WINTER LECTURE SERIES** This year’s virtual lecture series is named in honor of Donald Courtemanche, SPT president between 2014-2019, and generously underwritten by Bob McCarroll. Lectures will be streamlined on the Springfield Preservation Trust Facebook Page. Please register through Eventbrite



Image by Jayden Bermudez, 2025

### LOST & REUSED SPRINGFIELD: WINS & LOSSES FOR HISTORIC SPRINGFIELD ARCHITECTURE

Learn about historic Springfield buildings which have been lost to demolition or neglect, or saved by preservation and reuse. Join SPT intern Jayden Bermudez and board member Jim Boone in this digital lecture on January 15 at 7pm.



Image by Bob McCarroll, 2025

### STORYBOOK ARCHITECTURE : A REVIEW OF FAIRYTALE-INSPIRED AMERICAN HOMES

Learn about whimsical, fairytale-inspired “Storybook Architecture” with local preservationist Bob McCarroll. Storybook architecture characterized by playful, exaggerated elements emerged in Southern California in the 1920s. The lecture will look at examples there and across the country on February 19 at 7pm.



Image by Wikipedia, 2025

### TRAILBLAZERS IN CARE: WOMEN IN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN SPRINGFIELD

This Women’s History Month, join us for a fascinating program exploring the stories of pioneering women who reshaped medicine and public health in Springfield and Western Massachusetts by Dr. Katherine Benson on March 19 at 7pm.