



## SHAKER HEIGHTS

### **Landmark Commission 2018 Preservation Awards**

Award Presentation: October 22, 2018  
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building

#### **Shaker Heights Landmark Commission**

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The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission is a seven-member board that was established in 1975. It works to preserve and protect places, structures, environmental features, and other objects having special historical interest or value.

Shaker currently has 46 designated local landmarks, the Winslow Road Historic District (designated as a local historic district in 2007), and a local historic district that surrounds Shaker Square. The Landmark Commission and staff were responsible for the recognition of the Shaker Village Historic District (added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984), and its subsequent expansion in 1999. The National Register District now encompasses 75% of the City.

The Landmark Commission also serves as an information source for residents. It distributes fact sheets that list contractors who specialize in historic roofing materials (slate, wood and tile), stucco repair and masonry repair, and explain the dangers of abrasive masonry cleaning. The Commission also regularly disseminates information on the importance of retaining the original windows within a structure, and has participated in a community forum on this topic.

As the City's building stock continues to age, the expertise of Landmark Commission members concerning the maintenance and improvement of structures, while retaining their architecturally distinctive features, will continue to grow in importance. Maintaining the distinctive features for which Shaker is known is an ongoing commitment of the Landmark Commission and the City of Shaker Heights.

#### **Biennial Preservation Awards**

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The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission established its Preservation Awards program in 1998 to honor individuals that preserve and improve properties with particular commitment to their heritage, craftsmanship, original materials, and continuing potential as viable and inspiring structures. This awards program is mirrored after the program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1971.

Since its establishment, preservation awards have been bestowed to 131 projects throughout the community. The awards are presented biennially at a ceremony hosted by the Landmark Commission. Nominated projects are also featured on a poster board that is displayed at notable locations, such as City Hall, the Shaker Heights Public Library, and the Shaker Historical Society. The awarded properties are also featured in an issue of Shaker Life.

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### Exterior Restoration

#### 3445 Warrensville Center Road

*Original Construction Year:* 1958  
*Original Architect:* Cooper, Wade & Associates  
*Project:* Steeple and tower restoration;  
LED light installation  
*Owner:* Christ Episcopal Church  
*Project Architect:* Frost Building Maintenance  
*Project Contractor:* Building Integrated Services



The Christ Episcopal Church's white steeple was constructed in 1946 as a memorial to the parishioners who died while serving in World War II. Ten years later, the church suffered a major fire. Fortunately, the original steeple survived and was installed on the new church building built in 1958. Through the years, the steeple deteriorated and became a shelter for pigeons, which threatened the integrity of the structure. Restoration of the steeple began in 2008 with work to stabilize its foundation. In 2014, funds were raised to re-fabricate the Celtic cross and ball on the pinnacle. New LED lighting was also installed on the building's front facade. This 8-year restoration project was ultimately completed in 2016 and celebrates the preservation of a defining architectural monument for the community.



### Exterior Restoration

#### 15400 South Woodland Road

*Original Construction Year:* 1919  
*Original Architect:* F. Warner  
*Project:* Bell tower restoration  
*Owner:* Shaker Heights Board of Education  
*Project Architect:* Van Auken Akins Architects  
*Project Contractors:* Envirocom Construction Inc., Thorson Baker & Associates, Professional Service Industries Inc.

In 2015, it was discovered that portions of the Woodbury School's bell tower were leaning and structurally unsafe. Emergency work was quickly approved to uphold the tower's integrity until plans for restoration could be developed. During the process, the tower's 2,000-pound bell was removed and it was determined cost prohibitive to return it to the tower. Comprehensive restoration work later began and was completed in 2016. The entire tower had to be removed and re-installed throughout this process. The tower is now structurally safe and historically identical in appearance, and the bell is proudly displayed on a pedestal on the Woodbury front lawn.





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### Exterior Restoration

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#### 18432 Lynton Road

*Original Construction Year:* 1925  
*Original Architect:* M. W. Cooper Jr.  
*Project:* Restoration of front door, porch bench, rear door overhang, and rear storm door; trashcan screening  
*Owners:* Cynthia and Don Czapski

Much of the wood on the front porch bench and rear door overhang was rotted on this English Tudor home. The homeowners took it upon themselves to design and build replacements for both. A new bench was constructed to match the original design. For the overhang, the homeowners replaced the front and ceiling panels to match the original, stripped and stained the rear door, and crafted a storm door to match the original. Taking inspiration from the bench, the homeowners constructed a wooden screen to hide their exterior trash containers. Finally, the couple stripped and refinished their chestnut front door, and created a leaded glass piece that incorporated an antique stained glass lion design.



### Exterior Restoration

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#### 2886 West Park Boulevard

*Original Construction Year:* 1940  
*Original Architect:* George B. Mayer  
*Project:* Window and iron works restoration; shutter installation  
*Owners:* Jeff Mostade, Eric Nilson, and Varun Shetty  
*Project Contractors:* Express Construction and Maintenance, Rino's Woodworking, Jenkins Painting, Lake Plastering

After acquiring the property and receiving original architectural plans, the homeowners realized this French provincial home was devoid of its shutters and thus some of its character and charm. In response, they had operable shutters fabricated to match the original design specifications. They also restored and repainted the windows and architectural iron works, sourced gas lamps for the exterior front entrance, and preformed various repairs and improvements to the stucco, masonry, window wells, and physical structure.





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### **Distinguished Landscape**

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#### **18932 Winslow Road**

*Original Construction Year:* 1928  
*Original Architect:* E.J. Andrews  
*Project:* Front yard landscaping  
*Owner:* James De Young  
*Project Contractor:* Earth and Waterscapes, Inc.



When the homeowner first purchased this property in 2012, the yard was overgrown with weeds, half-dead shrubs, rocks, and trees that obscured the view of the house. The project's multi-year process began in 2015 with the removal of plantings and digging up a foot of soil from the entire yard before installing new topsoil. With the expertise of Earth and Waterscapes, the homeowner then transformed the front yard into a 12-month garden with a variety of shrubs, bushes, annuals, and perennials. By incorporating different textures and colors in the landscaping, the homeowner has completely changed the whole exterior of this landmark property.



### **Architecturally Appropriate Addition**

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#### **15805 Chadbourne Road**

*Original Construction Year:* 1926  
*Original Architect:* W. H. Smith  
*Project:* Three-story rear addition;  
interior renovations; landscaping  
*Owners:* Evangeline and Chris Ramsay  
*Project Contractor:* Karlovec & Company  
*Project Architect:* Paul Architects LLC



The Ramsays initially considered moving out of their home as it lacked space and an updated floor plan. However, having raised their children in the home and grown entrenched in the Shaker community, they decided that reinvestment in their current home made more sense. This extensive project includes the construction of a nearly three-story tall addition, which created multiple new spaces for the home: a mudroom, family room, second floor loft, and third floor crow's nest. The addition has been paired with a large rear patio and landscaping to create an inviting outdoor living space. Altogether, this project exemplifies design of an architecturally appropriate addition on a historic home.





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### Retention of Original Materials

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#### 22315 Canterbury Lane

*Original Construction Year:* 1959  
*Original Architect:* Chester N. Lowe  
*Project:* Cedar shake siding replacement;  
Cedar shake roof repair  
*Owner:* Mark Scher  
*Project Contractor:* The Regency Roofing Co. Inc.



This residential project is an impressive example of preserving original building materials. To upkeep the exterior of their home, the homeowners made the decision to replace the entirety of the cedar shake siding. In addition, a number of repairs were made to the cedar shake roof. From this project, the exterior of the home has drastically changed, while upholding its historic character and exhibiting the aesthetic quality that can be achieved by making the decision to preserve historic materials.

### Excellence in Stewardship

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#### 2834 Courtland Boulevard

*Original Construction Year:* 1922  
*Original Architect:* Howell and Thomas  
*Project:* New copper gutters; window replacements; reconfiguration of rear entry; fully renovated interior  
*Owners:* Raffaele Girlanda and Patricia Matticola  
*Project Contractors:* Cleveland Restoration Society, Baker Hostetler LLP, Jera Construction, Artisan Roofing, CCDP Investments



Constructed as one of the first Van Sweringen demonstration homes, this English Tudor was declared uninhabitable and a nuisance in 2013. In an effort to save the home, the City designated it as a landmark property in 2015 and turned it over to the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS), who was able to make it structurally sound once again. CRS sold the property to CCDP Investments who then fully renovated the property, preserved its history, and brought it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The property was purchased by a new homeowner in January 2018.

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