



Newsletter

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2025 Year End Giving Campaign

To all DCPL Members, Supporters, Friends, and Followers:

This year has been unlike any other in DCPL's history. There is so much at stake and DCPL's work to preserve and protect the historic built environment in Washington, DC cannot continue without the generous support of its members and friends.

Please consider a year-end gift to help the organization launch into 2026 stronger than ever!

All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you in advance!

[Make a Year End Donation](#)

Advocacy Update

GSA has AGREED to the Court's and Plaintiffs' call to refrain from all planning activities at EEOB



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The General Services Administration (GSA) has AGREED to the Court's and Plaintiffs' call to refrain from all planning activities advancing the President's scheme to paint the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) until the Court has a chance to hear the parties argue the case more fully on its merits early next year. Previously GSA had only committed to refrain from contracting for and doing the painting, and Plaintiffs were worried about the public being kept in the dark as the project proceeded secretly.

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DCPL Membership Pricing Increase

Starting January 5, 2026, DCPL's Individual Membership fee will increase from \$55 to \$65, and the Dual /Friend Membership fee will increase from \$100 to \$120. This is the first time DCPL has raised its membership pricing since 2017.

If your current membership has a 2026 expiration date, you can renew before January 5 to secure an additional year at 2025 pricing!

For example, if current membership expires in March 2026, you can renew online before January 5 (or send a check postmarked before January 5) and the membership will be extended through March 2027 at the current \$55 or \$100 membership cost. You are simply paying in advance for your renewal. If you wait to renew in March 2026, the new fees will apply.

Membership benefits include discounted ticket costs for educational events and invitations to special events each year. Membership dollars are also a critical part of DCPL's budget each year—we need you to help DCPL keep leading historic preservation efforts here in Washington, DC!

If you have any questions about your current membership or about renewing before the price increase, please email kelli@dcpreservation.org

Landmarks Update

Greyhound Bus Terminal (including Interior Lobby & Waiting Room)
1100 New York Avenue NW



Looking southeast at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, 1100 New York Avenue NW. Photo by John DeFerrari.

On November 20, 2025, the Historic Preservation Review Board approved a nomination amendment for the Greyhound Bus Terminal, located at 1100 New York Avenue NW. The terminal (exterior only) was first listed in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites in March 1987. The 2025 nomination amendment, submitted by both the DC Preservation League and the [Art Deco Society of Washington](#), included additional documentation related to the former terminal's social history and expanded the designation to include the interior lobby and waiting room.

The Greyhound Bus Terminal, designed by William S. Arrasmith and completed in 1940, is a classic Streamline Moderne landmark of clear planar and curvilinear forms with smooth surfaces. For more than 40 years, from 1940 to 1987, the terminal was an important transportation hub for the city, especially during the years of World War II. Most famously, the terminal served as one of two departure points in DC for the 1961 Freedom Rides, sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). The Freedom Rides became a significant moment for the Civil Rights Movement.

Threatened with demolition after its closure in 1987, the Greyhound Bus Terminal was saved by preservationists from the DC Preservation League, the Art Deco Society of Washington, and the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, who mobilized quickly and successfully to have the building added to the DC Inventory that same year.

Notably, in an effort to "modernize," the terminal's exterior had been enclosed with a slipcover of cement-asbestos wall and metal mansard roof panels in 1976. Preservationists successfully argued that the slipcover had been added with minimal impact to the original exterior, and that once the slipcover was removed the streamlined design of 1940 would be found. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, the historic landmark's exterior, and interior lobby and waiting room were restored.

Today, the former terminal serves as the entrance pavilion to a 12-story office building, completed in 1991. The historic landmark designation now includes the interior lobby and waiting room, with a new period of significance that extends from the terminal's opening in 1940 to the completion of the restoration in 1991.

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2025 Landmarks in Review



Clockwise from top left: Euram Building, Latin American Youth Center (LAYC), Holy Name College, James Sherwood Farmhouse, Greyhound Bus Terminal, and John Joseph Earley House.
Photos by John DeFerrari, Heather McMahon, EHT Tracerics, and the DC Historic Preservation Office.

In 2025, seven historic landmarks were added to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites — five of which were sponsored or co-sponsored by the DC Preservation League (DCPL). In addition to these five landmarks, DCPL sponsored a nomination amendment to the Mount Pleasant Historic District designation, and co-sponsored, with the [Art Deco Society of Washington](#), an amendment to the Greyhound Bus Terminal designation.

In February, the John Joseph Earley House at 1710 Lamont Street NW in Mount Pleasant was designated by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). This nomination was co-sponsored by DCPL and the homeowners, Raymond DiPhillips and David Alfuth, and included an interior designation for most of the residence's first floor. The property has since been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

In May, two new landmarks were designated by HPRB: the Euram Building, a Modernist office building at 21 Dupont Circle designed by Hartman-Cox Architects, and the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC), a rowhouse building at 3045 15th Street NW important to Washington's Latino community. Also in May, additional documentation was added to the Mount Pleasant Historic District designation, which became a historic district in 1987. The additional documentation includes Latino social history between 1962 and 1991. The designation of LAYC and the additional documentation for Mount Pleasant resulted from [The History of the Latino Community of Washington, D.C. 1943-1991](#) historic context study (2025). The study and nominations were funded through the [National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities Grant Program](#).

In July, Marist College, also known as Marist Hall and located on the campus of The Catholic University of America, was designated by HPRB, and has since been added to the National Register. In October, after pending with HPRB for nearly a decade, DCPL's nomination for Holy Name College and the James Sherwood Farmhouse at 1400 Shepherd Street NE in Brookland was approved by HPRB. The following month, the nomination amendment for the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 1100 New York Avenue NW was approved by HPRB. The historic landmark now includes important documentation related to the terminal's social history, as well as an interior landmark designation (see above story).

Throughout 2025, three other properties were officially added to the DC Inventory and/or National Register: Randle Highlands School (1650 30th Street SE); the U.S. Naval Observatory, U.S. Naval Observatory and Hydrographical Office (within the U.S. Naval Observatory); the World War I Memorial at Pershing Park (14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW); and Francis Junior High School (2425 N Street NW).

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Preservation Initiatives Grant Program

2026 Application Now Open



The Preservation Initiatives Grant Program's 2026 application is now open through March 20, 2026. This grant program, administered by the DC Preservation League, provides matching grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations for preservation planning, research, outreach and education, and bricks and mortar projects related to historic and cultural sites. These grants are intended to help stimulate public discussion, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, make technical expertise accessible, and encourage partnerships.

The program is supported by two separate funding sources and is focused on specific areas of the District: Brightwood Car Barn (Ward 4) and Virginia Avenue Tunnel (Area of Potential Effects in Southeast Washington).

Two online grants workshops are scheduled for early 2026: January 13th and February 11th. Please click below to register. If you have any questions, please contact Zachary Burt, DCPL's Community Outreach and Grants Manager, at zach@dcpreservation.org

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In Case You Missed It!

A Walk through River Terrace: Home, Community and Activism in a Northeast DC Waterside Neighborhood Webinar



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On December 11th, the River Terrace Community Organization's Art, Culture and Events Committee joined the DC Preservation League for an online webinar presentation and Q&A about the River Terrace neighborhood. This popular webinar is now available for viewing on YouTube and can be found at the below link.

River Terrace is a small, cul de sac community of about 2000 residents located on the bank of the Anacostia River in northeast Washington, DC. Once predominantly rural, modern day River Terrace was laid out in 1937 as a whites-only community featuring a school, grocery store and church, with 'Rustic English Village' inspired brick row houses designed by renowned architect George T. Santmyers. River Terrace was one of the first neighborhoods in DC to desegregate in 1948 when restrictive covenants in house deeds

were declared unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court, and since then has been home to many of the city's Black luminaries. The River Terrace Community Organization, founded in 1950, is the longest running continually active community organization in the country.

Thank you to the River Terrace Community Organization's Art, Culture and Events Committee for an informative presentation. DCPL looks forward to collaborating on a neighborhood walking tour in spring 2026. Details TBA!

[Watch Webinar](#)

Amex Shop Small Grants Program



Applications are now open through January 16, 2026 for the [Amex Shop Small Grants Program](#) — a partnership between Main Street America and American Express. The program will distribute \$5 million through 250 grants.

Eligible small businesses, including those in DC, can apply for grants of \$20,000. Click below to learn more and apply today!

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