



# THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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Welcome to another edition of *The Preservation Pulse*! We're excited to share the latest updates on our projects, upcoming events, and volunteer spotlights. From the expansion of historic designations in

Paradise Palms to new programming at Woodlawn Cemetery, our work continues to preserve and celebrate Nevada's rich architectural and cultural heritage.

**Thank you** for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events this fall. Together, we're making a lasting impact!

## PRESERVATION SPOTLIGHT

### East 4th Street National Historic District Project Launched

The City of Reno partnered with Kautz Environmental Consultants to begin the first phase of designating East 4th Street as a National Historic District. This project documented the history and architecture of the area, covering East 4th Street from Evans Avenue to Galletti Way, with fieldwork conducted in Spring 2024. The official nomination for the historic district is expected to follow in 2025 or later.

• **Why East 4th Street?**

East 4th Street played a crucial role in Reno's transportation history, evolving from a railroad hub in the 1800s to a key route for the automobile industry by the 20th century. As part of the transcontinental Lincoln Highway and U.S. Highway 40, it contributed significantly to Reno's growth in commerce, transportation, and tourism.

• **Information Sessions Held**

Kautz Environmental Consultants held sessions to present their findings, discuss significant buildings, and explain the benefits of historic designation. This initiative aimed to preserve and share East 4th Street's unique history with the community. For more information and updates, visit the City of Reno's Community tab at <https://www.reno.gov/community/arts-culture/historic-preservation/east-4th-street-historic-survey-and-inventory>.



Catch "*This Building of Ours*", The Mob Museum's new documentary on Vegas PBS, exploring the fascinating history of Las Vegas' first U.S. post office, now home to The Mob Museum. Available on YouTube!







# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Tina has called Las Vegas home for 26 years! Her love for the city runs deep, from exploring its rich history and trying the latest restaurants to hunting for vintage Vegas treasures like glasses and ashtrays at thrift stores. Tina even collects old and new Vegas tourist memorabilia because she just can't resist!

Her passion for mid-century modern architecture led her to NPF. After attending a home tour in May 2016, she was hooked and became a volunteer by August. Tina had

previously volunteered at the Neon Museum with fellow NPF volunteers, so it's been wonderful for her to continue working with them on projects they're all passionate about. She enjoys researching, writing, and giving tours, and like many, her favorite part of Home + History weekend is getting to explore the beautiful vintage homes.



In her spare time, you'll find Tina traveling to other cities, capturing photos of breeze blocks and mid-century architecture!

## U P C O M I N G P R O G R A M M I N G



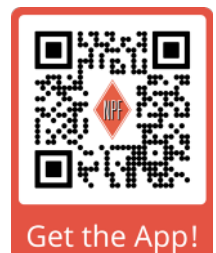
### Tombstone Tales: Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour

Saturday, October 12th 4:30-6:30pm - SOLD OUT!  
Saturday, October 19th 4:30-6:30pm  
Saturday, October 26th 4:30-6:30pm

Join us for a newly revamped 90-minute walking tour of historic Woodlawn Cemetery, where the story of Woodlawn is the story of Las Vegas! As the final resting place of nearly every pioneer family, Woodlawn embodies the spirit of a community that blossomed into one of the most iconic cities of the 21st century. Unveil the tales of the thousands who shaped Las Vegas' vibrant history and witness how burials continue here over 100 years later. Step into the cemetery and explore the rich legacy of this remarkable city through the lives of those who built it—just in time for Halloween, when history and mystery come together in the most captivating experience! \$25

## LOOKING FOR A SPOOKIER EXPERIENCE?

Check out the app version of the Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour—**Shadows of Woodlawn: The Darker Side of Las Vegas' History**. Dive into the eerie and untold stories that lurk beneath the surface of this historic cemetery. Perfect for those who love a thrill with their history!





# NPF'S LEGACY: PAST PROJECTS

NPF played a crucial role in expanding the historic designation of Paradise Palms, Clark County's first master-planned community. Originally designated in 2017 with 216 mid-century homes, the historic overlay has now grown to include nearly 1,000 homes, making it the largest single-family historic neighborhood in Southern Nevada. This expansion ensures the preservation of the community's architectural heritage and highlights its significance in Las Vegas history. Paradise Palms is celebrated for its unique desert modern architecture, designed by notable architects like

Hugh Taylor, William M. Bray, Dan Palmer, and William Krisel. NPF, as the custodian of the Hugh Taylor archive, preserves 5,000 architectural drawings of Taylor's residential and commercial projects, including landmarks like the Moulin Rouge renovation, Sunrise Hospital, and the Showboat Bowling Alley. This project reflects NPF's ongoing commitment to protecting Nevada's cultural and architectural legacy, ensuring that the history of Paradise Palms continues to be recognized for generations to come.



## A LOOK AHEAD

Get ready for an exciting day in the John S. Park historic neighborhood! Join us for a guided walking tour, followed by the Downtown Cactus Club's Fall Plant Sale. Discover the rich history and architectural gems of the area while also picking up some unique plants for your home! Don't miss out on this perfect blend of history, nature, and community fun.

Mark your calendars for  
**November 9th!**



The Atomic Museum invites people to its **Farm to Table(aux) Atomic Hollywood Fundraiser Gala** on **Thursday, October 17th at 6 PM!** Enjoy a night of art, gourmet farm-to-table cuisine, handcrafted cocktails, and thrilling auctions at the Ahern Luxury Boutique Hotel. All proceeds will support educational programs and the preservation of Nevada's Atomic Age history. Don't miss this unforgettable evening!

For tickets, sponsorships, or donations, visit [www.atomicmuseum.vegas/events](http://www.atomicmuseum.vegas/events) or contact Tina Romero at [tina@atomicmuseum.vegas](mailto:tina@atomicmuseum.vegas). Don't miss this unique celebration!