

# CIVIC EDUCATION SERIES

Class #8: Cultural & Historical Preservation

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the importance of preserving Rindge's cultural and historical assets.
2. Learn about key organizations and groups that manage historical preservation efforts.
3. Explore current preservation initiatives and opportunities for community involvement.
4. Discover how historic preservation connects to Rindge's identity and future growth.

# INTRO TO CULTURAL & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION (10 MIN)

- Why preserving history matters for community identity and pride.
  - How cultural preservation contributes to tourism, education, and economic growth.
  - The role of preservation in protecting architectural, archaeological, and cultural landmarks.
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- Key Message: *"Preserving Rindge's past ensures its stories are never forgotten."*

# RINDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & LOCAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS (20 MIN)

- Overview of the Rindge Historical Society and its mission.
- Current historical exhibits, archives, and programs that celebrate Rindge's history.
- Key sites maintained by the Historical Society, such as:
  - Rindge Meeting House
  - Historic Cemeteries
  - Veterans Memorials
- The role of volunteers in maintaining these sites and records.

# HISTORICAL ORDINANCES & PRESERVATION

## LAWS

### (20 MIN)

- Heritage Commission's Role: Advising on projects impacting historical landmarks.
- Demolition Review Ordinance: How the town ensures historic structures are considered before major changes.
- The importance of state and federal designations like the National Register of Historic Places.
- Visual Aid: Display a Historic Rindge Map highlighting key landmarks and protected sites.

# CULTURAL PRESERVATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS (20 MIN)

- The importance of celebrating Rindge's cultural traditions and heritage.
- Key events that promote local history and cultural pride, such as:
  - Old Home Days
  - Veterans Memorial Services
  - Seasonal Heritage Events
- How these events connect residents to their town's roots and foster a sense of community.
- Engagement: Encourage participants to share family histories, photos, or stories related to Rindge's past.

# SUPPORTING PRESERVATION EFFORTS

## (15 MIN)

- How residents can:
  - Volunteer with the **Rindge Historical Society**.
  - Attend historical events and programs.
  - Advocate for preservation funding in town budgets.
- Encouraging families to contribute historical documents, photographs, or artifacts to local archives.
- Engagement: Highlight a recent success story where community involvement helped preserve a historic site.

# CLOSING REMARKS AND Q&A

## (10 MIN)

- Recap of key points.
- Open floor for participant questions.
- Distribute handouts with contact information for preservation organizations and guidance on how to participate.