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DEAR HCF MEMBERS,

If you think historic preservation is just a pretty face on an old building, think again. Not only does historic preservation safeguard our city's stories, revitalize our neighborhoods, and make our community a better place in which to live, it has also become an important factor in the Columbus economy.

Today, we are making a difference through our work in the revitalization of the Second Avenue corridor, City Village, High Uptown, Waverly Terrace, and the historic neighborhoods of Midtown. The Janice P. Biggers Revolving-Redevelopment Fund is currently looking to acquire three endangered properties in the High Uptown Historic District.

1523 Third Avenue, a Georgian Revival Cottage, suffered a fire many years ago and has remained a boarded up shell. The other two Classical Revival structures (1531 and 1535 Third Avenue) were both divided up into multiple studio apartments, but have been vacant and not maintained for many years. These three historic properties are listed on the National Register and are significant remaining examples of the historic fabric of High Uptown.

High Uptown is also a critical link to strengthening the connection and the overall revitalization of Uptown and the Mill District (Second Avenue corridor). New construction will also serve as a key component to these efforts, and there are many opportunities within High Uptown and City Village.

You will continue to hear more about these three houses, High Uptown, and the Mill District.



1523 Third Avenue
William L. Cooke House
c. 1922



1531 Third Avenue
Andrew Williams House
c. 1922



1535 Third Avenue
Woodruff-Dismukes House
c. 1922

Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to see all of the up to date happenings at Historic Columbus. Thanks to your continued support of Historic Columbus' mission and the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, we can continue to purchase endangered properties, provide needed façade loan and grant funds, and protect our community's sense of place.

YOU make our city a better place and never forget your membership matters!



Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Walden
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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 29, 2019

Press Conference announcing the
Public Participation Grant Finalists

September 19, 2019

Lunch and Lecture with Ryan Clements and Newt Aaron

October 22, 2019

Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards
W.C. Bradley Co.

November 14, 2019

Lunch and Lecture with Virginia Causey

December 8, 2019

Holiday Tour of Homes

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MOVING FORWARD IN WAVERLY TERRACE

Historic Columbus is continuing to make steady progress on its house project located in the Waverly Terrace Historic District (2909 10th Avenue). The house was purchased four years ago with proceeds from the sale of the Beacon Avenue church building. That property was sold to a couple from Atlanta who has plans to renovate the building for a residence.

The 2909 10th Avenue house had been significantly damaged by a fire that started on the front porch. The house was left with few options except demolition. Realizing the high likelihood of it being demolished and a minimal chance of a new appropriate home being built, Historic Columbus stepped up and purchased the property from the owner to stabilize.

To date, Historic Columbus has rebuilt the entire roof structure, front porch, and cleaned out the interior. Most recently, the charred wood



Front porchwork on 2909 10th Avenue

siding on the front porch was replaced along with a new porch floor, a new beaded board porch ceiling, two new custom-built wood windows, and a large single light glass front door with transom. The last item to be replaced will be four new fluted columns along the street side of the front porch. This effort has transformed the front of the house to its original charm and character.

The 2900 block where the property resides is challenged, but has great bones. The homes are a mix of wood and stucco bungalows from the early 1900's that help tell the

story as that neighborhood serving as the first "suburb" of Columbus.

Once the porch columns are installed, Historic Columbus will price and list the home for sale. The proceeds from the sale of the house will go back into the Janice P. Biggers Revolving - Redevelopment Fund to further the ongoing preservation work being undertaken by Historic Columbus.

The Mill District encompasses four older and historic neighborhoods: City Village, North Highland, Bibb Village (National Register Historic District), and Anderson Village. It is an important part of our city's economic history and also served as the residential neighborhood for generations of families that worked in the community's textile mills.

Today, the neighborhoods collectively house nearly 5,000 people; have an average household income of \$19,374.00, and roughly 46% of households live at or below the poverty line. The mission of The Mill District organization is to develop and implement creative community-based strategies



to enhance economic opportunity, build sustainable neighborhoods, and improve early childhood education in The Mill District.

Historic Columbus supports this work through assistance with staffing and our programmatic offerings (low interest façade loans) to make maintaining the homes in this area more affordable for property owners. The revitalization of the Mill District will be a long term commitment, but it is a vital component to moving our community forward.

If you have questions or want to get involved with the Mill District, please contact Justin Krieg at justin@historiccolumbus.com or (706) 322-0756.

SUMMER FUN AT BOX CITY SUMMER ART CAMP



Clockwise: Box City campers on the Walking Tour; Mary Kimble Sigman who won best building for her Chick-Fil-A; Mac Turner trying on the firefighter helmet; Witt Krieg with his mansion; and Martha Wade, Bonnie Kelley, and McCall Gregory.



Historic Columbus has had an incredible summer thanks to 80 artistic and enthusiastic children that attended camp this year. Station 6 Fire Fighters and architect Harrison Wallace were our special guests. They shared their knowledge of architectural design, building, what makes a community great, and how to keep it safe.

Box City I campers named their cities and elected Mayors, while Box City II campers named their states and elected Governors. Campers in Box City I named their new cities Cardboard Town and Boxford, and elected Wood Bowen and McCall Gregory as Mayors. Box City II campers named their states Boxachusetts and Paris and voted in Avery Hudson and Heidi Swain as Governors. Thanks to all the parents and kids for another great summer!



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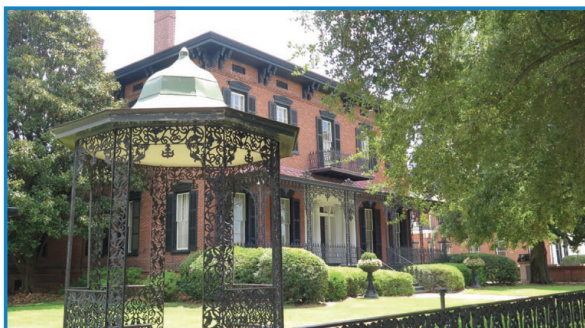
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(March 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019)

Martha Jane Pillow Hand

May 21, 2019

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Trinity Episcopal Church*



Thursday, November 14th

Virginia Causey

*Commemorating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment:
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The Columbus Museum*

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2019 Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
5:30 PM

W.C. Bradley Co. Museum

Public Participation Grant Winner will be announced!