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www.stpetepreservation.org
Saint Petersburg Preservation, Inc

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http://www.stpete.org/Summit_presentations.html
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Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of *Historic Preservation News from the Urban Planning, Design, & Historic Preservation Division*. With hurricane season upon us, this edition will feature tips for protecting your historic building and additional resources for more information on hurricane hardening issues. If you have a suggestion for future topics or would like to be added to or removed from the distribution list, send an email to lynn.moore@stpete.org. Please feel free to forward this publication to anyone who may be interested in the City's historic preservation issues.

Did You Know?



All properties designated as local landmarks and all properties located within local historic districts require review and approval of a **Certificate of Appropriateness** (COA) for any exterior

alterations to the building(s) and/or site. Exterior alterations include, but are not limited to, window change-outs, additions, demolition, new construction, and site work. The COA process protects locally recognized properties from being adversely altered or demolished and requires the submission of building plans and material descriptions for approval. Staff utilizes design guidelines based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to review COAs. Applications are available online at:

www.stpete.org/pdf/hpCOAForm.pdf

Before the Threat

When it comes to hurricanes, Floridians have learned first hand that it pays to be prepared. Preparation for disasters is crucial for the protection of your historic building, which may consist of unique and irreplaceable building materials and craftsmanship. The following tips will aid property owners in steps to safeguard property before a threat occurs.

- **Document your property** through photographs, video, measured drawings and a written inventory. Include important or rare building materials and architectural details. Be certain to update this information regularly and store in a fireproof location.
- **Contact your insurance company** to confirm that your policy covers historic resources and man-made emergencies.



Credit: Florida Department of State

- **Ensure that all doors and windows are operable.** Often times, openings have been painted shut, have broken counter weights, or the settlement of foundations have caused doors and windows to stick. All means of egress should be functional.
- **Inspect porch columns** for effective fastenings to deck and roof. Conceal new fastenings to the extent possible.

State And National Preservation Links

www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/rehabstandards.htm

The Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation

www.floridatrust.org

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

www.nationaltrust.org

National Trust For Historic Preservation

www.cr.nps.gov/hps/TPS/index.htm

Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service

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- **Provide additional uplift protection** through the addition of hurricane straps and tie-downs where not visible (concealed straps can be added to reinforce framing and roof/wall connection at time of reroofing). Inspect other roof systems and flashings for weakness and make the necessary repairs.
- **Provide reversible window protection** such as demountable storm panels. Avoid inappropriate or non-reversible window protection (permanent shutters where none existed historically, etc.).
- **Relocate electrical service** above grade to highest level possible.
- **Install/check fire detection and carbon monoxide detectors.** Property owners can also contact the local fire department to list a property as historic. It is possible that during an emergency, measures can be taken to minimize damage if crews are aware of a property's historic status.
- **Provide positive barricade latching** for exterior doors, including garage and carriage doors. Install demountable supplemental framing as necessary to secure large openings.
- **Trim overhanging and dead branches,** remove natural fruits that may become projectiles.

Additional information and guidelines for Retrofit Improvements to Historic Properties can be found at: http://www.flheritage.com/guidelines_retro_improve.doc (Prepared by Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources); and <http://www.1000fof.org/PUBS/HistoricalDisater/1000%20Friends%20Book.pdf> (Prepared by 1000 Friends of Florida)

Ren"OVATIONS"



Before



After

The Dupont Building, located at 155 8th Street North, has recently been rehabilitated. The owners have also applied for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Notes

The HPC meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are broadcast on Channel 35.

The HPC met to review the following applications:

March 6, 2007

Denied the appeal of an after-the-fact COA denial of a replacement driveway which eliminated the public sidewalk in the Granada Terrace Historic District.

March 20, 2007

Approved (with conditions) a COA to construct a 1st story open porch and a 2nd story addition on a residence located in the Granada Terrace Historic District.

June 12, 2007

Denied an appeal of COA approval (and provided additional conditions) to install a one-story pool enclosure in the rear yard of a residence located in the Granada Terrace Historic District.

***The HPC is not scheduled to meet during the month of July.

Staff approved more than 25 COA applications during the first half of 2007.