

# PRESERVATION NOTES



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## Call for Preservation Alaska Board of Directors Nominations

AAHP was rebranded as “Preservation Alaska” but is still recognized as Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. It is a private, statewide, 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of Alaska’s prehistoric and historic resources through education, promotion, and advo-

cacy. To achieve this mission of historic preservation in Alaska, AAHP maintains several internal and external committees, programs, and partnerships overseen by a Board of Directors and managed by Corporation staff. AAHP adheres to the principle that preservation of the built environment provides a vital link and visible reminder of the past, emphasizing the continuity and diversity of Alaska.



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## Annual Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations

Preservation Alaska (dba Alaska Association for Historic Preservation) seeks nominations for its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Preservation Award honoring excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska.

This award honors excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska by recognizing a project, organization, agency, or individual exemplifying the highest standards in Alaska preservation in different categories: Lifetime Achievement, Adaptive Use, Stabilization, Renovation, and Restoration Projects; and the Steward-



ship Award (Property Owners, Organizations, Firms and Governmental Agencies, and Individuals).

The *Robert Mitchell Historic Architect Award* was created in

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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



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### Preservation Notes

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Banner by Bill Devine, 1992.

## Nominations Continued from page 1

With the departure of our current president in December, it is even more vital to our organization to grow our board of directors. In particular, we are looking for someone with the background who could take on the leadership of the organization.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR PROFILE:** Nominees should be at least eighteen years of age, live in Alaska, and have experience in one or more of these areas: Alaska history, Historic preservation, public education, media and public relations experience, Financial or organizational management of non-profit organizations, and Parliamentary procedures/Legal expertise.

Members should have an interest, knowledge, or professional qualifications in the areas of historic preservation, historic rehabilitation, archaeology, anthropology, or Alaska history, and the ability to work well in a group. In addition, the AAHP Board looks for members who are willing to commit time and energy to committee work and who exhibit sensitivity in making constructive critical judgments.

To help reflect the diversity of the state, the AAHP Board considers geographic representation, and cultural background when appointing advisors. In addition, the organization seeks balance among the professional groups encompassed by historic preservation, such as practitioners, administrators, and educators.

Members are welcome to nominate themselves to run for any of the positions. Members of the board of directors must be a member in good standing.

Please consult our website  
<https://alaskapreservation.org/>  
for the form or contact us at  
[AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com)  
for the form.

Deadline is **October 11, 2024**



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## Awards Continued from page 1

honor of the late Robert Mitchell who passed away in 2021. Mitchell was a long-time member of Preservation Alaska and involved in various historic preservation projects. He worked as an architect for almost six decades. This award is specific to architects working on historic preservation projects.

*Historic Advocacy* has been added to the Stewardship Award which recognizes a person who advocated for funding and put the people together for a successful project but does not have historic preservation background.

The honoree(s) will be announced at the organization's annual meeting on November 7, 2024. Instructions, eligibility criteria, and the forms to submit a nomination for the 2024 AAHP Historic Preservation Award can be found online at <https://alaskapreservation.org> or contact the organization via email for an electronic copy at

[AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com).

The deadline for all nominations is  
**October 11, 2024**

# Heritage News—Alaska and the Nation

## Office of History and Archaeology news

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) is in the early stages of gathering information for a new **Alaska Historic Preservation Plan**, *Saving our Past: For a Resilient Future, 2025 to 2035*. Check out our story map and take the survey on the OHA website [Saving Our Past](#).

**Alaska Historic Commission meeting – October 3.** In addition to considering CLG grant applications, a National Register nomination, and Geographic Names proposals, the Commission members will engage in two important sessions. At 9:30 a.m., Jennifer Runyon and Matthew O'Donnell, staff to the US Board on Geographic Names, will lead a discussion on "Considering Name Changes." At 1 p.m., U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission Chair Rosie Rios will lead a discussion on Alaska and the America250. Session details will be provided in the coming weeks. Visit [Alaska Historical Commission](#) to learn more.

## National Park Service news

**[Technical Preservation Services](#) will launch a new series of case studies of successful tax incentives projects beginning in September.**

Titled ***Case-Study Snapshots***, the new e-newsletter will illustrate the flexibility inherent in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and how they have been used and applied to all kinds of historic rehabilitation projects and circumstances. These case studies will highlight projects involving topics such as the preservation of existing, and the creation of new, affordable and market-rate housing; the adaptive reuse and conversion of buildings to new uses; creative and innovative reuses of difficult-to-adapt buildings and property types; retrofit of historic buildings to be more sustainable, energy efficient, and resilient; economic development and community revitalization through historic rehabilitation; accessibility; and other rehabilitation issues and challenges.

***Case-Study Snapshots*** will be sent to all subscribers. We will continue to publish the periodic ***Technical Preservation Services News*** that includes updates and information about guidance, publications, trainings, and other information related to the [Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program](#) and the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards](#).

NPS invites you to subscribe through the link [Keep in Touch with TPS - Technical Preservation Services \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

## National Trust for Historic Preservation news

Access high-quality training fast and for free through the Preservation Leadership Forum Webinar Series. Covering topics from historic tax credits to market studies and revitalization, the Forum Webinar Series gives viewers a chance to receive timely and informative content while interacting directly with content experts. The Forum Webinar Series is currently free for all viewers. <https://savingplaces.org/upcoming-webinars>

## National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program:

National Trust grants are announced throughout the year. Sign up for the [grants interest list](#).

For more information, visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants>

## Recent Publication

Don Rypkema recently released report: [The YIMBY Movement: Historic Preservation's Response - PlaceEconomics](#), an evidence-based case for historic districts and the retention of older housing.

The report reflects upon previously made arguments of density being achievable through retention of historic neighborhoods, rather than through new high density development. The report concludes that preservationists can "make a reasoned, evidence-based case for historic districts and the retention of older housing to those YIMBYs who are actually for neighborhoods that are diverse, affordable, and inclusive. Because that's what the historic districts in most American cities actually are."

YIMBY movement – "Yes in my Backyard" (opposed to NIMBY – "Not in my Backyard").

## National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers news

NATHPO invites tribes and native organizations to stay current on important happenings using their new [Calendar of Events](#). They have job listings, [Community Job Board](#), and listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

More related information can be found online at: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/heritage.htm>

# In This Corner...

**F**all is here and as we approach the end of the year we look towards our Annual Membership Meeting in November. See page 7 for details. We'll be presenting our annual Historic Preservation Awards as well as the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant award. I am excited to share my presentation on a group of women from Minnesota who owned the Garnet Mine at the mouth of the Stikine River just north of Wrangell. I plan to have a few copies of my book on the women to give out.

I have decided to run for reelection to help Preservation Alaska grow our board as well as work towards funding an executive director. Currently I have been wearing both hats as a volunteer. I would gladly step off the board if there is someone who would be interested in becoming president. The best scenario would be if there is someone with the time to devote to Preservation Alaska as both the president and CEO until we have the funding to hire an executive director. I know, that is asking a lot!

Nominations are open for the national Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties list. Anyone may submit a nomination. Information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3hzhn7bt> The deadline is October 8, 2024. The list is announced in May during Historic Preservation Month. If you would like assistance, please contact us at [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) We would be happy to help. We welcome suggestions but we will need information to support that application.

There are some important happenings taking place this month and Next. If you are involved in Historic Preservation, you should attend.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will be commemorating its 75th Anniversary starting in October. I highly recommend attending the special webinar on October 7th. Information is on the right.

The ACHP is developing a Program

Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities that aims to provide federal agencies with an alternate way to comply with their responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. See pages 6 and 7 for the details. You will have a chance to participate.

On September 25th **Preservation Alaska** is hosting a Stakeholder Public Meeting at 7:00pm via Zoom. The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) would like the public's input on the statewide plan update that they are working on. See page 8 for details. Your input will greatly help SHPO.



Trish Neal, President

## Activating the Power of Place: A Conversation with the Leadership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**In October 2024 the National Trust for Historic Preservation begins commemorating its 75th anniversary.** To mark the occasion, we invite you to a special conversation with the leadership of the organization and its subsidiaries. Join National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen, Main Street America President and CEO Erin Barnes, National Trust Community Investment Corporation President CEO David Clower, and NT Green Fund President Patrice Frey as they explore how preservation today is activating the power of place to improve people's lives, and what lies ahead.

Join us online October 7 at 2:00 p.m. ET for Activating the Power of Place: A Conversation with the Leadership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Forum Webinars are currently free and open to the public. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/bdhw7r7f>



## Here Are Ways to Support Our Mission & Programs

Here's a quick list of things to do from home to support preservation with AAHP:

• **Become an AAHP Member!** Join today!

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhydc4>

• **Donate** to our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program <https://tinyurl.com/yhdjirj6>

• **Alaska Community Foundation:**

Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) cultivates, celebrates, and sustains all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska's communities forever. Please contact us on how to contribute to our endowment funds.

• **Advocate for AAHP and Historic Preservation!** Contact your local leaders and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in your community.





## 2024 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

- #1 – Wolf Creek Boatworks, Prince of Wales Island
- #2 – Pilgrim Hot Springs, Nome
- #3 – Ascension Church of Our Lord, Karluk
- #4 – Chitina Emporium Chitina
- #5 – HiYu Stamp Mill, Fairbanks
- #6 – Bishop Rowe Chapel, Arctic Village
- #7 – Bristol Bay Boats - Naknek
- #8 – SS Nenana Sternwheeler Riverboat, Fairbanks
- #9 – Eldred Rock Lighthouse, Lynn Canal
- #10 – Pioneer Hall, Ketchikan
- #11 – Sitka Indian Village, Sitka

**Preservation isn't just about saving historic places. It's also a catalyst for community revitalization. Preservation is something we can only accomplish together.**  
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# Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities



The ACHP is developing a Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities that aims to provide federal agencies with an alternate way to comply with their responsibilities under Section 106 (<https://tinyurl.com/8jdtf734>) of the National Historic Preservation Act. Drawing from recently adopted

ACHP policy statements and guided in part by the mechanisms, provisions, and approaches in prior program alternatives and by preliminary public feedback, the draft Program Comment addresses federal undertakings related to three interrelated sectors: housing, climate-smart buildings, and climate-friendly transportation. The ACHP has entered a period of consultation with Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and members of the public, and invites interested parties to participate in relevant opportunities, as further provided below.

## Background

The development of this Program Comment is driven by the nation's pressing needs to produce and rehabilitate affordable, accessible, energy-efficient, and hazard-free housing; to reduce its energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and cut energy costs; and to decarbonize its transportation sector—needs that have received high levels of attention from Congress, as well as state, local, and Tribal governments and private parties.

Recognizing these needs, in 2023, the ACHP adopted its Housing and Historic Preservation Policy Statement (<https://tinyurl.com/bdmzjczm>) and its Climate Change and Historic Preservation Policy Statement, (<https://tinyurl.com/4fzb6wwh>) which committed the ACHP to explore new opportunities to utilize the federal historic preservation review process to enable federal agencies to advance historic preservation while meeting the nation's housing and climate goals. These policy statements reflect increasing public awareness that historic preservation strategies—and historic properties themselves—can play an important role in addressing the three interrelated sectors covered in the draft Program Comment.

A program comment is one of five types of program alternatives (<https://tinyurl.com/k9j9x7ce>) available in the Section 106 regulations to tailor approaches to achieve the requirements of Section 106. A program comment allows the ACHP to comment on certain categories of undertakings in lieu of commenting on a case-by-case basis. Program comments can help federal agencies more efficiently handle repetitive actions across large inventories and on a nationwide basis, and they can provide clarity for the specific treatment of undertakings.

## Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities

The proposed Program Comment would help accelerate the review of federal agency actions to rehabilitate existing housing or create new housing in existing buildings, to maintain and update buildings and their immediate envi-

rons in response to climate concerns, and to rehabilitate or develop new climate-friendly transportation infrastructure. A brief rationale for the inclusion of each of these topics in the Program Comment, and an overview of its treatment in the Program Comment and potential effect, follows.

**Housing:** The United States has an aging housing stock, with half of existing housing units built before 1979. Rehabilitations, including energy retrofits, ensure older and historic homes meet modern needs.

**Climate-Smart Buildings:** In the United States, more than a third of greenhouse emissions comes from the building sector, and buildings use 75 percent of the electricity generated annually.

**Climate-Friendly Transportation:** The transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, responsible for about one-third of all emissions.

## Consultation and Public Participation

To refine the scope of this proposed program comment, the ACHP convened a series of public and Tribal engagement meetings in June and invited written feedback via its mailing lists and social media channels.

## Draft Proposed Program Comment:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6r27kn>

## Consultation with Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations

In developing this Program Comment, the ACHP invites Indian Tribes to consult on a government-to-government basis and also invites consultation with NHOs. The ACHP has determined that this proposal requires compliance with Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. Therefore, the ACHP developed a Tribal Consultation Plan for the proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities and will host virtual consultation meetings with Tribal and Native Hawaiian leaders on September 9 and September 25. In accordance with the Tribal Consultation Plan, the ACHP will post the presentation and notes from the consultation meeting here following the meeting.

## Tribal and NHO Consultation Information:

Tribal Consultation Plan developed by the ACHP for Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities <https://tinyurl.com/yj8yfbfy>

Tribal and NHO representatives may register for the following consultation meetings to discuss and provide comments on the draft using the links below:

**Tribal and NHO Consultation**, Monday, September 9, 4:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern time

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# NCSHPO Response to ACHP Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, & Connected Communities

Written by: Erik Hein

August 29, 2024

Additional information: <https://tinyurl.com/2vnx3btv>

The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers has a long history of working productively with both federal agencies and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to develop programmatic solutions for the Section 106 review of large-scale, repetitive or pressing policy and preservation issues. These solutions, however, have been driven by agency request and clear program or policy parameters.

In recent years, the ACHP has approved various Program Comments, as one of their “program alternatives” available to federal agencies by regulation as an alternative to traditional Section 106 public consultation and has done so at an increased pace. Historically, Program Comments were very niche in nature, requested by agencies as true streamlining opportunities, and typically limited to preservation-minded approaches or narrow types of agency undertakings that were not harmful to preservation efforts.

While citing a need for “streamlining” and “efficiency,” broader and less preservation-minded Program Comments have been more recently presented to the Council for action. Most of these have largely failed to take a balanced approach for historic preservation and in fact have served to wholly eliminate the opportunity for citizens and State Historic Preservation Officers to be involved in federal undertakings. We have strongly objected to these Program Comments for failing to protect the public’s access to its own government through the Section 106 decision-making process.

At this time, the current ACHP chair is proposing a Program Comment at her own initiation that we observe is not agency driven and designed to eliminate consultation and public access to the decision-making process not for a specific program or agency, but for virtually any federally funded, permitted, or licensed housing or energy-efficiency project.

While we also seek to address both housing and energy-efficiency goals, we are concerned that this proposal exhibits multiple inadequacies in its structure and regulatory scope, excludes the public,

and undercuts the fundamental consultation requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We stand ready to help the ACHP fulfill the Act’s policy goals for the Federal Government, namely to “use measures...*to foster conditions under which our modern society and our historic property can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations*”<sup>1</sup>.

To this end, we have identified the following broad key issues below to aid the ACHP in finding a path forward to address these issues in harmony with historic preservation, and working collaboratively on an approach that is prudent, pragmatic and inclusive.

**Connecting Alaska  
Through  
Historic Preservation**

**2024 Annual Meeting  
November 7, 2024 — 6:00pm  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**~Annual Meeting  
~Election of Officers  
~Historic Preservation Awards  
~Ten Most Endangered Historic  
Properties Grant Award**

**Special Presentation:  
Alaska Garnet Mining & Manufacturing Co.  
The story of the First All-Woman  
Minnesota Corporation in Alaska  
By Trish Neal  
Author & Historian**

*Wrangell Garnet Ledge. Wrangell. Alaska*

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Alaska Historic Preservation Plan  
**SAVING OUR PAST:  
FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE**  
2025-2034

**Stakeholder Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**7:00pm via Zoom**

**Please RSVP [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com)**

While the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) leads the statewide plan update effort, the process depends on the public input SHPO receives.

Preservation Alaska is hosting this upcoming Stakeholder Public Meeting to assist SHPO in gathering input.

Your input will help identify issues about historic preservation that need to be addressed within the updated plan. Moreover, your voice will inform the Statewide vision for the future of preservation in Alaska—along with goals and objectives—so that preservation challenges can be met and overcome at the community and state level.

We encourage you to RSVP to [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) to reserve your seat at the Zoom meeting.

See the Story Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2z4w8zst>



# What is 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



St. Simon's Lighthouse in Georgia. A light station was first established on St. Simon's Island in 1811. The current lighthouse dates from 1872.  
*NPS/Beth Boland*

parts of our past can we preserve for the future?"

Through historic preservation, we look at history in different ways, ask different 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.

Within the National Park Service, many people work in historic preservation: archeologists, architects, curators, historians, landscape architects, and other cultural resource professionals. The National Park Service carries out historic preservation both within and outside the National Park System.

**Did you know that the NPS . . .**

## ***. . . preserves history in parks?***

The NPS manages 419 units of the national park system. Together, these units and sites represent the broad sweep of our nation's cultures and stories—from pre-contact Native American sites to 19th-century homesteads, from Civil War battlefields to sites where Americans fought for civil rights and women's rights, from architectural masterpieces to sites of artistic achievement, and from early industrial cities to designed landscapes.

## ***. . . works with partners to recognize historic places?***

The NPS partners with State, Territorial, Tribal, and

Federal Historic Preservation Officers to identify, nominate, and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places, (<https://tinyurl.com/5x6futht>)

the list of places of local, state, tribal, and national significance that Americans believe are worthy of preservation. More than 95,000 entries encompassing over 1.8 million sites, buildings, structures, and objects are listed in the National Register. Listed places (<https://tinyurl.com/284xcthh>) can be found in nearly every county across the nation.

## ***. . . manages grant programs that support our partners in preservation?***

Each year Congress appropriates money from the Historic Preservation Fund to support national preservation partnerships. The NPS manages grant programs (<https://tinyurl.com/mw4t9x9r>) that support State, Territorial, and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices; provide disaster relief for historic properties; and enable under-represented communities to survey and nominate properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Other grant programs include grants for the preservation of the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Save America's Treasures grants, Tribal Heritage grants, the Historic Revitalization Subgrant program, and the American Battlefield Protection Program grants.

## ***. . . conducts and sponsors research in historic preservation?***

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (<https://tinyurl.com/mvycdkw6>) undertakes research at its in-house laboratories and funds research projects and training events nationwide.

## ***. . . encourages private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings?***

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program (<https://tinyurl.com/ymhnxrwp>) is administered by the NPS and the Internal Revenue (IRS) in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). The program creates jobs and is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs. Each year, the NPS approves over 1000 projects that rehabilitate buildings for new uses and leverage approximately \$6 billion in

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## Your Donations Support Our Programs

**ZEFFY DONATIONS** can be made as a one-time donation or a monthly recurring donation. It's easy to do and you can cancel the recurring donation whenever you wish. We have moved to a new platform where donations to us are not charged a fee. Donors are asked to cover that fee but it is not required.



<https://tinyurl.com/yhdjrrj6>

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<http://tinyurl.com/mtzjqol>

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# Friends of Nike Site Summit

## Doris Thomas, PR Chair

The 2024 Site Summit tour season is over, and though most of the tours took place in wet, windy conditions, Friends of Nike Site Summit is counting it a success. Tours this year were smaller due to our bus provider, BAC Transportation, only having one 30-passenger bus available. Despite the weather, most of the tours were free of “no shows,” even the hiking tours. Most participants were locals, proving what a hardy bunch of folks



Alaskans are.

In all, six bus tours and two hiking tours were accomplished, with approximately 200 souls viewing the



A first for FONSS: hosting a promotion ceremony at Site Summit! Following a guided hiking tour of the Site for soldiers of HHC 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2-11th Airborne Division, 2LT Drew Taylor became 1LT Taylor in a ceremony at the missile bunker. In this photo, 6th BEB executive officer MAJ Adams administers the oath of appointment to Lieutenant Taylor.

site and hearing the stories told by our wonderful Nike veteran tour guides. FONSS also hosted several hiking tours for military units, often as part of a unit team-building exercise.

FONSS was only able to muster one public Kincaid Park (formerly

Site Point) tour this year and no school tours. However, the board of directors is confident that with



Volunteer Dan Winter applies a new coat of paint to the dog kennel during a July 27 tour of Site Summit. Nike veteran Tom Namtvedt shares stories of his time as a Military Police dog handler as FONSS president Greg Durrocher, left, looks on.

Covid mostly in our rear-view mirror and again having an Anchorage School District representative on the Advisory Board, more public and school tours can take place in 2025. Volunteer tour guides capable of hiking the public tour route or the shorter student tour route are always needed. Potential volunteers can find information about volunteering on the FONSS Website, [www.nikesitesummit.net](http://www.nikesitesummit.net).



Tours of Nike Site Summit have been very popular this Summer!

As this newsletter goes out, FONSS, in cooperation with the group Alaska Nike Vets, is hosting a reunion for all who served in Nike units in Alaska during the Cold War. More

than 20 veterans plus several spouses and many local FONSS supporters are expected to gather Sept. 16-19 to reminisce and share stories. The reunion is centered at the Comfort Suites hotel and includes tours of both Site Summit and Kincaid Park. Visits to local museums and eateries are also on tap.

Although Alaska Nike Vets holds annual reunions outside Alaska, this will be the first time FONSS has hosted a reunion since the 2014 Cold War Conference and Nike Veteran Reunion. That was a much larger event that featured noted historian, Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev. Mr. Khrushchev's speech at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium drew an overflow crowd of Cold War history buffs.

FONSS is happy to report that they recently received their IRS Letter of Determination! Part of meeting all of the requirements for a non-profit meant ensuring we have a full slate of officers. FONSS recently welcomed Jim Renkert, one of the first FONSS directors, back on the board as vice

president. Greg Durocher continues under his new title of president (formerly director); relatively new officers Allegra Hamer and Dan Winter serve as treasurer and secretary respectively.

**New FONSS Phone Number**

**FONSS has acquired its own phone number: 907-717-0117.** This is primarily a message phone, so callers must leave a message. We don't answer calls from unknown out-of-state numbers.

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<https://tinyurl.com/48pj97vf>



**Past Excellence in Historic Preservation Award Winners**

- 2023 Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce  
Willow Historic & Wildlife Foundation
- 2022 Judith Bittner  
Whisky & Ramen and Determine Design  
DCI Engineers  
557 Locomotive Rest. Co.
- 2021 Grant Crosby  
Treadwell Historic Preservation & Restoration Society  
Howard & Juliana Farley  
Trish Neal
- 2020 Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA)  
Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
- 2019 Janet Matheson  
Katie Ringsmuth/<NN>  
Doris Thomas/FONSS  
Lee Poleske  
Hugh & Iris Darling
- 2018 No Award Given
- 2017 Bob De Armond  
Bill De Armond
- 2016 No Award Given
- 2015 Bob Mitchell
- 2014 Thad Poulson  
Jim Renkert
- 2013 Sheri & Darrin Hamming
- 2012 No Award Given
- 2011 Mary Flaherty
- 2010 FONSS  
Erin & Falene Reeve
- 2009 Don Corwin  
Steve Peterson
- 2008 No info available
- 2007 Edwin Crittenden, FAIA  
Katharine Crittenden  
Sam Combs, AIA  
Elayne Janiak

# Welcome

## Veterans & family members to the

### 2024 Alaska Nike Veterans Reunion




Sept. 16-19, 2024

Comfort Suites  
Anchorage, Alaska



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

• **September 25-28** - *Museums Alaska Conference*, theme Building Community, Fairbanks, AK. For more information email [director@museumsalaska.org](mailto:director@museumsalaska.org)

### OCTOBER

- **October 3** - **Alaska Historic Commission meeting.** Agenda under development. For more information contact [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov). Agenda: <https://tinyurl.com/jtza9zkg>
- **October 9-12** - Alaska Historical Society annual meeting, Cordova. SavingPlaces.org
- **October 11** — Preservation **Alaska Board of Directors Nominations deadline.**
- **October 11** — Preservation **Alaska Historic Preservation Nominations deadline.**
- **October 28-30** - *PastForward*, National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, New Orleans. Conference programming proposals and nominations for National Preservation Awards due January 12, 2024.

### NOVEMBER

- **November 7**—**Preservation Alaska Annual Meeting**, 10 Most Endangered Grant Award, and Historic Preservation Awards. Presentation: The History of the First All-Woman Corporation Miners in Alaska by Author/Historian Patricia Neal.
- **November 13-14** - *Cultural Landscapes: An Introduction*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Learn more at [npi.org](http://npi.org) or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).
- **November 15** - *Cultural Landscapes: Advanced Tools for Managing Change*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Learn more at [npi.org](http://npi.org) or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director

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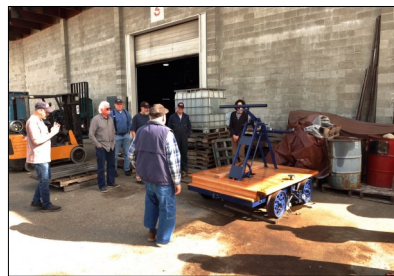
by December 1, 2024

## Engine 557: Volunteers Needed

At this point, the controlling factor for how soon 557 will hit the rails is the number of available volunteer hours.

Have you considered becoming an Engine 557 volunteer? The main need is for people with some degree of mechanical expertise. You don't know how to overhaul a steam locomotive? No problem, about 90% of our volunteers didn't when they started. There is also a lesser need for people who can do various non-mechanical tasks such as public contact and outreach (or even floor sweeping). As we come closer to operation, we need to develop a cadre of volunteers with a new skill set which would include docent type duties as well as other not yet defined work related with operating passenger excursions.

Many of our volunteers spend from one to four days a week working on the restoration. Others are available when we need to surge for a special project or event. The stability of the volunteer work force says a lot about the organization and project. Most volunteers have been involved for at least five years with many being involved since late 2012. Benefits that come with being an Engine 557 volunteer include pride of ownership and bragging rights, the occasional lunch at the Wasilla Engine House, and a genuine Engine 557 Restoration Company hat with your name on it.



To take a tour, meet with other volunteers, and discuss whether you are interested in becoming one of us send a Facebook message and we will schedule a visit.

Volunteer David Lucas delivered the hand car he has been working on for 557. All new white oak on the refurbished and painted frame. It arrived just in time for a reveal for the Board of Directors Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the 557 Restoration Company Board of Directors was held on August 15th. Officers were reelected and the board is complete with 10 members. Left to Right Terry Stefani, VP Marketing and Customer Sales ARR Dale Wade, Treasurer Jane Walker, Secretary Dick Morris, President Patrick Durand, Vice President Scott Hicks, Terry Douglas. Webmaster John Combs was traveling, and ARR CMO Sean Mesloh was on ZOOM along with our COO Paul Bates.



You can access 557 Status Reports on [alaskarails.org](http://alaskarails.org). 557 info is the first menu item at his web site that has been spreading the word on the Alaska Railroad for over 25 years. If you have questions about the project, let us know. If you can lend a hand, step up. Patrick Durand, President Engine 557 Restoration Company 907 350 4340

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**Tribal and NHO Consultation, Wednesday, September 25, 4:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern time**  
<https://tinyurl.com/5xc9r22z>

**Federal Preservation Officers and State Historic Preservation Officers** have been invited to consult on the proposed Program Comment in dedicated meetings announced via email to these groups.

All consulting parties are invited to participate in consultation meetings to discuss the draft Program Comment on September 13 or September 16. Register for these meetings using the links below:

Consultation Meeting on Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities (all consulting parties), Friday, September 13, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern time <https://tinyurl.com/4yybhkvb>

Consultation Meeting on Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities (all consulting parties), Monday, September 16, 4:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern time <https://tinyurl.com/yc6r8u25>

Members of the public may listen to these meetings but are encouraged to provide any written comments on the draft Program Comment to [program\\_alternatives@achp.gov](mailto:program_alternatives@achp.gov). The Housing and Historic Preservation Policy Statement

and the Climate Change and Historic Preservation Policy Statement recognize that the accessibility of housing and a healthy environment are closely linked with other social determinants of health and environmental justice goals, and further recognize the need to take into account the views of members of disadvantaged and underserved communities, as well as members of communities with environmental justice concerns. Members of such groups are especially encouraged to participate in this process and provide feedback.

Written feedback or questions on the proposed Program Comment may be sent to [program\\_alternatives@achp.gov](mailto:program_alternatives@achp.gov) through October 9.

**Related Resources**

Program Comments <https://tinyurl.com/2p9zw9kp>  
36 CFR § 800.14(e) This program alternative allows a federal agency to request the ACHP comment on a category of undertakings in lieu of commenting on a case-by-case basis. The ACHP may also provide comments on its own initiative.

**Bishop’s House in Unalaska is Restored**

ROSSIA is excited to announce that the Bishop's House in Unalaska has been completed restored. Located next to the Holy Ascension Cathedral and National Historic Landmark, the Bishop's House displays a unique Victorian structure and trim. Designed by Mooser & Pissis in San Francisco in 1882, at the request of Bishop Nestor, the house was built, then dismantled and shipped piece-by-piece to Unalaska where it was reassembled by the Alaska Commercial Company (ACC) in the exact location it is today.

Sadly, Bishop Nestor never got to stay in the Bishop's House because he fell overboard and died at sea before the house was completed. His body was recovered and is buried in the Holy Ascension cemetery.

His Grace, Bishop ALEXEI was the first bishop to ever stay there on Friday, August 15, 2024, and His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon was the second bishop to stay there on August 16-17, the weekend of the 200th Anniversary celebration of the first Divine Liturgy served by Fr. John Veniaminoff who was later canonized as St. Innocent, Enlightener of Alaska.





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**2024**

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**OCTOBER 5, 2024**

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