

At the foot of Weston Mountain

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Letters of Support are Needed

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) has been working to find funding for restoration and repairs of the downtown buildings within the Weston Historic Commercial District.

Types of Letters needed:

1. We are seeking letters from the downtown property owners granting permission to WADA to work on restoration/repairs of their building. This is required when we apply for grants on behalf of the property owner. Without permission, we are unable to apply for funding on their behalf.
2. We are seeking a letter from the downtown property owner stating that they support WADA conducting the projects. These letters are important to show the support of the property owner.
3. Letters of support from the community are just as important to show that the community is in favor of saving the historic buildings in Weston.

Most grant applications request 3-5 letters of support and can vary from property owners to local community members or organizations. After all, if the community isn't in favor of saving their historic buildings why would a grantor want to fund our project?

We have a form letter available that we would be happy to send to you or you could write your own letter in support of saving the historic buildings. We also ask for your name, address, phone, and email address. We do not share email addresses other than to grantors when requested. Letters may be mailed or emailed to us.

We would like to be able to send our monthly newsletter via email to save printing and mailing costs as these costs are currently being covered by our board members.

If you have any questions about either of these requested letters or about what WADA is doing, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than happy to chat with you about our goals.

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Regret goes only one way. The preservation of historic buildings is a one-way street. There is no chance to renovate or to save a historic site once it's gone. And we can never be certain what will be valued in the future. This reality brings to light the importance of locating and saving buildings of historic significance—because once a piece of history is destroyed, it is lost forever.

From "Six Practical Reasons to Save Old Buildings" by Julia Rocchi
<https://tinyurl.com/42ezucrt>

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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Spotlight On Weston’s Historic Buildings

Building No. 8

204 East Main Street

Common name: Dot Supply

Current Name: U.S. Post Office

Date of construction: circa 1960

Significance: Intrusive, or non-historic

Single story approximately concrete block building, square in plan, measuring

60 feet on a side. Easterly portion of building is leased to U.S. Postal Service as postal station. This is the site of the historic Marshall House, Weston's finest hostelry, a two-story brick masonry building in the Italianate Style which was torn down in the

Mid-1930s.

Note: At the time that the commercial



historic district was created, this building was no eligible as an historic contribution. It is now eligible but would require amending the nomination document.



Building No. 9

Farmer’s Bank of Weston (Historic Name)

108 East Main Street

Historic name: Farmer's Bank of Weston

Common name: City Hall/Weston Museum

Date of construction: 1891

Style: High Victorian Italianate

Significance: Primary

Description: This is the only brick building in the district of genuine high style employing architectural cast iron.

Constructed of locally manufactured brick, the two-story building is rectangular in plan and presents a frontage of approximately 62 feet on Main Street, approximately 72 feet on Franklin Street. Openings in the ground story of the Franklin Street facade are segmental arched and are framed with architrave molding. The main entrance, a round-arched portal, is contained in a angled corner bay and is framed with a classical surround of cast iron. The ground story of the Main Street facade is arranged as conventional shop windows with cast iron columns marking off the major divisions.



Farmer’s Bank of Weston. Note the architectural cast iron prominent on the building. Fountain in the center of the intersection of Main Street. Photo [Weston Public Library](#) 100-05 Bank and Fountain.

The westerly end of the building contains a separate shop space was occupied by the Weston Museum at the time of the nomination. Second story openings are elongated double-hung windows under top lights with segmental arch heads

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and concrete lintels. The major divisions are marked by rusticated strip pilasters of brick. Inset spandrel panels occupy the spaces below the window sills. The building is exceptionally well preserved except for the loss of what is presumed to have been a galvanized sheet metal cornice from its high parapet. With the angled corner bay originally surmounted by a pedimented crest, the roofline of the Farmers Bank of Weston was the highest in town. Brick flues still stand along the east parapet but are missing their corbeled caps.

The building houses Weston City Hall.

Update From Sheldon Delph: The furniture store/funeral parlor was the same part of the building and was entered from either the Main Street door or the southern Franklin Street door. The Bank had 2 doors, the angled door and the northern door on Franklin. The connecting door between City Hall and the funeral parlor was installed in 1968, while I was working in the State Employment Office. It was a huge mess and I got to clean up each day after the maintenance guys had made a bigger mess, but luckily, it only lasted about a week.

Note: The space at the back of City Hall houses the Weston Food Pantry.

History: When the Farmers' Bank of Weston was first built, the second level was the Weston Opera House, but when the upper level was sold to three fraternal orders and their auxiliaries, the town was left without an opera hall. A contractor had promised to build another. As he was thinking about leaving town, he wanted to make good on his promise and one was built behind the Watts and Rogers Hardware Store, which is now the Long Branch Cafe. The new building was used for many purposes, even a basketball court.

With the come of the Depression, the bank felt the need to close. It is not known how long before it reopened as the Weston City Hall. At sometime a dropped ceiling was installed and the entire office was painted beige, from top to bottom.

In an attempt to lure a bank into Weston, the City conducted their business in the Club Room at the Memorial Hall, then the front of the City Shop. The Bank of Commerce spent much time and money tearing out the false ceiling revealing the ornate original ceiling, stripping the woodwork and painting the walls the original colors. It was a master-

piece to behold.

When the bank was ready to move in, the money arrived from Milton-Freewater by stagecoach and was attacked on the way by robbers. A blank was fired from a rifle that made a mark in the ceiling that is still visible today. The bank eventually moved to their own location and the building is once more the City Hall



Furniture Store in the Farmers Bank building on East Main Street [Weston Public Library](#) photo: W-110-3b - Furniture Store

The office next to the City Hall has housed an undertaker, council chambers and the Police Station. Further to the right, was the Weston Furniture Store. and for many years. was the Telephone Office. Many locals can tell of helping in that office. Later it was a doctors' office operated by Dr. Bruske, who lived up the mountain, just past the Tucker place.

Memories:

Bob Gilliland and Amy Mayer remember attending a holiday party held in the upper lodge hall. They don't remember who hosted it, but Bob thinks he remember someone in a pig costume.

Bob remembers calling in from the ranch, our number was 29R22. It was two longs and 2 shorts. Anyway, we were looking for Dad. And when the operator looked across the street and saw his pickup, she transferred the call to the barbershop. Dad was found!

The Farmers' Bank of Weston was very proud of acquiring this safe. They ran this drawing of it in every advertisement that was in the Weston Leader for several years. It is located in the vault in City Hall to this day.



Walking tour link:

<https://www.theclio.com/entry/163818>

Information from the National Register for Historic Places — Weston Commercial Historic District

National Register Benefits And Restrictions

The National Register of Historic Places is the official federal list of properties that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and engineering. This is primarily an honorific designation intended to recognize important buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts to encourage their preservation. The National Register program is a federal program administered at the state level by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The regulation of National Register-listed properties in Oregon takes place at the local level. The following benefits and restrictions apply to National Register-listed properties.



Jennie Bramhall House,
Multnomah County

Benefits

RECOGNITION

Owners may purchase a plaque that can be placed on the building. Please visit the National Park Service website for a list of plaque manufacturers at: www.nps.gov/nationalregister/faqs.htm

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

The SHPO administers a federal tax credit program that can save building owners twenty percent of qualifying costs of rehabilitat-

-ing their National Register-listed, income-producing building. Requirements include submitting an application form with accompanying photos and plans and performing only work that meets the rehabilitation standards. Because tax requirements are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel, an accountant, or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions.



Sparta Building, Jackson County

STATE TAX BENEFIT

This program allows owners of properties listed in the national Register of Historic Places to apply for a special assessment of the assessed value of the property for a 10 year period. The program is designed as an incentive to assist property owners in the preservation of historic resources.

BENEFITS:

- Recognition
- Federal tax credit eligibility
- State tax benefit
- Grant eligibility
- Building code leniency
- Consideration in planning for federal projects



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As a condition of the property tax benefit the owner must provide a preservation plan for the building that meets SHPO standards.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

When funds are available, Preserving Oregon grant applications are invited. Contact the SHPO for the grant schedule. Grants are awarded competitively since demand invariably exceeds availability of funds.

BUILDING CODE LENIENCY

Under Section 3409.1 of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, National Register properties and other certified historic buildings are eligible for consideration of waivers of certain code requirements in the interest of preserving the integrity of the property.

CONSIDERATION IN PLANNING FOR FEDERAL PROJECTS

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal agencies take into consideration the effects of their projects on properties eligible for or listed in the National Register. This program is administered by the SHPO.

Oregon State law requires local governments to review proposals to demolish or relocate properties listed in the National Register.

Restrictions

Owners of properties listed in the National Register choosing to take advantage of federal and state tax benefits and grants

programs must comply with federal standards. Oregon State law requires local governments to review proposals to demolish or relocate properties listed in the National Register. Local governments have the authority to form local historic districts and landmarks, and may also create additional protections for properties listed in the National Register through a separate local process.

To find out more about how your local government may regulate National Register listed properties, contact your local planning office.



Rinehart Building, Multnomah County

HISTORIC DISTRICT LISTING

Private property owners holding fee simple absolute or fee simple defeasible estate title to real property within the historic district may object to listing a district in the National Register by submitting a statement during the public comment period on a form provided by the SHPO. The proposed district will not be listed if a majority of the property owners object.

PUBLIC PROPERTY LISTING

Public property owners may support or object to the listing

If you wish to comment on the nomination of a property to the National Register, please send your comments to the SHPO at least five business days before the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation's meeting.

of a publicly owned property, but owner consent is not required for nominations of public properties to move forward with the nomination process.

If you wish to comment on the nomination of a property to the National Register, please send your comments to the SHPO. For comments to be considered by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, comments must be received at least five business days before their next scheduled meeting. Copies of nominations and other information on the National Register is available on our website.



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•National Register website: www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister
For general information about the National Register of Historic Places, contact Kellie Mingus: (503) 986-0690 or by emailing kellie.mingus@opr.d.oregon.gov
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Historic Preservation

Historic preservation is a conversation with our past about our future. It provides us with opportunities to ask, "What is important in our history?" and "What parts of our past should we preserve for the future?"

Through historic preservation, we look at history in different ways, ask questions of the past, and learn new things about our history and ourselves. 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. Sometimes historic preservation involves celebrating events, people, places, and ideas that we are proud of; other times it involves recognizing moments in our history that can be painful or uncomfortable to remember.

As manager of one-fifth of the land in the United States, the Department of the Interior develops national policy related to historic preservation and is steward of prehistoric and historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects. Historic preservation professionals in fields like history, archeology, museum management, architectural history, and historic landscape architecture work on rural and urban lands to manage and protect resources that tell a diverse story of America's lands and its people.

Find more information on the historic preservation programs of the Department of the Interior: Department of the Interior Library: Historic Preservation: <https://www.doi.gov/library/internet/historic>

Interior Museum Program: <https://www.doi.gov/museum/>

Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support Function: <https://www.doi.gov/recovery/about->



[recovery/ncr-rsf-overview](https://www.doi.gov/recovery/ncr-rsf-overview)

The National Park Service and Historic Preservation: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/index.htm>

NPS Archeology Program: <https://www.nps.gov/archeology/>

NPS Technical Preservation Services: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm>

Bureau of Land Management Cultural Heritage: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/cultural-resources>

Fish and Wildlife Services Historic and Cultural Treasures: <https://www.fws.gov/program/historic-preservation>

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management National Historic Preservation Act: <https://www.boem.gov/NHPA/>

Bureau of Reclamation: Cultural and Paleontological Resources: <https://www.usbr.gov/cultural/>

Bureau of Indian Affairs Environmental and Cultural Resources Management: <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/division-environmental-and-cultural-resources-management-decrm>

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement: Archaeological/Cultural Resource: <https://www.bsee.gov/what-we-do/environmental-focuses/archaeological-cultural-resources-program>

Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards: <https://www.doi.gov/pam/asset-management/historic-preservation/pqs>

Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Awards: <https://www.doi.gov/pam/asset-management/historic-preservation/historic-preservation-awards>

Tribal Historic Preservation Program (THPO): [Tribal Historic Preservation Program \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.doi.gov/pam/asset-management/historic-preservation/historic-preservation-awards)

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1927 Weston Boy's Potato Club participating in Weston Potato Show. Oregon State University Extension Service: Umatilla County Photo.



1924 seed potato demonstration, Weston. Oregon State University Extension Service: Umatilla County Photo.



SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

AWSD SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM RETURNS

Athena-Weston School District is proud to announce the return of their Summer Food Service Program! Children 1 to 18 eat at NO COST! USDA waivers have expired, therefore we ask children to eat on site. Monday through Thursday, 12 pm to 12:30 pm. Runs June 12th through August 17th (closed July 4th). Two locations to better feed you: Athena Elementary School and Weston City Park. We hope you will take the time to swing on in and enjoy lunch with us!

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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.



Isham Saling House

Weston, Oregon

Weston's Historic Brick Home

<https://IshamSalingHouse.com>

Walking Tour is Online at:
www.WestonOregon.com

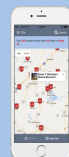
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Association (WADA) was organized
as a nonprofit to encourage restoration
and revitalization in downtown Weston
and the general area that results in
economic development and a positive
sense of community.**

**We have a vision to preserve and
enhance the historic charm and
uniqueness of the history of Weston.**

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