




April 10, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM:  BRETT ESTES, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY 2017

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation proclaims May as Historic Preservation Month. Preservation Month is observed nationally by small towns and large cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising efforts, and educational outreach programs. The City of Astoria has celebrated Preservation Month for many years. As part of this celebration, the City has recognized the importance of historic preservation in Astoria through the Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award. This award has previously highlighted the continued efforts of residential and commercial property owners in restoring historic homes and businesses and local historic landmarks. The Community Development Department has administered the award since 1988 in addition to many other activities to acknowledge the importance of preservation in Astoria.

This year, the Community Development Department, the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), and Columbia Pacific Preservation Council has a list of activities to share with the community.

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Mayor's Proclamation at Council Meeting	May 1 st	7 pm	Council Chambers
ADHDA General Meeting: LCPS	May 5	8:30 am	Baked Alaska
Lewis & Clark 5 th Grade Exhibit	May 11 th	3 pm	Library: Flag Room
2 nd Saturday Art Walk: LCPS Open House	May 13 th	5-8 pm	389 12 th St
Mill Pond Park Interpretive Sign Dedication – Art DeMuro	May 15 th	1:30 pm	Mill Pond Park
Guest Lecture: Hosted by Historic Landmarks Commission (Julie Garver, Innovative Housing – Redeveloper of Merwyn Hotel property)	May 16 th	~6 pm	Council Chambers

In addition to these new events and activities, staff is currently reviewing potential projects to award CLG grant funds in the Uniontown-Alameda Historic District. As a result of these activities and workload to review and process up to seven grant applications, the Dr. Harvey Award will take a needed hiatus this year. This will allow staff to reimagine and refresh the

award. This also allows time for applicants to take advantage of the CLG funds to complete projects that will be eligible for the award next year. The last few years, the City has not received any nominations and staff have identified eligible projects for consideration. The hiatus will also allow additional renovation projects to be completed for future consideration.

The Community Development Department is exploring a new partnership with the Columbia Pacific Preservation Council on a new award process for next year to broaden its reach, cement more community-based partnerships, and provide a larger platform to engage Astorians about the benefits of preservation.

This item is information only. Please help us spread the word about Preservation Month activities and the benefits of preservation in Astoria.

Historic Preservation Month is in collaboration with the City of Astoria, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and is funded in part through the Certified Local Government program of the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service.

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