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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

SPRING 2026

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The Cutler & Porter and Produce Exchange Buildings
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THE CUTLER & PORTER BUILDING AND THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE BUILDING FUTURE DEMOLITION

SPT has been adamantly opposing the demolition of the architecturally and historically significant Cutler & Porter Building and Produce Exchange Building. These buildings, built in 1894 and 1899 respectively, are not only individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places but also represent important examples of local heritage. Despite these facts, the Springfield Historical Commission lifted the demolition delay ordinance

After that commission meeting, the SPT met with new owner and their team. SPT emphasized adaptive reuse for these buildings. Demolition is wasteful and short-sighted. Reuse is creative. The Trust also noted that the project's National Register status makes significant tax credit incentives available. Unfortunately, the new owner and his team, who are interested in possibly reusing the facade and historic materials, left the impression that these buildings will disappear regardless of whether they receive the Springfield courthouse project.

At the SPT Annual Meeting on March 1, these buildings were placed on our Most Endangered Historic Resource list. The Trust updated the community about this property and noted that another building from the list will be discussed at the next commission meeting. Most recently, the owner and his company attended a Springfield Historical Commission meeting to request that the demo delay on 135 Lyman Street be lifted. SPT's main concern is not to see more irreplaceable National Register Historic Places buildings become lost. Loss of historic Springfield buildings is permanent and detrimental to the city's history and economic future. The Trust urges that this outcome not become routine.

7-9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET UPDATE

We have hired Abide, a local environmental remediation firm, to remove asbestos from the building. Abatement will take place in mid-April, followed by a structural assessment and plans for stabilization. This phase of work will be paid by a grant from the Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

We have applied for CPA funding to install historically appropriate windows and exterior doors and will know in June if the application has been approved.



Image by SPT, 2025

SPT PRESERVATION AWARDS UPDATE

Circle your calendars for the Annual Preservation Awards on May 21 7pm and details to follow.

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

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FESTIVE IN FLANNEL 2026 WINTER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who attended and made our 2026 "Festive in Flannel" Winter Fundraiser possible! The circa 1899 Edward Coats House was a beautiful backdrop for the celebration courtesy of homeowners and hosts Jesse and Emila Lederman. Congressman Richard Neal was in attendance to speak about historic preservation efforts since the 1970s, which have established protections for and protected our gorgeous and inspiring "City of Homes." What a jubilee it was!



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Thank you, Al Dente's Catering, for the delicious array of hors d'oeuvres. Thank you to all of our silent auction donors for making a great array of items. Thanks to Robert Louder for providing the bar services. Your contribution was instrumental in making the event a success. Additionally, we thank all the SPT members and the public for gracing the event with their presence.

ANNUAL MEETING

On March 1, SPT held its Annual Meeting at Christ Church Cathedral. The 2026 Board of Directors was voted in. Then, president Erica Swallow reviewed last year's work and looked ahead to this year's. The meeting ended with a guest speaker, Steve Jablonski, Principal Architect of Jablonski DeVriese Architects, architect for 7-9 Stockbridge Street. He presented updates on the 7-9 Stockbridge Street project.



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The 2026 Board is: Erica Swallow (President), James "Sean" Johnson (Executive Vice President), Hope Lewis (Treasurer), Fred Lawis (Secretary), Bob McCarroll (Officer-at-Large), Richard Allen, Nathan Andary, Jim Boone, Laura Lachut, Robert Louder, Michael Stevens, and Marilyn Sutin.

Two properties were combined from this year's Most Endangered Historic Resource List. Then two properties were added due to endangered status: 113 and 127 Lyman Street (Cutler & Porter Building and the Produce Exchange Building), and 169 Maple Street.

The 2026 list is as follows:

The Campanile

139-141 Lyman St Chapman and Brooks Block

1676 Main St Massasoit House-Paramount Theater

63 Mulberry St

477 State St Gunn Block

145 Bay St, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

169 Maple Street

174-184 Maple St Row Houses

113 and 127 Lyman Street Cutler & Porter Building and the Produce Exchange Building

15 Hawley St

116 Mulberry St

1414 State St Isolation Hospital

60 Byers St, Thurston Munson House

201 Maple Street Andrew Wallace House, 225 Maple Street Lewis E. Tifft House, and 241 Maple Street David Ames Jr. House

TRUST AWARDED $23,000 STIPEND FOR SPRINGFIELD ARMORY HISTORY TOURS

By Erica Swallow

The Trust is honored to receive a $23,000 stipend from the American Alliance of Museums and National Park Service (NPS), as part of the two organization's Community Engagement Project program. The Trust will collaborate with the Springfield Armory National Historic Site to execute a suite of "Springfield Armory History Tours" this year.



Dennis Picard portrays Charles Colton, Revolutionary War captain, in the MA250 Cemetery Tour. Image by Focus Springfield, 2025

These in-person and virtual historical tours are centered around the history, importance, and influence of the Springfield Armory, the nation's first armory. The programs include (1) "Voices from the Grave: The People Who Shaped the Nation's First Armory" cemetery tour at the Springfield Cemetery, honoring the legacy of Springfield residents and transplants who founded and innovated at the Armory; (2) two in-person walking tours ("Hill Shops" and "Water Shops" tours as part of the Second Saturday Tours Program), and (3) filming and editing these tours, in partnership with *Focus Springfield,* for upload to the NPS Mobile App as the "Hill Shops" and "Water Shops" Self-Guided Tours. Program coordination will be a collaborative effort between Springfield Armory and the Trust. All programs will be free to the public, and will engage the community in history, historical architecture, and contemporary use and interpretation of the Armory.

SPRING COLONY HILLS HOUSE TOUR

SPT is again partnering with the Colony Hills Neighborhood Association on a house tour on Sunday, June 7 from 1 pm to 4 pm. South of Forest Park and straddling Springfield and Longmeadow, Colony Hills was developed in the 1920s with streets and landscaping designed by the Olmsted Brothers firm of Brookline. Prominent regional architects designed many of the houses in the Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival styles.



Image by Works Progress Administration, 1939

Tickets will be available after Memorial Day at Eventbrite. On tour day, tickets will be available at The intersection of Park Drive and Colony Road between 12:45 and 2:00 pm. SPT and CHNA members receive a discount. If you know of a Colony Hills home owner who might be interested in participating, email info@springfieldpreservation.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Image by SCC, 2026

SECOND SATURDAY TOURS This year's Second Saturday Tours are generously sponsored by Mass Cultural Council and Springfield Cultural Council. Tours are open to members and the public. Please sign up for each tour on Eventbrite. Tours will start at 10:30 am on the second Saturday of each month.



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AN ARCHITECTURAL TOUR OF SPRINGFIELD'S HISTORICAL MEDICAL FACILTIES

Our guide, Dr. Kate Benson, will share the histories and architecture of medical facilities of Springfield on April 11. This tour promises a unique and enlightening adventure—all from the comfort of a Peter Pan Bus. Hosted in partnership with Springfield Museums, and sponsored by Peter Pan Bus Lines, this tour will have you explore the exterior architecture of medical institutions. Please pay through Eventbrite.



Image by Springfield Armory, 2025

HILL SHOPS TOUR ON MAY 9

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. Please register the tour through Eventbrite. This tour will be free.



Image by PAHMUSA, 2025

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR ON JUNE 13

Visit locations and meet people that salute the perseverance, ingenuity, and resilience of some of Springfield's unsung early residents. The Underground Railroad, a network of many people and places, played a significant role in Springfield's history. This tour is in partnership with PAHMUSA and please pay through Eventbrite.