



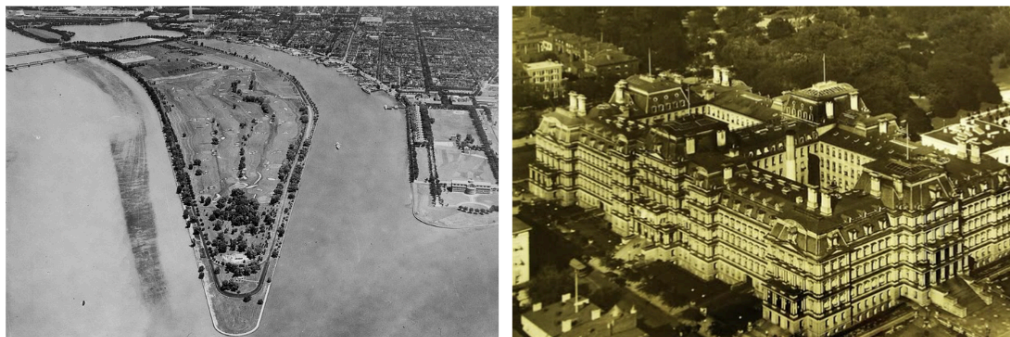
Newsletter

March 2026

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Advocacy Update

East Potomac Park and the Eisenhower Executive Office Building



Photos of East Potomac Park (left) and the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (right). Photos courtesy of the Library of Congress.

East Potomac Golf Course (East Potomac Park)

The DC Preservation League (DCPL) is involved in a legal battle to protect the historic East Potomac Golf Course from federal redevelopment efforts to transform it into a PGA-caliber venue. In February 2026, DCPL and local golfers filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service for claims of noncompliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Issues include: loss of integrity to the Walter J. Travis-designed golf course and John J. Earley stone work; environmental concerns about fill dirt from the White House Ballroom project; and the loss of public access in a congressionally designated recreation area. Democracy Forward Foundation, Lowell & Associates, PLLC, and Democracy Defenders Fund represent the plaintiffs.

Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)

DCPL continues its advocacy for the preservation of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building's historic integrity. The organization filed legal action with the law firm Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC, against proposals to alter its exterior, especially plans to repaint its historic granite façade.

Oral arguments originally took place in December 2025. In January 2026, the Department of Justice filed new documents asserting that the case was moot because the General Services Administration has delegated authority to the Office of the Executive over the project, and if the President decides to move forward with the project, they would voluntarily comply with both the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Protection Act. Major changes require federal review due to the building's landmark status.

DCPL will keep its members updated on any upcoming developments or hearings of interest.

Landmark Update

Shrine of the Sacred Heart (including Interior), 3211 Pine Street NW



The Shrine of the Sacred Heart from Park Road NW. The church was dedicated in December 1922 and was designed by Frederick V. Murphy in a Northern Italian Romanesque Revival and Byzantine-Romanesque style. Photo by John DeFerrari.

On February 26, 2026, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board approved a landmark nomination amendment for the [Shrine of the Sacred Heart](#) (3211 Pine Street NW). In November 1964, this church was added to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites by the Joint Committee on Landmarks. However, as was common at the time, this listing did not include documentation for the church's historical and architectural significance. Therefore, the DC Preservation League submitted a nomination amendment in December 2025 that

includes full documentation related to the church's architecture and social history, as well as protection for the church's interior sanctuary.

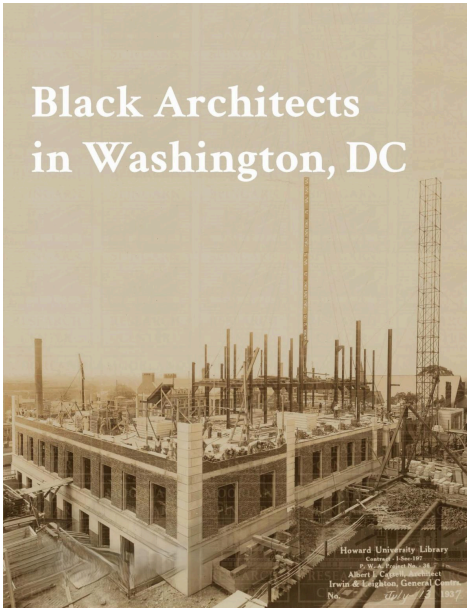
The Shrine of the Sacred Heart was dedicated in December 1922 and was designed by Frederick V. Murphy of Murphy & Olmsted (with Maginnis & Walsh as associate architects) in a Northern Italian Romanesque Revival and Byzantine-Romanesque style. The church's interior sanctuary features concrete mosaics and murals, which are the work of "architectural sculptor" John J. Earley — [who lived nearby in Mount Pleasant](#). Following his work at Sacred Heart, Earley would design other church interiors.

In 1948, Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle became the first archbishop of the newly-established Archdiocese of Washington. Archbishop O'Boyle was committed to desegregation within the archdiocese's parishes and parochial schools. Simultaneously, during this postwar period, Washington's Latino population began to increase, particularly in the Mount Pleasant and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. In turn, more Latinos began to attend services at Sacred Heart Church. In 1976, Father Joaquin A. Bazan became the church's first Latino Pastor. The parish has been described as "one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the Archdiocese of Washington."

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In Case You Missed It!

Webinar: Black Architects in Washington, DC



This webinar from February 26th highlights the consultants' initial findings from the upcoming *Black Architects in Washington, DC* project. This project will establish a historic context statement and identify a list of Black architects who had a significant impact on the built environment of Washington, DC. It will also formally identify/document properties that represent the impact Black architects have had on DC's built environment. The multiple property document will include one new nomination to the National Register and set the stage for nominating more properties to the DC Inventory and the National Register.

[Watch Webinar](#)

Happening This Week

Site Tour: Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument

Saturday, March 21st | 10:00 - 11:15 am EDT
In-Person, 144 Constitution Avenue NE

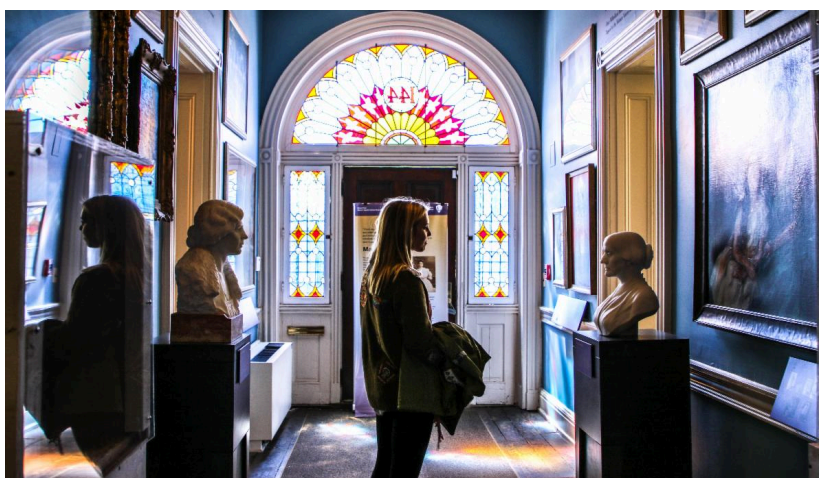


Photo credit: National Park Service

This Women's History Month, please join the DC Preservation League for a special tour of the [Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument](#) located in Capitol Hill.

Home to the National Woman's Party for more than 90 years, this space was the epicenter of the struggle for women's rights. From this house in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court, Alice Paul and the NWP developed innovative strategies and tactics to advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and equality for women. President Barack Obama designated the national monument on April 12, 2016.

The tour will include history of the house and its critical role in the fight for women's rights, and details regarding the most recent renovation to the house that was completed in 2023. Funded through the Great American Outdoors Act, the work included replacement of the existing standing seam metal roof, rehabilitation of historic windows and doors; upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems; structural and plaster repairs; and renovation of the Florence Bayard Hilles Feminist Library, including installation of a new fire sprinkler system.

Space is limited! Register today to secure your spot.

This event is free, but a \$10 donation is suggested to support the DC Preservation League's educational programming.

[Register Here](#)

Happening Next Week

Site Tour: DAR Memorial Continental Hall & Museum

Saturday, March 28th | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm EDT
In-Person, 1776 D Street NW



Photo credit: Renee B. via Yelp

This Women's History Month, please join the DC Preservation League for a special guided tour of [The Daughters of the American Revolution's Memorial Continental Hall & Museum at the National Headquarters](#).

Memorial Continental Hall, completed in 1910, stands as the only Revolutionary War memorial building in Washington, D.C. The Hall has played a significant role in American history. It hosted the Washington Naval Conference (also known as the Naval Conference on Disarmament), contributing to its designation as a National Historic Landmark. During World War II, it was used by the American Red Cross for wartime efforts.

Although Memorial Continental Hall was built as a Revolutionary War memorial, it now primarily serves as a decorative arts museum. The museum features 31 period rooms, each sponsored by a different state society, and showcases furnishings and decorative arts dating from 1690 to 1930. The collection features furniture, textiles, ceramics, paintings, and other household items. The museum was founded in 1890, as a department within the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to assist with the DAR's missions of education and historic preservation.

Attendees will also learn about the recent renovations to both the interior and exterior of the building. [You can learn more about that on the DAR blog by clicking here.](#)

Space is limited; register now to secure your spot!

DCPL Member Tickets \$15 | Non Member Tickets \$20

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Save the Date!



DCPL Member Meeting

DCPL Members are invited to join this [online meeting](#) where Executive Director Rebecca Miller will give an update on all things advocacy-related: EEOB, St. Elizabeths, the East Wing, East Potomac Park, and The Kennedy Center.

\$65 to join DCPL



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
12:00 - 1:00 PM | ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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