

At the foot of Weston Mountain

The Blue Mountain Dispatch

Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

Historic Preservation is Good for the Economy of Weston

Saving historic buildings is good for the local economy! Historic preservation creates jobs during the restoration project. It brings visitors to the community to walk around the community to view the historic buildings. Did you know that there is a walking tour online? (See page three for details)

Visitors spend money in the community while they are here. They buy food, snacks, and even gas. Perhaps they will stop and by ceramics. Those businesses pay their employees and then their employees spend their paycheck locally.

Weston definitely needs that economic impact and using our history is the perfect way to support the local economy.

Every community holds valuable pieces of the past. These historic elements are responsible for keeping a community's collective heritage part of its present. The process of historic preservation helps to ensure that these ties remain strong and that those resources remain intact for the enjoyment of future generations.

Historic preservation is an important way for us to transmit our understanding of the past to future generations. Our nation's history has many facets, and historic preservation helps tell these stories.

The renovation of a historic building is often the starting point for the redevelopment of a street, block, or district. Historic preservation is a smart growth approach that can revitalize communities.

Historic buildings and districts can be a symbol of a community's heritage, character, and sense of place.

Rehabilitating and repurposing historic properties can be a critical part of promoting energy efficiency and reducing resource consumption. Historic preservation can attract investment and revitalize neighborhoods.

Historic buildings, districts, and neighborhoods embody the lives of those who built, worked, and lived in them. They tell stories about what a place was and connect us to our past.

Preserving those stories can be an important part of building a healthy community.

Renovating historic properties preserves the historic, architectural, and aesthetic character and heritage of a community or area, and helps

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to provide a sense of place and continuity.

As suburban sprawl and roadside development make more and more places look the same, it becomes important for communities to keep their identities intact. Even one or two striking historic buildings can help to define a community.

Grants for Historic Preservation Projects

There are federal grants and State Historic Preservation Grants available at various times of the year. A few federal grants have already



passed their respective deadlines. That's okay. It is still good to check them out and learn what the criteria is for the future application process.

There are a few State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) coming up in May. There are webinars that you can attend to walk you through the grant process. Grants are submitted online so it is important to understand what is required and how to complete the application.

There are many other foundation and nonprofit grants that may be available for your project.

In most cases you can apply for grants on your own while some require that you be a nonprofit or agency. WADA can assist you with the process.

All grants require that you have a "shovel ready" project. That means the narrative, what needs to be done, a budget, and possibly photographs, three quotes for the work to be done, etc. It's important to research to find out what is required from each grantor or foundation so that you are

ready to apply. Some grants even require a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) before you can apply. There may be a process to apply for certain grants. Knowing the criteria and the steps that you need to take is important for successfully applying for funding.

Not all grants require that your building be on the National Register for Historic Properties. There are some grants specifically for listed properties.

If your property is not listed on the National Register but it is deemed eligible for the nomination, there are



grants to assist with that. But you can also do your own nomination documentation if you have a lot of the history of the building, photographs, etc.

Do you have an historic property in need of restoration? Would you like to know more about available grants or how to nominate your property to the National Register? Give us your contact information and a bit about your property so that we are able to best help you. Please contact WADA at WADA97886@gmail.com



Weston Area Development Association

WADA was organized as a nonprofit to assist in obtaining grants, appropriations, donations, and other types of funding to work on historic preservation, economic development, and more in the Weston area – not just downtown.

Weston is in need of funding to restore the downtown buildings as well as develop economic opportunities for the community. WADA will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources.

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Weston Area Development Association Needs YOU!

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) is looking for board members. We have a lot of work that needs to be accomplished. Our main objective for the moment is securing funding to assist the Commercial Historic District with restoration of the buildings and more.

Maybe you are not comfortable being a board member but you are still interested in supporting our mission. We understand that not everyone is comfortable being a board member or has the time. We want you to know that you are welcome to still participate in our organization. Weston needs you!

Whether you become a board member or help as a member of the organization, you only need the passion for Weston to join us. There's no requirement that you

have experience.

Weston has a unique and rich history in Eastern Oregon being the gateway to the Blue Mountains.

Weston Mountain is part of that history. It was once an agricultural area.

WADA will be searching for grants, asking for appropriations, and receiving donations to make sure that the historic buildings are protected.

We can also accept donations and those donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We always advise that you consult your tax person. All donations are acknowledged with a receipt in



the form of a thank you letter for your generosity.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact us by email at WADA97886@gmail.com. Please include at least your name and email address.

If you prefer to call, you can reach us 541-204-0874 Leave a message and we will get back to you!

We are ready to get to work. It is time to stop leaving money on the table!

Take a Walking Tour of Weston with Your Phone or Computer

Weston's Historic Commercial District is rich in history. The majority

of the historic buildings are located on Main Street. Then, don't miss the Isham Saling House on N. Water Street or the Winn Barn on Winn Road as you are headed North. The Weston School is just up the hill from downtown. Each link will provide a map and direc-



tions on how to find these historic places.

You can walk around downtown Weston via your computer or you can download the app to your cell phone. The phone app will narrate each building as you walk past the building or drive by it.

You can find other local sites to visit by searching for the name of the town or historic site. There are thousands of locations across the country.

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Spotlight On Weston's Historic Buildings

Building No. 1

**Jarman's Department Store (Historic Name)
103 East Main Street, Weston**

Historic name: Jarman's Department Store

Common name: Corner Market

Date of Construction: c. 1895 Style: Italianate

Significance: Primary

Description: Single story brick masonry building of locally manufactured brick, rectangular in plan. Approximate frontage on Main

Street is 58 feet. Facade organized as two separate shop bays divided by continuous brick pilasters from foundation to parapet. Top of wall detailed with denticulated string course and corbeled cornice. Shop fronts remodeled. Originally, shop



fronts were traditionally organized with central, recessed entrances between plate glass display windows with wood paneled bulkheads and multi-paned top lights. Rectangular glass panels over entrances were framed by square colored border lights. Later wood frame addition with a depth of two bays on Water Street.

Exterior brick wall on Water Street unaltered. Openings in the Water Street facade have segmental arch heads. Door of side entrance appears to be original. East wall, having originally abutted another building, is blind.

History:

The original building in this location was a two story wooden structure housing the Culley's Grocery. As he was preparing to close his business

in 1909, he was robbed during which the store caught fire. The robbers took off, went to the Train Depot and hopped a hand cart, and were eventually caught in Washington state. Details about this robbery can be found in the Weston Public Library. The building was damaged, with the stock mostly smoke damaged. The stock was moved to the building on

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Blue Mountain (Kees) Cemetery

www.BlueMountainCemetery.com

Information on Burials including photos of headstones, some obituaries, and other related historical information can be found on this website. There is also a map on the website. The original website was a labor of love by Bob Gilliland. It was a miracle that it could be recovered from an archive website with only a few items not recoverable as the domain expired.

the other end of the block and a fire sale was held.

The current building was built later in 1909, as Jarman's Department Store. It has endured floods and a fire and still stands as regional headquarters of PARC Resources.

Memories:

Bob Gilliland remembers this as a grocery store. But some tell the story of a flood when it was known as Pope's and all his shoes that he kept in the basement, went floating down Pine Creek. If you have such a story, please share it with us.

Walking tour link:

<https://www.theclio.com/entry/163811>

Information from the National Register for Histor-



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