

Often times COA 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. Please refer to the attached pamphlet to learn more about the COA process and the Rock Hill Board of Historic Review.

Important Development Services Information

General Questions 803-329-5587
Robin Joas, Zoning Inspector 803-329-7088

Historic Preservation Webpage
www.cityofrockhill.com/development/historic.asp



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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.

One of the most significant projects to come before the Board this year was the redevelopment of the Cotton Factory Building into a mixed-use project. Once completed, the Cotton Factory will help serve as a catalyst for future Downtown Rock Hill redevelopment. Other important projects to come before the Board this year include Historic Rock Hill's ongoing restoration of the historic White Home and the redevelopment of the Realtor Building on West Main Street.

I invite you to use the month of May to invest time in historic preservation activities. Included in this newsletter is a note about an upcoming historic preservation lecture being facilitated by James "Rusty" Robinson. 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. Included with this newsletter is a brief overview of the role of the Board and the special requirements that apply to historic properties and properties located in historic districts. For additional information, please visit www.cityofrockhill.com/development/historic.asp.

Have a wonderful Historic Preservation Month.

Sincerely,

Addie M. Rutledge, Chair

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PRESERVATION RESOURCES

The lasting value created by preserving our historic resources has resulted in the availability of a large number of **free** historic preservation resources on the Internet. Information covering a wide range of topics is available such as how to overcome technical restoration challenges, financial resources available to historic property owners, how to connect with other preservation-minded groups and individuals, and other useful information.



Public and non-profit information resources of interest may include the National Parks Service Preservation Briefs and Technical Notes available at: www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm, the South Carolina State Historical Preservation Office at www.state.sc.us/scdah/histrcpl.htm, the National Trust For Historic Preservation at www.nationaltrust.org, the Palmetto Trust For Historic Preservation at palmettotrust.org, and the American Institute of Architects at www.aia.org/hrc_default.

There are also private businesses such as Traditional Building Magazine (www.traditional-building.com) and Old House Journal (www.oldhousejournal.com) that market building products identified as being historically consistent. While these may be valuable resources, keep in mind that products purchased from these and similar organizations are not necessarily endorsed by the Rock Hill Board of Historic Review



and State Historic Preservation Office for meeting design review requirements, or are considered to be consistent with generally accepted preservation practices.

We always recommend you check with the Rock Hill Historic Design Guidelines Manual located at www.cityofrockhill.com/development/historic.asp and City Development Services staff (803-329-5587) prior to making any exterior restorations within an historic district.

UPCOMING EVENTS



James "Rusty" Robinson with Historic Rock Hill will be facilitating a presentation entitled "The Builders Eye" that focuses on the process used to deconstruct historic buildings and interpret their historic period and resource. Particular attention will be paid to the ongoing work at the Historic White Home. The discussion will be held on May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.historicrockhill.com for the meeting location and additional information.

IS MY PROPERTY IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

A call to the Development Services Department (803-329-5587) can establish whether or not a property is within one of the designated districts. The department also has maps of the districts on file when a property owner applies for a Building Permit. If the property is within a designated district or is individually considered historic, the owner must obtain a COA application with their Building Permit.

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