



THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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From NPF's Executive Director
Dr. Paige Figanbaum

Dear Members and Supporters,

Hello, and welcome to the first edition of *The Preservation Post*, the Nevada Preservation Foundation's new newsletter! As mentioned in our introductory email, I'm a proud graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where I earned my PhD and collaborated with various preservation organizations, including NPF.

We're at an exciting time as we begin to revamp our membership and monthly programming, reinforcing our commitment to preserving and revitalizing historic buildings, communities, and places throughout Las Vegas and Nevada. We're eagerly anticipating our upcoming tours, educational programs, and, of course, our **Home & History** festival from May 1-4, 2025.

I want to personally **thank you** for your continued support of the Nevada Preservation Foundation (NPF). Your dedication has made it possible for NPF to grow and envision a bright future.

PRESERVATION SPOTLIGHT

Exciting things are happening in preservation all across Nevada! Goldfield, once Nevada's bustling gold mining hub, is now turning to its rich history to secure a bright future. With a focus on "heritage tourism," the Goldfield Historical Society, led by John Ekman, is dedicated to preserving the town's unique past. From restoring iconic landmarks like the Lyric Theater and Goldfield High School to sharing fascinating local stories online, efforts are in full swing to bring awareness to Goldfield's history. Filmmaker Ted Faye and local Ronnie Raffaniello are helping bring these stories to life, ensuring Goldfield's legacy continues to shine for generations to come. Stay updated on what's happening in Goldfield by following their Instagram account [@Goldfieldrevival](#) and visiting their website at [goldfieldrevival.com](#).



THE WOMEN WHO SAVED HISTORY

A PODCAST CELEBRATING THE NEVADA WOMEN
WHO PRESERVED OUR STATE'S HISTORY



If you're interested in hearing captivating stories about the women who have dedicated their lives to preserving the history of the Silver State, be sure to check out "The Women Who Save History" podcast. Get ready to dive into the fascinating stories of women who have dedicated their lives to preserving Nevada's history! In the podcast series, they celebrate 19 remarkable women, including the late Anna Dean Kepper. In the latest episode, hosts Claytee White, Director of UNLV's Oral History, and Su Kim Chung, Head of Public Services in Special Collections and Archives chat with historian Dennis McBride about Kepper's incredible contributions, from archiving local history at UNLV to founding key preservation organizations. Check out the podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!

NPF'S LEGACY: PAST PROJECTS

In September 2016, Beverly Green was officially recognized as a historic district in Las Vegas, thanks to the efforts of the Nevada Preservation Foundation. Beverly Green, once a highly coveted Las Vegas neighborhood in the 1950s and '60s, is celebrated for its distinctive midcentury architecture. Politicians, bankers, and entertainers made Beverly Green their home, alongside casino owners like former Caesars Palace executive Dean Shendal and Sahara co-owner Frank Schivo.

Tasked by the city, NPF played a pivotal role in the historic designation process, overseeing outreach, advocacy, and managing the application process. This designation not only celebrates the area's midcentury architecture but also helps protect its heritage, ensuring that any significant changes align with its historic character. This recognition not only preserves the architectural charm and heritage of Beverly Green but also strengthens the community's connection to Las Vegas' storied past.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Check out this month's Volunteer highlight, where we celebrate the dedicated individuals who contribute to the success of the Nevada Preservation Foundation.

Amanda moved to Las Vegas in 2018 from the San Francisco Bay Area, bringing with her a background in history and a fascination with cemeteries. Drawn to the Tombstone Tales: Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour, she attended her first NPF event and quickly became an active volunteer. Amanda began volunteering with NPF in 2022, leading tours and guiding groups through the Scotch 80s historic neighborhood and Woodlawn Cemetery during her first Home & History festival. When she's not



volunteering, you can find Amanda enjoying a baseball game, exploring Nevada's backroads, or attempting to understand Fortnite with her stepkids.

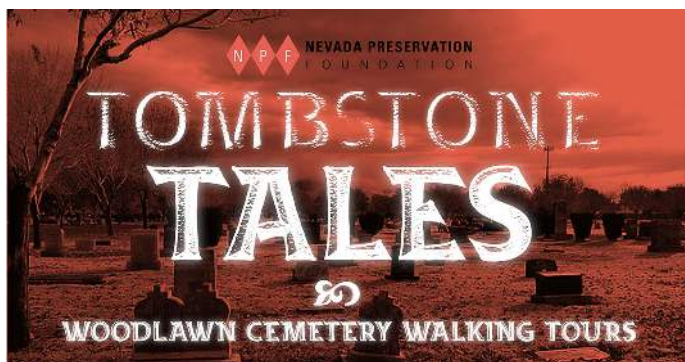
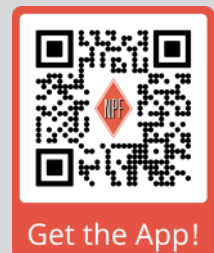
John S. Park Neighborhood Tour: A Short Walk Through Las Vegas' Oldest Suburb

Explore the John S. Park Neighborhood at your own pace with our easy-to-use STQRY app! Discover Las Vegas' history as you stroll through one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, featuring beautifully



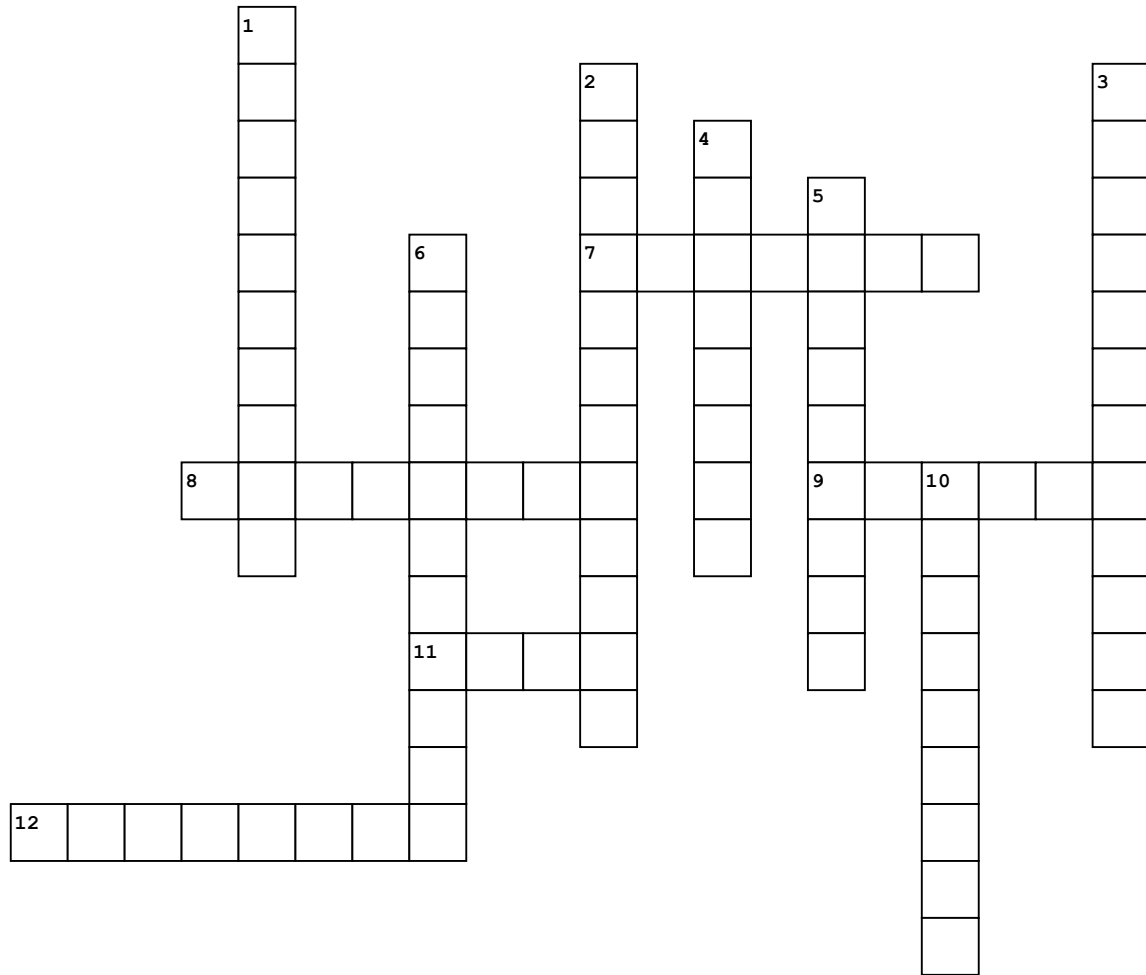
preserved homes and captivating stories of its past residents. This tour blends history, architecture, and preservation for an unforgettable journey through the heart of John S. Park Neighborhood. Perfect for history buffs and architecture enthusiasts alike! Explore all our exciting tours, but don't miss out on this free tour!

Download the app and dive into history by clicking on the John S. Park Tour today.



Exciting spooky things are ahead! Join us in October for our revamped Tombstone Tales: Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tours. Your support is the heart of our mission. Thank you for helping us preserve Nevada's history—together, we make a lasting impact! We couldn't do it without you!

NEVADA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION- A CROSSWORD JOURNEY



Across

- 7. - The study of past events, crucial to NPF's mission.
- 8. - Adjective describing something from the past with significant value.
- 9. - The state where the Nevada Preservation Foundation operates.
- 11. - A guided exploration of a historic site or area.
- 12. - Historic cemetery in Las Vegas often featured in NPF tours.

Down

- 1. - Joining NPF to support its preservation efforts and participate in events.
- 2. - The art and science of designing buildings, often a focus of preservation.
- 3. - The act of maintaining and protecting historic buildings and sites.
- 4. - City in Nevada known for its vibrant history and iconic architecture.
- 5. - A group of people with common interests, especially in preserving their local history.
- 6. - The process of returning a historic building to its original condition.
- 10. - A person who offers their time to help NPF with its mission.

Answers on the following page.

NEVADA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION- A CROSSWORD JOURNEY ANSWERS

