



Newsletter

September 2025

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Crab Feast 11

Saturday, September 27th | 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Washington Canoe Club
3700 Water Street NW



Join the DC Preservation League and the [Capital Pride Alliance](#) for their annual Crab Feast at the historic [Washington Canoe Club](#), one of DC’s most picturesque locations on the banks of the beautiful Potomac River.

This event takes place entirely outdoors, with canoes and paddle boards available for adventures on the water.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 27th, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Rain Date: October 11th)

Tickets: \$85 for ages 13+; \$25 for kids 12 and under. Includes: all-you-can eat crabs, shrimp, corn on the cob, hot dogs, and ice cream + beer, wine, soda, and water available. Limited seating available: Get your tickets now!

Cancellations/Refunds: Requests for refunds will only be considered more than 5 days prior to the event, and transaction fees will be subtracted from the refund total. Cancellations 5 days or less from the event will not be refunded, but the ticket cost can be converted to a tax-deductible donation. If you have any questions, please email Kelli Knox, kelli@dcpreservation.org.

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New Data from the Study of the Economic, Social, and Racial Equity Impact of Historic Preservation

The DC Preservation League is working in partnership with the [DC Office of Planning, PlaceEconomics](#), and [Brick & Story](#) to develop a first-of-its-kind historic preservation impact study. The final product, which is planned to be released in early 2026, will combine research, data analysis, and community input to lay out the impacts of historic preservation on economic, social, and racial equity in Washington, DC.

Some facts highlighted by the DC Office of Planning in their July Newsletter:

- While 25.5% of DC’s land area is covered by historic designation, that area includes park/parkway districts and government and institutional districts (such as medical, school, and religious campuses), which can’t be developed. Residential historic districts make up 7.7% of DC’s land.
- These residential historic districts are home to 120,500 people and are both denser on average and less racially diverse than the city as a whole.
- Density of many residential historic districts mirrors the density found elsewhere in the ward, for example (as seen in the graph below), Ward 2 has 31 people per acre in historic districts and 30 people per acre on average in the rest of the ward. On the other hand, Ward 7’s Kingman Park has 31 people per acre, compared to 21 for the non-designated parts of the Ward.
- Just over one in three residents of historic districts are non-white, compared to two in three for non-historic districts. Even within majority-Black wards, some residential historic districts have a higher share of white residents. For example, Bloomingdale, Kingman Park, and Mount Vernon Square historic districts in Ward 5 are 45.5% white on average, while the undesignated parts of the Ward are only 25% white.

The project is approximately 60% funded and DCPL continues to seek support from grantmaking foundations, neighborhood preservation groups, the building industry, and other interested stakeholders. This work is a critical priority for DCPL, and members and supporters are encouraged to donate (link below). All funders will be acknowledged in the final report.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Rebecca Miller, rebecca@dcpreservation.org.



Discovering Deco DC: Events Recap



Attendees learning more about the Greyhound Bus Terminal (1940), 1100 New York Avenue NW, on a recent walking tour of Downtown DC's Art Deco architecture, led by ADSW President Steve Knight. Photo by Zachary Burt.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Paris International Exposition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts that introduced Art Deco to the world, the DC Preservation League and the [Art Deco Society of Washington](#) recently partnered on a webinar and walking tour.

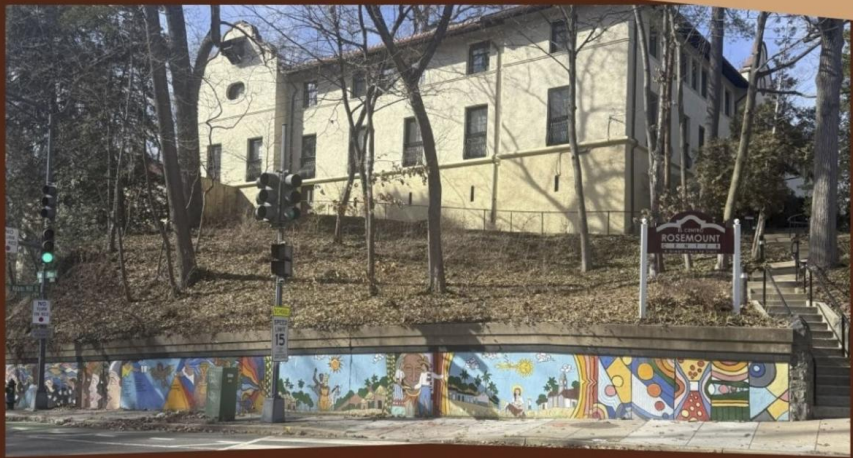
You can now watch a recording of the webinar, *Discovering Deco DC*, presented by ADSW President Steve Knight. Additionally, a virtual Art Deco tour is available at DC Historic Sites. Both resources can be found at the link below. Thank you to Steve Knight and the rest of the team at ADSW for collaborating on two great events!

Discovering Deco DC
Webinar

DC Historic Sites Art Deco
Tour

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Together



Rosemount Center and Mural in Mt. Pleasant - Photo by Zachary Burt

The DC Preservation League is committed to celebrating and recognizing the stories and historic sites associated with DC's Hispanic community.

Thanks to a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grant, DCPL and the DC Office of Planning were recently able to collaborate on *The History of the Latino Community of Washington, DC, 1943 - 1991*, a historic context study. This document, which can be found at the below links, provides a thematic framework on the formation and evolution of a self-identified Latino community in Washington, DC, during World War II and through the postwar decades.

The study resulted in two new historic landmarks listed on both the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places: House of Mercy (Rosemount Center) and the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC). In addition to these two historic landmarks, the documentation for the Mount Pleasant Historic District was expanded to include Latino history.

Click below to learn more about this documentation:

Historic Context Study

Estudio del Contexto Histórico

House of Mercy (Rosemount Center)

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)

Mount Pleasant Historic District (Additional Documentation)

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