

THE PRESERVATION POST

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IT TAKES A LEAP OF FAITH



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In honor of 2024 Leap Year on February 29th, I thought I would speak to the 'leap of faith' it may take someone to purchase a historical home and bring it back to its beauty, not to mention, improving the neighborhood in which it sits.

Take a look at the photo to the left. Would you drive by the home and see the beauty in it and think all it needs is a little TLC and that could be your next home? Or would you perhaps see it as just too much to take on and do not have the skillsets to do so? Or an eyesore that needs to be torn down?

Those who see the beauty behind the chipping paint, sloping porch roof and the 'oldness' of it and decide to take on such a project, truly are visionaries taking a leap of faith along with a dose of a 'labor of love'. Leaping into the unknown with the vision of seeing it restored back to a day in which its beauty was present is what drives many of these historic homeowners to take on such a project.

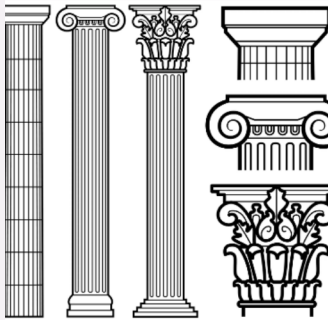
They want to preserve an important part of their home's and community's history and in the process of doing so, achieve a sense of pride in their work. Hat's off to them! And much gratitude and appreciation. We need more people to save these homes in our neighborhoods and KEEP as much of the character-defining features as possible.

According to several studies done over the years, if a home is in a designated historic district, it typically increases residential property values somewhere between 5-35% over a ten year span compared to homes not situated in a historic district.

However, it is important to have guidelines for homes in a historic district to ensure the original architecture that made it special enough to meet the criteria to be a contributing resource in a district remains intact. If cities and homeowners work together on guidelines/rules for homes in preserving the city's history, not only will the neighborhoods look inviting, it will breathe new life into the community, give a sense of pride and potentially increase property values.

ARCHITECTURE ARCHIVES

Three Orders of Greek Columns



Left to Right: Doric, Ionic, Corinthian
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Throughout the world be it on homes, banks or other buildings, columns are often a part of the architecture such as these.

Doric: Thicker, heavier fluted column with a saucer-shaped capital (top of the column) and no base.

Ionic: Slender, fluted column and a capital with scrolling volutes; a prominent feature.

Corinthian: Most ornate and elegant of the columns with a tall base. Its capital has acanthus leaves and volutes.

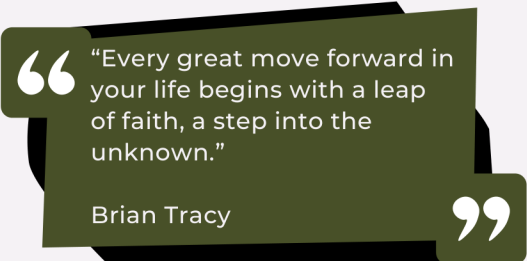
Next time you're taking a historic walking tour, try to identify the type of columns you see.

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Her desire to bring awareness to and advocate for old homes is what inspired her to create, 'Historic District Walking Tours' and social media platforms to promote her community.



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