

Important Planning & Development Department Information

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

May marks the celebration of Historic Preservation Month. Citizens of Rock Hill will join others from around the country to commemorate this important event and reflect upon the hard work invested in the preservation and restoration of our historic resources. In 1987, the City Council recognized the importance of historic preservation by forming the Rock Hill Board of Historic Review. The Board, which is comprised of seven members, is charged with preserving the character of architecturally and historically significant structures.

We are proud that the City of Rock Hill has recently been recognized as a Preserve America Community. This initiative was developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Agriculture, and other associated agencies in order to recognize communities striving to preserve our national heritage. The program has designated more than 500 communities throughout the United States and U.S. territories. We celebrate our heritage with this designation and are proud that the City of Rock Hill has been recognized with this honor.

I invite you to use the month of May to invest time in historic preservation activities, including an invitation to attend the first annual "Flair for Repair" workshop we are co-hosting with Historic Rock Hill. I also invite you to attend one of the Rock Hill Board of Historic Review's monthly meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. For additional information, you may want to look at the Historic Preservation page on the City's website at www.cityofrockhill.com, Planning & Development Department.

Have a wonderful Historic Preservation Month.

Sincerely,

Addie M. Rutledge, Chair

VALUABLE INFORMATION

On Monday, March 23, City Council adopted amendments to the *Design Review Guideline Manual*. Adopted originally in 1989, this manual provides property owners with essential information regarding best practices for doing any type of work on historic properties. The new guidelines are currently available online and can be found on the Department Forms page of the Planning & Development webpage, www.cityofrockhill.com. Certificate of Appropriateness applications for minor maintenance improvements using same or similar design and materials as the original construction can be approved at a staff level. Other COA applications for more substantive improvements typically require approval from the Board. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Miller, 803/817-5129, jemiller@cityofrockhill.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why have Design Review Standards? These guidelines provide best practice methods for maintaining and preserving historic structures. The goal of having guidelines is to protect historic character for future generations.

Do I have to come before the Board for any interior work? The Board only considers work done to the exterior of historic properties.

What colors may I paint my house? You may paint your house any color you desire – the Board does not specify any particular colors. Historically, many homes were painted a variety of colors to highlight decorative features. In the mid-20th century, common practice dictated painting historic structures white in order to make details disappear and achieve a more streamlined look. Today, we encourage the use of dark or muted colors for the main structure and accent colors for decorative features.

HISTORIC ROCK HILL

On Saturday, May 30th, the Rock Hill Board of Historic Review and Historic Rock Hill will be co-hosting “A Flair for Repair”, a one-day workshop devoted to teaching a variety of historic restoration work, including plaster repair, window repair and brick mortar re-pointing. Additionally, the workshop will be offering an in-depth



behind the scenes view of the restoration work being performed at the White Home, site of this year’s workshop. Lunch from Augellos’ Coffeehouse is included as well as program materials. Registration is \$30 per person, \$25 per person for Historic Rock Hill members. ***Space is limited to the first 100 registered participants – please register by May 25th***. You can register by completing the form below and sending your check or credit card information to:

Historic Rock Hill/Workshop
PO Box 651
Rock Hill, SC 29731

If you have any questions or would prefer to give your credit card information by phone, please feel free to call Janice Miller, 803/817-5129 or Lisa Hendrix, 803/329-1020.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____