



# Newsletter

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## A Successful Leap Day Fundraiser!



On February 29th, the DC Preservation League (DCPL) hosted a successful Leap Day Fundraiser! Guests enjoyed conversation and a delicious dinner in the historic Pepco Building. A big thank you to our members and sponsors for supporting DCPL and making it a memorable night!

## DCPL Awarded Competitive Funding from the National Park Service!



The Ralph J. Bunche House, a historic landmark in Brookland. This house was designed by Hilyard Robinson and completed in 1941. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

The DC Preservation League (DCPL) is pleased to announce it will receive a \$75,000 grant from the National Park Service to develop A National Register Multiple Property Document focused on sites in the District of Columbia that were designed by Black Architects.

This Multiple Property Document will establish an historic context and identify themes related to the professionalization of Blacks in design and their influence on DC's built environment through time. The project will also formally identify/document properties that are representative of the impact Black architects have had on the built environment of DC. The MPD will include one new nomination to the National Register and set the stage for future nominations to both the DC Inventory and the National Register.

“The National Register is the official list of our Nation’s historic places that are worthy

of preservation,” NPS Director Chuck Sams said. “The National Park Service is proud to work with our Tribal, State, and local partners through the Underrepresented Communities grant program to ensure that the National Register better reflects the important places and significant stories of all Americans.”

Funding for this project comes from the National Park Services’ Underrepresented Community Grants Fund, from the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The fund supports efforts to identify historic and cultural resources related to communities that have often been overlooked in traditional planning and preservation efforts. The program also encourages nominations to the National Register of Historic Places to increase representation for traditionally underrepresented communities of color.

A request for proposals from qualified consultants will be published in May 2024. If you have any questions about the grant, please contact [kelli@dcpreservation.org](mailto:kelli@dcpreservation.org).

## DCPL Submits Testimony to DC Council's Committee of the Whole for Agency Performance Oversight Hearings

Every year the DC Preservation League (DCPL) submits testimony to the DC Council's Committee of the Whole for its annual Agency Performance Oversight Hearings. As in past years, DCPL testified at the Office of Planning's and Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's oversight hearings. This year, [as DCPL continues to advocate for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Foundry Branch Trolley Trestle](#), Rebecca Miller, DCPL Executive Director, testified at the Department of Transportation's oversight hearing. Click below to read the full remarks.

[Click Here for the 2024 Testimony](#)

## "How Long Must Women Wait?" Women's Suffrage in Washington, DC, 1848-1973 (Webinar)

Wednesday, March 27th, 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT  
Virtual/Webinar



Young girls at a protest in the 1970s. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

The fight for women’s suffrage has roots all across America, but many of its most important moments have taken place in Washington, DC. In addition to local activists who fought not only for women’s suffrage but for suffrage for all DC residents, women came from all over the country to Washington, DC, to campaign and lobby Congress for voting rights. Join [Quinn Evans](#) architectural historians Ruth Mills and Patti Kuhn Babin for this Women’s History Month webinar, based on a recently completed historic context study that recognizes important themes, people, and places that define the history of women’s suffrage in Washington, DC. The webinar will also provide an in-depth look at several historic sites in Washington that played an important role in the women’s suffrage movement.

*This program is free and open to the public. Please register online to participate.*

[Register Here](#)

## DC History & Architecture Trivia Night

Wednesday, March 27th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM EDT  
In-Person at Metrobar, 640 Rhode Island Avenue NE





Interior of the adapted Metro car now used as a bar space. Photo courtesy of Metrobar.

Want to try your luck at our DC history and architecture trivia night? Bring a friend, have a drink, and answer some hyperlocal trivia designed for DC residents. Please note that [Metrobar](#) is a 21+ venue. We hope to see you there!

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