

Preservation matters.



Preserving Westwood's built heritage is our job.

Over the past several decades many historically and architecturally significant buildings within the Borough of Westwood have been destroyed or altered beyond recognition. To save Westwood's historic legacy, the Borough created the Westwood Historic Preservation Commission to identify and formally designate historic buildings, districts, landscapes and structures that merit preservation, as well as to promote Historic Preservation in the Borough through guidance and educational initiatives.

I am interested in preserving Westwood's heritage and might like to get involved. What can I do?

The Westwood Historic Preservation Commission generally holds meetings in the second-floor Caucus Room of the Westwood Municipal Complex, located at 101 Washington Avenue in Westwood. These meetings are open to the public and typically held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be part of the commission, contact the Borough Clerk at 201-664-7100, Ext. 101 to apply.



What is the Westwood Historic Preservation Commission?



In 2008 the Westwood Historic Preservation Commission was established to fulfill the objectives of the Borough's historic preservation ordinance. Since then the WHPC has been involved in a variety of activities to ensure that Westwood's historic legacy is not forgotten.

Who are we?

The Westwood Historic Preservation Commission is comprised of local-volunteers and a Borough Council liaison that meets regularly to advance the Borough's preservation agenda.



What do we do?

The WHPC is tasked with a variety of activities prescribed by Westwood's historic preservation ordinance that include:

- ◆ Identifying historic properties for potential landmark or historic district designation.
- ◆ Identifying historic properties for potential listing on the New Jersey State and National Registers of Historic Places.

- ◆ Designating landmarks and/or historic districts
- ◆ Reviewing proposals that have the potential to impact historic resources.

Other initiatives

The WHPC has also undertaken initiatives to educate property owners about local designation and to streamline the regulatory process that include:

- ◆ The production of a pamphlet entitled "Do you own an historic Westwood property?" which provides basic information about designation for owners of historic properties.
- ◆ The establishment of an application fee waiver for owners of designated properties who need to file a permit with the Buildings Department.
- ◆ The creation of a Certificate of No Effect and Certificate of Appropriateness Form for owners of designated properties.



In addition, the WHP is currently working with the Borough's preservation consultant to facilitate an online resource library that will provide links to information about preservation laws, researching historic buildings, historic building maintenance and repair, and economic incentives for building rehabilitations.

