

SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

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TOUR VISITORS STREAM into 1930's brick Colonial Revival home on Trafton Road, the youngest house ever featured on a Trust tour. Although this residence is not situated in a designated historic district, it typifies the broad range of architectural styles now considered historic.

ANOTHER TOUR DE FORCE

OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR on May 20, 1984 featured our widest variety of homes yet, spanning over one hundred years of Springfield architectural history and tradition.

Tourgoers enthusiastically viewed five exceptional residences and bestowed numerous compliments on the Trust, not only our selection of houses but for our presentation of homes located in areas other than designated historic districts. An eye-opener for many area residents, this tour revealed the "hidden jewels" which can be found throughout the city.

Planning begins soon for next year's tour. If you would like to be a part of this important educational and fundraising event by serving on the Tour Committee or opening your home, please contact any one our Board members listed here in this newsletter.

BE A WATCHDOG!

Join the Advocacy Committee and help lead the Springfield Preservation Trust, the City of Springfield, and local businesses to good decisions around issues of historic preservation. Contact Jim Boone, 734-9110.

WALK THE BEAT!

Bob McCarroll, SPT Vice President/Education has launched plans for an intensive self-guided walking tour of Springfield's residential districts.

Slated for Sunday, October 14, 1984 this fundraising event will open the doors of twenty to thirty homes, featuring both houses and apartments from Lyman Street to Union Street and Main Street to Byers Street.

Historic preservation has played a pivotal role in our downtown renaissance, and this tour will highlight some of the best renovated housing in Western Massachusetts. While focusing continued attention on the exciting revitalization of Springfield's core, we will also inform the public about the many lifestyle alternatives offered by our downtown apartment complexes and residential areas.

SPT hopes to showcase another Springfield residential neighborhood next year.

Remember to circle Sunday, October 14th on your calendar and watch for further announcements in city newspapers. At press time tour fees have not yet been determined, but as usual Trust members will receive a ticket discount.

If you would like to help on the tour, please call Bob McCarroll at 736-0629.

"INDIAN SUMMER"

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will take place sometime in September.
Stay tuned for further announcements!

"MEET THE BOARD"

Elected and confirmed at June's Annual Meeting were:
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June Delp-Burdick, in her second year as President;
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Board Meetings are open to the public and convene at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Forest Park Library.

YOU HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE! Connecting Arbors

We all live and work in diverse environments. We read different newspapers and magazines, watch different television programs, and listen to different radio stations. We have friends from varying walks of life and business. If you see or hear anything that you feel would have a negative impact on historic preservation in the city, call or write Jim Boone, Vice President/Advocacy at 734-9110, Springfield Preservation Trust, 1111 Main Street, 01115. With your help we can track down information-- and ACT!

Jim Boone is looking for a person who would be interested in attending Springfield Historic Commission Meetings on a regular basis. Meetings convene on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at City Hall, 2nd floor. A continual Trust "presence" will keep us informed and provide us with the opportunity to express our preservation point of view often and clearly. Please call.

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ADVOCACY UPDATES

Most demolition and historic issues around the Hollywood Project seem to be resolved. Now the developers must get their financing together, and the City must submit the UDAG and finalize relocation plans. These latter topics have always been problematic in this project, although attention -- and blame -- have largely focused on historic preservation concerns.

There is also a more positive attitude about the development of the historic Indian Motorcycle Building. Preferred Developer Status has been reaffirmed by the Mayor and people are talking supportively. This is a project which must be watched closely. If anyone hears anything through the "grapevine" about its progress, please give Jim Boone a call at 734-9110.

In a recent, unsolicited letter the State pointed out to the City that the Springfield Preservation Trust has good ideas which should be respected. I think that statement is to our credit, and we shall all feel proud.

SOLD!

The Trust is pleased to announce that 15 Clarendon Street has been sold and that the new owners, with their children, have already moved in. Sears Real Estate has given the Kelly's a membership to the Trust as a housewarming gift. Thank you, Sears. And welcome to the Trust and to the McKnight neighborhood, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly.

Fire-damaged 174 Bowdoin Street will soon become an asset to the the community. The Trust is selling this abandoned house to Steve Haddad, who did such excellent restoration work on the Conservatory of Music on Byers Street in Springfield. Steve will strip the siding and restore the house in a manner acceptable to the Trust.

A great deal of positive restoration is taking place at the far end of Bowdoin Street -- take a drive by sometime. You'll be glad you did!

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