



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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RE: Proposed National Register of Historic Places Nominations

The properties listed below will be considered by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at their upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**:

- Nineteenth Street Theater, 527 N. Nineteenth Street, Allentown, Lehigh County
- Bath Historic District, Borough of Bath, Northampton County
- Bell Telephone Company Building of Wilkes Barre, 33 E. Northampton Street, Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County
- William and Elisabeth Edwards House, 128 Davenport Street, Spartansburg Borough, Crawford County
- Hosanna AUMP Church, Upper Oxford Township, Chester County
- Mt. Alvernia Historic District, 146 Hawthorne Avenue, Millvale Borough/Shaler Township, Allegheny County
- North Philadelphia Trust Company, 3711-15 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia
- Pringle Electrical Manufacturing Company, 1906-12 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia
- Windsor Manufacturing Company, 3800 Jasper Street, Philadelphia
- Zembo Shrine, 2801 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Dauphin County

The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board's meeting, scheduled for **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**, in the Forest Room at the Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. The Forest Room is on the first floor. The meeting will begin at **9:30am**. A call in option will be available; please contact Elizabeth Rairigh at erairigh@pa.gov, or 717-705-4035, by October 10, 2023, to connect via Microsoft Teams. This meeting is open to the public.

For information on the meeting's location and agenda, please contact Elizabeth Rairigh at 717-705-4035, or at erairigh@pa.gov. (TDD users: Pennsylvania Telecommunications Center: 7-1-1).

The National Register of Historic Places was established in 1966 to help coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. During the Preservation Board meeting, the historic significance of the above resources and the National Register criteria for listing will be discussed. Listing provides recognition of a property's historic importance and assures review of federally funded or permitted projects that might affect the historic character of the property. If the property is listed in the National Register, certain federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply. Listing in the National Register *does not* mean that limitations will be placed on properties by the federal government. Enclosed please find additional information outlining the results of listing in the National Register and explaining the rights and procedures by which an owner may comment on or object to listing in the National Register.

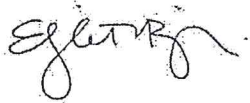
The National Register process requires that owners and local officials are afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed listing. According to federal regulations, owners and the chief elected official of a municipality in which a property proposed for listing is located must be notified of the intended Preservation Board action no less than 30 days and not more than 75 days prior to the Preservation Board meeting.

If you intend to submit written comments to the Historic Preservation Board, please be sure these arrive in our office prior to the meeting date. Letters of support may be sent to my attention. Please see the enclosed "Rights of Owners" sheet for instructions regarding letters of objection. If you or your staff would like to attend the meeting and offer comments in person, please contact our office to make arrangements. Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting or review process, please contact me.

We hope you will continue to enjoy and support the properties nominated for listing, as well as Pennsylvania's many other special places.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Rairigh
Division Manager, Preservation Services
National Register Coordinator

Enclosure

RIGHTS OF OWNERS TO COMMENT OR OBJECT TO NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places (individually or within districts) have an opportunity to concur with or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60.

Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to **object to listing** may submit to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) a **notarized** statement certifying that the party is the sole or a partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of the portion of the property that the party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed. However, the SHPO shall submit the nomination to the National Park Service's Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to **object** to the listing of your property, the **notarized objection** must be submitted to Andrea MacDonald, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA, 17120, by at least the day prior to the scheduled Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board review (see enclosed letter for meeting date).

If you wish to **comment in support** of the nomination of a property or district to the National Register, please send your comments to the State Historic Preservation Office at least the day prior to the Board review. A copy of the nomination and information regarding the nomination process is available from the SHPO (for contact info visit <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/National-Register/Pages/Contact-Forms.aspx>).

RESULTS OF LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

In addition to honorific recognition, listing in the National Register has the following results for historic properties:

- Consideration in planning for Federal, Federally-licensed, and Federally-assisted projects: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties either listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register. The Advisory Council oversees and ensures the consideration of historic properties in the Federal Planning process.
- Eligibility for certain tax provisions: Owners of properties listed in the National Register may be eligible for a 20% investment tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of income-producing certified historic structures such as commercial, industrial, or rental residential buildings. Federal tax deductions are also available for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. For more information about the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit program visit this NPS website: <http://www.nps.gov/history/tps/tax-incentives.htm> .
- Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface mining permit where coal is located in accordance with the Surface Mining Control Act of 1977; and
- Qualification for Federal grants for historic preservation, when funds are available.

Please note that listing in the National Register **does not** place limitations on the properties by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties nor seek to acquire them. For more information about what the National Register of Historic Places does and does not do, please visit the National Park Service's National Register website and their "frequently asked questions" page: <http://www.nps.gov/NR/faq.htm> .