The Wonder Bread Factory — officially known as Dorsch’s White Cross Bakery — was nominated by both DCPL and its owner in 2011. That same year it was added to the DC Inventory and in 2012 it was listed in the National Register. Since then, the former bakery has been rehabilitated and now includes office space, as well as a Children’s National clinic. DCPL looks forward to continuing its work from this historic landmark in the Shaw neighborhood.

2022 Historic Preservation 101/201 Seminar
Registration Open For DC Real Estate and DC Real Estate Appraiser Licensees!

ANC Registration Opens: Friday, August 26 (No Cost)
Non-Licensee Registration Opens: Friday, September 2 ($50)

Save the Date: Crab Feast 8 on Saturday, October 1, 2022 (12/Noon - 3 pm)
DCPL Awarded African American Civil Rights Grant

DCPL is pleased to announce it was recently awarded a $50,000 grant from the National Park Service to underwrite the research and documentation necessary to produce an historic context study that identifies important themes and sites related to Black women’s suffrage and the fight for equal rights in the District of Columbia. *Black Women Suffrage in Washington, DC: A Context Study* will help piece together the stories of Black women suffragists in the District who are currently underrepresented on both the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and National Register of Historic Places. It will also serve as the basis for future evaluation of properties nominated for inclusion in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. At the conclusion of the project, one new National Register nomination will be written and submitted, and one existing landmark nomination will be amended to include relevant information related to Black women’s suffrage. DCPL expects the project timeline will be September 2022 - September 2025.

This project is supported through an [African American Civil Rights grant](https://www.nps.gov/history/thematic/), provided by the Historic Preservation Fund, as administered by the National Park Service (NPS), Department of Interior. The African American Civil Rights grants fund a variety of projects from rehabilitation to oral history documentation, in coordination with state, Tribal, local government, and nonprofit partners. DCPL’s grant was one of 44 awarded for FY2021.

Landmarks Update

*National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children (Morehouse Home for Children)* | 750 19th Street NW

*Smithsonian Institution* | 1020 3rd Street NW
On July 28, 2022, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) officially designated the former headquarters of the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children — also known as the Merriweather Home for Children — as a historic landmark. The Second Empire-style building (ca. 1879) is located at 733 Euclid Street NW in the Pleasant Plains neighborhood. It is the only extant building associated with this important African American institution and its remarkable social history.

DCPL is thankful to the many passionate community members who supported this nomination — the nomination received over 40 letters of support! Because of this grassroots activism, the one-time raze application has been halted and the building has been historically designated. It will now be incorporated into future redevelopment at the site.

On the same day, HPRB also designated the Schlitz Brewing Company Washington Branch/National Geographic Society Warehouse as a historic landmark. Located at 326 R Street NE in the Eckington neighborhood, the warehouse complex retains both historical and architectural significance, and is a link to DC's industrial and railroad history. The complex includes the Schlitz Brewing Company building (1908) facing Randolph Place and the National Geographic Society warehouse (1924) at 3rd and R streets — as well as three additions, with the last constructed in 1937.

For more information about DC's newest landmarks, please see the following links.

Merriweather Home for Children
Schlitz/National Geographic Warehouse

Upcoming Webinar
San Antonio Conservation In the 21st Century
Wednesday, August 24th | 12:00pm - 1:00pm EDT


Join the DC Preservation League and The Conservation Society of San Antonio on Wednesday, August 24th at 12:00pm EDT (11:00am CDT) for a webinar about San Antonio conservation in the 21st century! This presentation will be led by the Conservation Society’s Executive Director, Vincent L. Michael, PhD.

Founded in 1924, The Conservation Society of San Antonio is one of the first community preservation groups in the United States. Beginning with efforts to preserve such unique sites as the city’s Spanish Colonial missions, they are responsible for saving many of the historic attractions that make San Antonio the top tourist destination in Texas!

This virtual program is free and open to the public. It will also be streamed live to DCPL’s Facebook page.

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