



Newsletter

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Landmark Update

John Joseph Earley House Designated a Historic Landmark



Undated photo of the John Joseph Earley House in Mount Pleasant. Photo courtesy of the David Alfuth Collection.

On February 27, 2025, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board designated the [John Joseph Earley House](#) (1710 Lamont Street NW) a historic landmark. This DC Inventory landmark includes a rare interior designation for most of the first floor, which has been lovingly restored and cared for by longtime homeowners Raymond DiPhillips and David Alfuth, who co-sponsored the nomination with the DC Preservation League.

This Italian Renaissance Revival style rowhouse was designed by prolific DC architect Waddy B. Wood (Wood, Donn & Deming) for self-described “architectural sculptor” John J. Earley (1881-1945) and his family. Earley lived here for over 30-years, from 1911 to 1942. During this time, he led a successful career working on numerous projects around DC and the nation, including [Meridan Hill Park](#) and [Sacred Heart Catholic Church](#). He is best known for his work with architectural mosaic concrete; specifically, the “Earley Process” for formulating colorful aggregate-based concrete. Earley’s workmanship is visible in the house’s concrete-walled atrium, and the parlor and dining room’s concrete fireplaces. These spaces are now protected, along with the exterior of the residence.

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Women in Preservation Panel

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

In-Person, District Architecture Center (421 7th Street NW)



Photograph of the exterior of the District Architecture Center (DAC). Photo courtesy of the DAC.

This month, join the DC Preservation League and the American Institute of Architects at the [District Architecture Center](#) (421 7th Street NW) for an engaging panel discussion focused on women’s experiences in preservation. The panel will be

moderated by DCPL's Executive Director Rebecca Miller, and [will include Marnique Heath, FAIA, Sarah Vonesh, Betsy Merritt, and Lauren McHale](#). Panelists will discuss career trajectories, common challenges, and favorite projects. Don't miss out on this engaging event!

This event has a ticket cost of \$15.00 for DCPL & AIA members, and \$25.00 for non-members. Please register online to attend.

[Register Here](#)

Wikimedia Event: Women's History Edit-A-Thon

Monday, March 31, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Virtual, Zoom



Photograph of the National Training School for Women & Girls. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Do you love Wikipedia? This is the event for you! In this special event, you can learn how to edit and correct Wikipedia pages to improve public information. Join the DC Preservation League and [Wikimedia DC](#) to help correct Wikipedia pages focused on women's historic sites in Washington, DC. The session will include both training and time for individual editing.

This event is free and open to the public. Please register online to receive the Zoom link in your inbox.

[Register Here](#)

Sports and Recreation in DC New Virtual Tour Available at DC Historic Sites



Griffith Stadium, January 9, 1947. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Sports and recreation began to thrive in 19th century Washington, DC, as more residents started joining clubs and spending their down time in public green spaces. Industrialization caused a decrease in working hours, which gave people in the United States in the 19th century more time for hobbies and leisure activities. Since then, Washingtonians have enjoyed a wide range of activities including baseball, bicycling, boating, bowling, canoeing, football, golf, horseback riding, swimming, yachting, and more.

This tour highlights iconic spaces of sports and recreation that have been well-loved by residents of Washington, DC, over the decades. It explores buildings and sites (some that are no longer extant, [such as Griffith Stadium pictured above](#)) that served and/or continue to serve as spots for city residents to engage with the community and participate in leisure and athletic activities. Through 27 stops, this tour showcases the unifying power of sports and recreation, while exploring the response of minority communities to exclusion from the city's public spaces.

Update on the Carter Barron Amphitheater Restoration



Rendering of what the restored Carter Barron Amphitheater will look like, courtesy of Rock Creek Conservancy and the Carter Barron Alliance.

[Rock Creek Conservancy and the Carter Barron Alliance](#) recently released a rendering of the proposed restoration of the beloved Carter Barron Amphitheater in Rock Creek Park. For nearly 70 years, this amphitheater just off Colorado Avenue NW served Washington, hosting numerous performances from Shakespeare plays to Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, and Bruce Springsteen. Following structural concerns, the venue closed in 2017. Since then, the venue has gone into a state of deterioration that has been accelerated by vandalism and weather. In May 2024, the DC Preservation League, Rock Creek Conservancy, and the National Park Service led a tour to highlight the threatened site and its important history.

Through the [Brightwood Car Barn Grant Fund](#), DCPL is providing a grant of \$10,000 to the Rock Creek Conservancy for the project's design documents. These documents are an important step towards making the restoration a reality, so that audiences can once again enjoy this spectacular, one of a kind venue.

Please click below to learn more about the revitalization and to watch *DC's Heartbeat: A Carter Barron Amphitheater Story*, a newly released documentary.

[Carter Barron Alliance](#)

[National Park Service](#)

[Carter Barron Documentary](#)

LeDroit Park Home & Garden Tour

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 1:00 - 5:00 PM



The LeDroit Park Civic Association is hosting the LeDroit Park Home & Garden Tour on Saturday, April 26th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm (rain date is Saturday, May 3rd). Attendees will tour at least eight homes and gardens that showcase a diverse array of architectural styles and floricultural delights. Funds raised by this year's Home & Garden Tour will go directly to LPCA for the benefit of the community.

Early bird tickets are \$40 through April 4th and \$50 after April 4th, and will also be sold day-of. Limited VIP tickets are also available at \$100. Click below to learn more and purchase your ticket.

The civic association is also looking for event volunteers. In exchange for volunteering for 2 hours, volunteers will get a free ticket (\$50 value). Click below to sign up as a volunteer.

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WEDNESDAY
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6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Hosted at the Whittemore House
1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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