

# PRESERVATION WEEK 2018

## *NEWBURYPORT PARKS: Past, Present, and Future*

Saturday & Sunday, May 19-20, 2018



### Saturday, May 19

**Battis Grove Walking Tour ... and the Genesis of the Clipper City Rail Trail**  
Battis Grove (trail entrance)  
Washington Street, Newburyport  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Admission: Free.

**Tour:**  
**Powder House Park & Learning Center**  
Godfrey's Hill  
57 Low Street, Newburyport  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Admission: Free.

**Guided Tour:**  
**Atkinson Common, "Gateway to Newburyport"**  
Atkinson Common  
388 High Street, Newburyport  
(Meet at "The Volunteer" monument near the High Street entrance.)  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Admission: Free.

### *Saturday, continued ...*

**Community Social:**  
**Atwood Park / Garrison Gardens**  
Between Atwood & School Sts., Newburyport  
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free.

**Open House & Sash Revival:**  
**Workshop Tour & Demonstrations at Window Woman of New England**  
44R Elm Street, Amesbury  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free.

**Presentation:**  
**Bartlet Mall - History, Significance, & Preservation, with keynote speaker Charles O. Griffin**  
Essex County Superior Courthouse  
145 High Street, Newburyport  
4:00 p.m. Presentation  
5:00 p.m. Reception  
Admission: Free.

### Sunday, May 20

**Centennial Memorial Observance**  
**Cornelius J. Doyle Triangle**  
(Across from Atkinson Common)  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free.

**2018 Preservation Awards Presentation & Reception**  
Custom House Maritime Museum  
25 Water Street, Newburyport  
4:30 p.m. reception, followed by awards ceremony.  
Admission: Free. (Preservation Trust members and guests only, and Custom House Maritime Museum members only.)

**FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE DETAILS, SEE OTHER SIDE!**



NEWBURYPORT PRESERVATION TRUST

*Linking the past with the present and future*

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## Schedule of Events

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

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Washington Street, Newburyport  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Get an early start – just like energetic neighbors did years ago – and learn how the abandoned railroad right-of-way was transformed from a dumping ground into a pleasant in-town green space, and was even designated as a city park. The neighborhood grassroots effort that began more than 30 years ago planted the seeds of possibility for the city's admired and acclaimed Rail Trail. Work gloves and work boots optional.

Admission: Free.

#### **Tour:**

#### **Powder House Park & Learning Center**

Godfrey's Hill  
57 Low Street, Newburyport  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Enjoy a special tour of the restored 1822 Powder House, which opened in fall 2012 after nine years of planning, research, and restoration. Discover a unique part of Newburyport history at this nationally recognized recipient of an Award of Merit from the American Association for State & Local History (AASLH).

Admission: Free.

#### **Open House & Sash Revival: Workshop Tour & Demonstrations at Window Woman of New England**

44R Elm Street, Amesbury  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tour the workshop; watch demonstrations of window glazing, glass cutting, stained glass creation, and blacksmithing; and enjoy food and music at Window Woman of New England's 15th anniversary Open House.

Admission: Free.

#### **Guided Tour:**

#### **Atkinson Common, "Gateway to Newburyport"**

Atkinson Common  
388 High Street, Newburyport  
(Meet at "The Volunteer" monument  
near the High Street entrance.)  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Enjoy a guided walking tour around Atkinson Common and learn about the history of the park, established in 1893, 20 years after Eunice Atkinson Currier bequeathed the 21-acres of land to the city. Highlights of the tour include the background of the gazebo, fountain, tower, and the many monuments dedicated to the brave men and women from Newburyport who served their country in various wars. Wear good walking shoes.

Admission: Free.

#### **Community Social:**

#### **Atwood Park / Garrison Gardens**

Between Atwood & School Sts., Newburyport  
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy this opportunity to get to know your neighbors and celebrate historic Atwood Park and Garrison Gardens. Join with fellow Newburyporters, the Newburyport Preservation Trust, the Newburyport Parks Department, and the Newburyport Parks Conservancy for free hot dogs and lemonade, and in a brief presentation, learn about the lasting contributions of Margaret Ford Atwood, a maritime entrepreneur and educator, and William Lloyd Garrison, an abolitionist and orator. Feel free to bring a chair and some lawn games to enjoy in this beautiful neighborhood park.

Admission: Free.

#### **Presentation:**

#### **Bartlet Mall –**

**History, Significance, & Preservation,**  
with keynote speaker **Charles O. Griffin**  
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4:00 p.m. Presentation  
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The Bartlet Mall public common and the Charles Bulfinch-designed courthouse (1805) have long been vital to Newburyport's sense-of-place. Join architect Chuck Griffin – for more than 30 years owner and steward of the adjacent 1822 "Old Gaol" complex – for a look at ideas for the park's revitalization, and an exploration of the essence and value of "sense-of-place" in our lives. Our *local* park's familiar features – the pond, the allee, the slopes – are brought to relate to the *universal* – with the same sense of the familiar as the Acropolis in Athens or the cornfields in Iowa – in this stimulating presentation. Both Bartlet Mall and the courthouse are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Don't miss this opportunity to witness this presentation inside the historic Bulfinch courthouse. An outdoor reception with food and refreshments follows.

Admission: Free.

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#### **Cornelius J. Doyle Triangle**

(Across from Atkinson Common)  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In July 1918, near the end of WWI, a young man from Newburyport, Cornelius J. Doyle, stationed in France with the U.S. Army, died from wounds received at Chateau Thierry. The memorial park at the triangle was established in his honor. Join with surviving family members to learn more about Cornelius J. Doyle and this little known city park.

Admission: Free.

#### **2018 Preservation Awards**

#### **Presentation & Reception**

Custom House Maritime Museum  
25 Water Street, Newburyport  
4:30 p.m. reception,  
followed by awards ceremony.

Every Preservation Week, the Newburyport Preservation Trust recognizes the finest preservation efforts across the city during the past 12 months. Join us for the celebration!

Admission: Free. (Preservation Trust members and guests only, and Custom House Maritime Museum members only.)

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**Preservation Week** is an annual community-wide event sponsored by the Newburyport Preservation Trust to celebrate Newburyport's historic character and unique architectural legacy. **We thank this year's Preservation Week Partners:** the City of Newburyport Parks Department, the participating parks and their committed citizen volunteer organizations and individuals, Window Woman of New England, and the Custom House Maritime Museum.

**The Newburyport Preservation Trust** was formed to raise public awareness and to advocate for local historic preservation, and is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Join us! To learn more, visit [www.NbptPreservationTrust.org](http://www.NbptPreservationTrust.org).

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