

Share With Us

Your ideas for how to raise public awareness of preservation issues?

Suggestions for NPT focus.

Are you willing to help NPT with:

special events mailings website

legislative advocacy fundraising

community education projects

other interests _____



“...practically every street in town demands attention, not simply for the unparalleled examples of Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival and Victorian residential architecture, but also for the sense those streets give of Newburyport’s vigorous heyday.”

- Compass American Travel Guides: *Massachusetts*,

Our Mission

The Newburyport Preservation Trust was formed to raise public awareness and advocate for local preservation issues.

Educate

The Newburyport Preservation Trust will reach out to residents, developers, realtors, business owners, and schoolchildren to answer questions about historic preservation:

- Why preserve?
- Who benefits?
- How it can be done so that everyone wins?

Inform

The Newburyport Preservation Trust will be a resource for questions about historic preservation:

- How do the Historical Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals work?
- Which group do you need to contact & when?
- Where can I find the best contractor to help me evaluate my home’s historical details and restore my home economically?
- How can I research my home’s architectural history?

Advocate

The Newburyport Preservation Trust will speak out for historic preservation to the city government and developers.

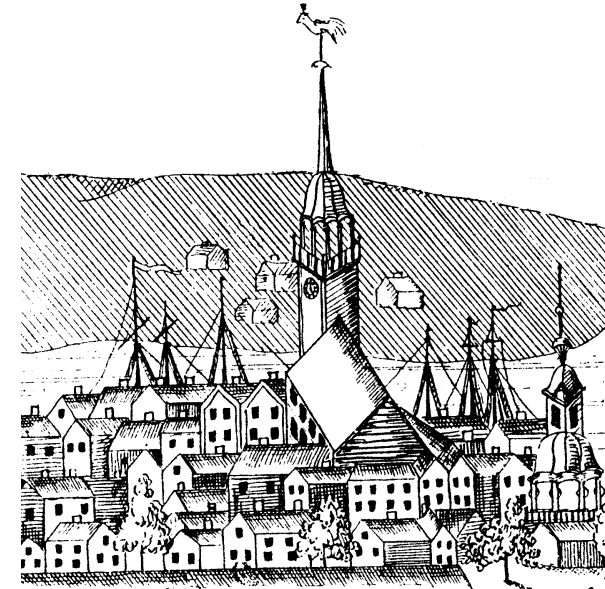
- We will work with all parties to sustain historic preservation while finding ways to promote responsible growth.
- We shall follow issues that come before the Historical Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals related to Newburyport’s historic assets and give you frequent updates on our website.


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LINKING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT AND FUTURE



Town & harbour of NewburyPort 1774

*Help create a movement
dedicated
to a future
that respects
the past.*

Why Preservation?

Historic preservation has been a positive force in Newburyport for decades. The large-scale restoration of hundreds of old structures has made the community a national showcase. Housing values have increased substantially and a viable tourist economy has been built upon the maintenance of the city's historic character and attractive setting.

Our history defines who we are and contributes to the well-being of our town by attracting new homeowners and valuable tourism dollars. The whole community has a stake in insuring that this important yet fragile historic character is sustained and improved. Historic resources – buildings, landscapes and scenic vistas – are finite and the community's historic character is irreplaceable.

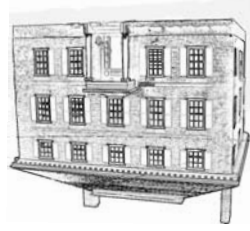
Because of an extended period of expansive growth, Newburyport is now in danger of losing historic places. To date, we have been relatively lucky, but we cannot rely on chance any more. Tear downs and infill will continue unabated. Historic preservation will not just happen without creative action and leadership. We need vigilance and awareness, advocacy and education. Newburyport is widely recognized model for sympathetic urban renewal in its downtown. We must now apply the winning strategies used for civic projects to protect and support our residential architecture.



At Risk

The greatest risk to Newburyport's historic fabric is in its residential neighborhoods. Currently there are NO PROTECTIONS in place to protect our historic housing stock, except for a one year demolition delay for structures deemed to be historically significant. Newburyport's zoning ordinance is substantially outdated and does nothing to encourage or support preservation.

New municipal tools need to be considered including Historic Districts or Local Conservation Districts and tax incentives for historic restoration. We need to update all development ordinances to recognize and sustain our unique cityscape while encouraging further restoration and preservation.



Success Stories

There have been many successful public and private preservation projects that have benefited the city.

These include: Market Square, The Firehouse Center for the Arts, The Public Library, the designation of High Street as a National Scenic Byway, The Customs House Museum, The Dalton Club, the conversion of the former Towle Factory into modern office space, The Federal Street Overlay District and The Tannery, as well as numerous sensitive residential renovations throughout Newburyport's neighborhoods.

Who We Are

The Newburyport Preservation Trust (NPT) was created in 2005 by citizens concerned about the need to maintain and enhance the city's historic character and unique architectural legacy.

With your help, our organization will sponsor events to celebrate successful preservation projects and inform the public of ongoing issues. Our website: www.nbptpreservationtrust.org will provide information on the status of local projects, new requests for city approvals, and neighborhood activities.

We will direct you to experts who can show you how to preserve your home's history for the same cost or less than a total rehab or tear-down. We will educate youth through school presentations and adults through lectures and in-home visits.

We will help you protect an historic building in the long term by helping with tax-deductible historic easements on your property. At our annual meetings we will elect Board members, celebrate what we have accomplished over the past year and set goals for the coming year.



With active member support, we will raise public awareness, work with decision-makers and advocate for public policies and private actions that support the goal of preservation within a context of appropriate and sensitive new growth and community renewal.

Join Us

- Benefits include:
- * Semi-annual newsletter
 - * Access to current information on our website
 - * Invitation to Annual Meeting and NPT's Awards presentation
 - * Technical assistance and workshops
 - * Education and advocacy programs
 - * Supporting Newburyport's non-profit voice for historic preservation

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
email _____

Please check a Membership Category:
Individual, \$20 Patron, \$100
Sustain, \$50 Corporate, \$250

I believe strongly in historic preservation and Newburyport's future. I want to support the founding of the Newburyport Preservation Trust as a Charter Member.

Check enclosed for \$ _____
\$250 \$500 other \$ _____

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