CONTRACTOR'S LIST

If you know a skilled craftsman that you would recommend, please let us know.

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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

SUMMER 2026

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ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

SPT held its yearly preservation awards ceremony at Springfield Performing Arts Ventures, where 11 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 South Congregational Church, SPT board members, staff, and awardees for a fabulous award ceremony.

- Emily Le porch exterior restoration of 288 Saint James Avenue
- Damian Phillips for porch restoration of 111 Dartmouth Terrace
- Brick By Brick Acquisitions LLC for exterior restoration of 163 Thompson Street
- Joe D. Eadie Senior JJJ17 LLC for exterior restoration of 14 Dorchester Street
- Jennifer E. & David J. Vose for renovation of 91 Pineywoods Avenue
- The Robert Holbrook Award for Stewardship went to Philip Burdick for 5 Ridgewood Terrace
- The George Pooler Award for Stewardship went to Victor Woolridge & the late Karen E. Hardy-Woolridge for 146 Longhill Street
- The Edward Sims Award for Stewardship went to Lisa Sotak for 60 Dartmouth Street
- The Hilton Abbott Award for Stewardship went to South Congregational Church for 45 Maple Street
- The Donald A. Courtemanche III Award went to Springfield Museums for 63 Chestnut Street. The building's tile roof and stucco walls were repaired, windows restored, and exterior painted
- The Donald Campion Award for Lifetime Achievement went to Gordon Pulsifer, whose specialty is the restoration and reuse of historic buildings, doing work of the highest quality.

7-9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET UPDATE



Image by SPT, 2025

Environmental abatement took place this spring. We are now hiring a contractor to remove dropped ceilings, partitions, and other interior features so our structural engineer can better assess the building and draw up stabilization plans. The Springfield Community Preservation Committee has recommended a $51,547 grant to install historically appropriate windows and doors and paint the façade. City Council will hear recommendations on June 22. We have received a $5000 grant from the 1772 Foundation and Preservation Massachusetts to help paint the exterior. We have received a $94,600 grant from the MA Cultural Council to build out our first floor office. It is a matching grant, so we will be looking to our members and supporters to help raise the necessary funds. We have again applied to the MassDevelopment Underutilized Properties Program for funds to pay for architectural construction plans.

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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.

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DEMOLISHED: CUTLER & PORTER BUILDING AND THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE BUILDING



Two buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the Produce Exchange Building (1899) and the Cutler & Porter Block (1894) at 113 and 127 Lyman Street—have now been fully demolished-lost forever.

What remains of their construction is reduced to piles of brick, wood, and debris, soon to be hauled away and deposited in landfills. With them goes a tangible piece of Springfield's history—lost not just in structure, but in memory, craftsmanship, and place.



These buildings stood as enduring reminders of Springfield's commercial and architectural history. After months of advocacy to save them, they were placed on SPT's Most Endangered Historic Resources List in March. Unfortunately, our efforts were not successful.

Photos by Jim Boone & Erica Swallow, 2026

PARTY ON THE POND SUMMER PARTY FUNDRAISER

Join us for the Annual Summer Party Fundraiser, set on nearly two acres of waterfront property, 154 Pondview Drive offers a spectacular setting for a summer afternoon of preservation and celebration. Enjoy sweeping views of Watershops Pond and the surrounding green space while mingling on the expansive grounds. Bountiful hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a bar will be available for libations. The afternoon will also feature a silent auction showcasing historic and contemporary items, experiences, and treasures.



Image by Jeff Morgan, 2026

Built in 1954. Joseph Chapdelaine built and lived in this house with his wife, Florida. The house was designed by James Fitzsimmons. Mr. Chapedlaine was president and treasurer of Joseph Chapedlaine, Inc., which advertised itself as "Builder of Fine Homes." The owner, Ray Chapdelaine, is the grandson of the Quebec native who specialized in building ranch houses under the Chapdelaine Construction name and developed much of that area. Joseph had four sons, all of which joined the family business. He used this property as both his office and home, and it featured "show-off" features for clients, such as paneled rooms and a slate roof. The "totem pole" of animals was chainsaw-carved seventeen years ago after a devastating snowfall had wrecked an oak and left standing the high snag that remains. Tickets are $50 for SPT members and $60 for non-members. Purchase tickets through Eventbrite.

DIGITAL ARCHIVING PROJECTS UNDERWAY TO VISUALIZE SPRINGFIELD HISTORY

By Erica Swallow

We are proud to share that we are making strong headway on two major digital archiving projects: the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Image Project and the Historic Springfield Postcard Archive, both of which are made possible by substantial volunteer efforts and donor funding.

Ongoing digitization work is being carried forward by consultant Devon McDaniel, made possible through John Zebb's philanthropic matching gift. The project has also benefited from sustained organizational support over its twelve-year completion window from Ben Murphy, Jim Boone, and Erica Swallow. We hope to share that by our next Annual Meeting, and housed on the existing webpage at springfieldpreservation.org/wpa. Beyond the WPA Image Project, we also began the Historic Springfield Postcard Archive in 2024 and are nearing completion. The Historic Springfield Postcard Archive catalogs more than 1,800 historic postcards dating as far back as the 1870s, featuring architecture, landscapes, industry, transportation, culture, and life in Springfield, Massachusetts. The archive primarily features postcards from two local collectors, Jim Boone and John Zebb. Digitization of the physical archive was made possible by the Photographic Archiving Committee of the Springfield Preservation Trust, with leadership and contributions from Committee Chair Marilyn Sutin, digitization and restoration artist Paul J. Meagher, collector Jim Boone, collector John Zebb, President Erica Swallow, Archival & Digital Design Intern Devon McDaniel, and the generosity of members and donors who sustain these crucial efforts.



Image by Erica Swallow, 2026

Professional digitization was completed, free of charge, at the Boston Public Library by Digital Commonwealth, a non-profit collaborative organization that provides resources and services to support the creation, management, and dissemination of cultural heritage materials held by Massachusetts libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives. Metadata capture and the website landing page design and development were completed by Devon McDaniel and funded single-handedly by John Zebb, without whom this project would not be possible. The archive will have a landing page on the Trust website and will be fully hosted at digitalcommonwealth.org. More to come as the digital archive is made public. We send our special gratitude to all involved, and to the members of the Photographic Archiving Committee, for making these projects a reality. We extend a heartfelt thank you to John Zebb for his generosity in funding both of these historical Springfield archiving projects. We look forward to announcing their completion!

Paul Meagher hosts the Photographic Archiving Committee at his home in February 2025. From left: Paul Meagher, Devon McDaniel, Marilyn Sutin, Jim Boone, John Zebb.

Cancelled: Spring Colony Hills House Tour

We are saddened to announce that the Colony Hills House Tour planned for June 7th was cancelled due to a lack of host houses procured. We will look to work with the Colony Hills Neighborhood Association to hopefully organize the tour for June 2027.

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.



Image by Springfield College, 2026

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND THE PHYSICAL
On July 11, explore the campus of Springfield College with Jeffrey Monseau and John Brady who will show you its unique history in sport and wellness as reflected in the buildings and grounds. Stand where Dr. James Naismith taught and played some of the earliest Basketball games and where William Morgan introduced the game of volleyball. See where the original Basketball Hall of Fame was. Learn the stories of how the College interacts with the Watershops Pond and the wider community.



Image by Springfield Armory, 2025

WATER SHOPS OF THE SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
On August 8 join us for a tour of the historic Water Shops at the Springfield Armory, with Springfield Armory National Historic Site staff member and tour guide Carl Steele. This specific tour, offered for free, is made possible through funding provided by the American Alliance of Museums and National Park Service.



Image by WPA, 1939

SOUTH END ORIGINS
On September 12, explore the South End, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Springfield, with Derek Strahan. This tour will explore the history and development of the South End from the 1600s through the 1800s, including the history of lost buildings that once stood on Main Street.