



Newsletter

January 2026

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2026 Preservation Initiatives Grant Application Now Open

Grant Workshop on Wednesday, February 11 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Online via Zoom



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).

The third and final grant workshop is on Wednesday, February 11th at 12 pm on Zoom. 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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New DCPL Membership Pricing

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

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, please email kelli@dcpreservation.org

[Membership Info](#)

In Case You Missed It!

Webinar: Historic Designation 101 Available on YouTube



John Joseph Earley House at 1710 Lamont Street, NW; Designated with Interior Spaces in 2025; Photo by John DeFerrari

The webinar Historic Preservation 101 is now available for viewing on the DC Preservation League's YouTube channel. In this webinar, Zach Burt, DCPL's Community Outreach and Grants Manager, provides an overview of Washington, DC's historic landmark designation process, the DC Inventory of Historic Sites, and the National Register of Historic Places.

[Watch Webinar](#)

Upcoming Webinar: Overview of DC's Design Review Process

Wednesday, January 21 | 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Online via Zoom



Washington Heights Historic District; Photo by Zach Burt

Did you know that most projects in historic districts can be approved by Historic Preservation Office staff without going to a Historic Preservation Review Board meeting? In this virtual presentation, join DCPL and Todd Jones from DC's Historic Preservation Office to learn how design review is conducted, the difference between concept and permit approvals, and when it's necessary to go to the Board.

This webinar is free and open to the public; Zoom link will be shared closer to the event date.

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming Webinar: The Windows in Our Historic Buildings

Thursday, January 29 | 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Online via Zoom



Photo by Carol M. Highsmith

Join DCPL for this webinar focused on how to assess the windows on historic properties, with expert guidance on how to decide if you should replace or repair what is in place.

This webinar will be presented by John Sandor, who is a longtime DCPL Member, former President of DCPL's Board of Trustees, and an Architectural Historian who recently retired from the Technical Preservation Services Branch of the National Park Service. In that role, he was the lead on approving windows as part of the National Park Service's Federal Historic Tax Credit program.

This webinar is \$10 for DCPL Members and \$20 for General Public. Zoom link will be shared closer to the event date.

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